

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 12, 2019 2:00 pm

206 TAPS

ATTENDEES:

MEMBERS: Keith Rambo, Scott Washburn, Ann Wehmeyer, Michelle Leonard, Eric Esterline, Bruce Welt, Amanda Perry, Branden Pearson, Mark Rush, Tyler Kendrick

LIASONS: Craig Hill, Scott Fox, Allen Masters, Matthew Williams

NON-MEMBERS: Ron Fuller, Bill Belote, Jeremiah McInnis, Thomas Hawkins, Nina Shubert (Recording)

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Yenisel Cruz, Micaela Gibbs, Stephen Hardy, Stanley Kaye, Kalen Manasco, Sven Normann, Cynthia Willming

CHAIR: Keith Rambo

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Keith Rambo. An introduction was made of new committee members, current committee members and attendees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Keith Rambo asked the committee to review and approve of the minutes from August, 2019. Correction in the minutes reflected that Michelle Leonard was present at the meeting and Ann Wehmeyer was absent. A motion to approve with changes was set by Scott Fox and seconded by Mark Rush. The minutes were approved.

TAPS UPDATE

PRESENTING: RON FULLER, TAPS

DISCUSSION:

- New Parking Garage XIV Update – In the final stages of completion. Per a question regarding the garages space electronics, the cameras are tied into the signage in close to real time counts. There is an expected a future web application for this feature.
- SW 13th Street Lot – Open for Gated and Carpool parking.
- Richey Road Parking – Parking configurations under design.
- Lots of Break Week Work Planned – Garage and parking lot maintenance
- UF Health Parking Guidance System – Continuing to define Blue decal parking indicators.
- Restricted Space Signage Concept – Large vehicles (big trucks, vans, etc.) on the ends of ramps obstruct visibility in garages and create a tight turning radius. Creating signage to prohibit oversized vehicle parking in these areas. The committee discussed the enforcement of this parking restriction and possibility of specific oversized vehicle parking.

CAMPUS MASTER PLAN UPDATE

PRESENTING: LINDA DIXON, PD&C

DISCUSSION:

Linda Dixon presented the updated Campus Master Plan. The Master Plan is updated every five (5) years and plans for years 2020 and 2030 were presented. The following items from the recent consultants' studies and Strategic Development Plan were shown to the committee and discussed:

- Campus Development Plan – With Community Focus
- Campus Framework – With Campus Focus
- Campus Master Plan – With both Community and Campus Focus

Other items presented to and discussed by the committee included the following:

- An overview and definition of the Campus Master Plan.
- Themes
 - ✓ Open space and infrastructure

- ✓ Interdisciplinary Research
- ✓ Future of Learning – Shared use, collaboration building, classroom utilization
- ✓ Academic Presentation – Older facilities refreshing and restoration
- ✓ The Student Experience
- Images – Plans for the stadium, Newell area, Tigert Hall, the Reitz Union
- Housing Master Plan
 - ✓ East side neighborhood
 - ✓ West side – New dorm area west of Hume
- Future Land Use
 - ✓ Rolling demolition – New building areas
 - ✓ McCarty Drive area to be built

The committee discussed the following points:

- Philosophy of the Master Plan
- The Power Point presentation – Upload to the webpage?
- Campus Development Agreements – After plans adding 1000+ parking spaces
- Surveys
 - ✓ Steering committees
 - ✓ Stakeholder and focus groups

ACTION:

This was for presentation and discussion only.

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING INITIATIVES UPDATES

PRESENTING: SCOTT FOX, TAPS

DISCUSSION:

Scott Fox presented an update on Transportation and Parking Services' (TAPS) new initiatives. The following initiatives were presented to and discussed by the committee:

- Regional Transit Services (RTS) Route #150 – Haile Plantation to the University –
 - ✓ Faculty and staff focused and marketed to this group
 - ✓ Express service with minimal stops
 - ✓ Average daily riders - 108 to 145
 - ✓ Funding is ½ grant from RTS, ½ TAPS
 - ✓ Concern regarding parking at Haile taking retail space parking
 - ✓ Route is around 30 minutes.
- Campus Connector – Newell Drive
 - ✓ Route connects campus core and UF Health areas.
 - ✓ TAPS operated
 - ✓ Daily average ridership is 126; high is 163.
- Mega Scooter Zones – Presented a video – example was Garage III mega scooter zone
 - ✓ Noted that current scooter parking zones at Library West is not functional.
 - ✓ By 2020 the small lot north of Garage V is planned as a scooter zone; capacity is 680+.
 - ✓ Fraternity Row – 200 scooters
 - ✓ As Newell Drive and Greenway is created, zones will be combined.

Scott Fox stated to expect the new Greenway and the auto-free zone to completely change the traffic movement on campus.

The committee discussed as well the topics of:

- Electric Scooter Initiatives
- Noise pollution currently generated by scooters - Move locations away from study areas and academic buildings.

ACTION:

This was for presentation and discussion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Bill Belote, alumnus, Gator Booster and Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) fraternity representative, presented to the committee a request for additional scooter parking at the SAE house. There are 130 to 150 members at any time and at least 16 scooters currently associated with the house. Mr. Belote has been concerned about students' safety, damages to vehicles and citations received by the fraternity members. He suggested these areas:

- Area beside the house on Woodlawn Drive
- North of the house in the parking lot south of Flavet Field.

The committee discussed Mr. Belote's presentation and the suggestions and the scooter parking request will be considered.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was set by Bruce Welt and seconded by Michelle Leonard. Meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.