

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 11, 2020 2:00 pm

206 TAPS

ATTENDEES:

MEMBERS: Keith Rambo, Scott Washburn, Ann Wehmeyer, Michelle Leonard, Branden Pearson

LIASONS: Scott Fox, Allen Masters

NON-MEMBERS: Ron Fuller, Jim Vignola, George Murphy, Robert Walpole, Stuart Cullen, Tamera Baughman, Erik Lewis, Frank Javaheri, Nina Shubert (Recording)

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Yenisel Cruz, Eric Esterline, Micaela Gibbs, Stephen Hardy, Amanda Perry Stanley Kaye, Kalen Manasco, Sven Normann, Mark Rush, Bruce Welt, Cynthia Willming

CHAIR: Keith Rambo

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Keith Rambo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Keith Rambo asked the committee to review and approve of the minutes from December 10, 2019. A motion to approve was set by Branden Pearson and seconded by Michelle Leonard. The minutes were approved.

TAPS UPDATE

PRESENTING: RON FULLER, TAPS

DISCUSSION:

Garage 14 Opening

- Went very smooth – Noted quick construction
- Plenty of available parking
- Parking guidance system getting more accurate daily –
 - ✓ Green lights are open spaces, red lights are occupied spaces
 - ✓ Discussed the calibration - Occupancy equals accuracy
 - ✓ Garage will “learn” the occupancy system
- Campus Connector is in operation from the garage to center campus
- Changes in the decal parking around Garage 14
 - ✓ Decals in the garage are Orange, Blue and Green (graduate student)
 - ✓ The lot on the south side (old commuter lot) is Red decal parking.

Restricted Space Signage Concept – Remove over-sized/large vehicle parking from the top of the ramp

- Currently on the second floor of the TAPS Garage 13
- Compliance has been good
- Achieved intended purpose
- Looking at other areas for similar action

New Bus Shelters Installed along Campus Connector Routes

Creation of Two Scooter Mega-Zones

- Small lot north of Garage 5
- North end of Fraternity Row

There was some discussion by the committee regarding installation of cameras at the scooter zones.

UF-642 SW TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

PRESENTING: STUART CULLEN, PD&C

DISCUSSION:

Stuart Cullen presented the locations, background, status and schedule for the proposed transportation improvement in the southwest sections of campus, SW 34th Street along Hull Road to IFAS Research Drive. The locations are as follows:

- Hull Road and SW 34th Street
 - Extend left turn lane onto SW 34th Street on westbound Hull Road
 - Create dedicated right turn lane from westbound Hull Road to SW 34th Street
- Cultural Plaza and SW Recreation Center
 - Incorporating bus bay entrance on south side of Hull Road at existing bus shelter
 - Adding beacons at crosswalks
 - Refuge area to be constructed at crosswalk to SW Rec Center
 - Create left turn lane on westbound Hull Road into Cultural Plaza center drive
- Softball stadium, lacrosse field and baseball stadium areas
 - Install fencing parallel to Hull Road at lacrosse parking lot
 - Creating a dedicated bike lane
- Hull Road and Museum Road
 - Adding right and left turn lanes on southbound Museum Drive at Hull Road
 - Adding left turn lane on eastbound Hull Road at Museum Drive
 - Adding right turn lane on westbound Hull Road at Museum Drive
- Fifield Hall
 - Creating a left turn on eastbound Hull Road at Fifield west lot entrance
 - Creating a left turn lane on westbound Hull Road at IFAS Research Drive
- Mowry Road and Hull Road Intersection
 - Install a roundabout
- Radio Road and Museum Drive
 - Install a roundabout
- Baseball stadium/Natural Area Drive/IFAS Research Drive
 - Modified drive lanes
 - Modified bike lanes

Presented and discussed was the new entrance at Archer Road and IFAS Research Drive

- Impact to Mehrhof Hall (demolition)
- Creation and revision of SW 23rd Terrace entrance
- Eliminating southernmost access at UF Health Dialysis Unit
- Presented artist rendering of new entrance
 - Working with Landscape Development Committee

Additional talking points included:

- Schedule for these projects
 - Advanced schematic
 - Design development
- Adding lighting to areas – New lighting will be added and revised to bring lighting up to code as recommended by the Master Plan.

ACTION:

A motion to approve these projects was set by Scott Washburn and seconded by Branden Pearson. The committee approved

UF-632 DATA SCIENCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTER SD SUBMITTAL

PRESENTING: JAMES VIGNOLA, PD&C

DISCUSSION:

James Vignola presented the advanced schematic design for the Data Science and Information technology building to be located on the current parking lot area across from the Welcome Center/Reitz Union on Museum Road. This project was first presented to the PATAC April 2018. This building will be seven stories and 265K feet. The following points were presented:

- Redesign of Sweetwater Drive (west side)
 - Busy area and a traffic study will be conducted
 - Sweetwater Drive converts to a pedestrian pathway and service drive for the new building and existing facilities to the south
- Changes to location of existing bus shelter on west side of Center Drive
- Occupancy
 - 545 staff
 - 3000 daily student occupancy
- Parking
 - 351 spaces removed
 - Will restore 10 spaces for the building – Undetermined parking type at this time
 - Elimination of existing scooter parking in lot and on Observatory Drive
- Tree removal – Magnolias and pine trees moved and/or removed
- Pedestrian entrances on each side of the building

The committee had questions/concerns and discussed the following:

- Pedestrian areas
- Bicycle movement in area
- Loading dock area
- Eliminating the scooter parking zone
 - Less proximate to campus core
 - Consistent with Strategic Plan with creation of mega zones for scooters
- Green space in the front of the building – Pedestrian movement through green space and across Museum Road and future building site
- Bike spaces – bike racks to be installed at the top of the hill

ACTION:

A motion to approve was set by Scott Washburn and seconded by Michelle Leonard. The motion was approved.

MP05009 – ANIMAL SCIENCES PARKING**PRESENTING: TAMERA BAUGHMAN, PD&C****DISCUSSION:**

Tamera Baughman presented the new parking pattern and parking improvement at the Veterinary Medicine/Animal Sciences area and along Richey Road. Around 30 cars can currently fit along Richey Road. Presented and discussed were the following:

- New parking arrangement will increase the capacity to +/- 81 spaces.
- Loss along pasture land area is 4 to 6 feet
- Gravel lot – Improvement of the lot with paving and additional field area on the northwest
- Alleviation of parking issue at the Straughn Center
- Project cost - \$300,000 to \$400,000
- Project schedule – Summer 2020 with completion by Fall 2020

The committee was shown two designs for this project. The net increase in parking is forecast to be 190 spaces.

ACTION:

A motion to approve this parking project was set by Anne Wehmeyer and seconded by Scott Washburn. The committee approve the project.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Branden Pearson presented letters to the committee regarding student opposition to the mega parking zones for scooters from Stephen Greep, President Interfraternity Council, Andrew Van Ness, President, Beta Theta Pi and Seth Longland, President, Pi Kappa Phi. The committee discussed the reasons for creation of the zones. The committee will respond to the letters.
- Keith Rambo discussed the student parking fee increase.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was received and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.