

Transportation Services Advisory Committee

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 22, 2008

ATTENDEES: Dr. Angie Hill Price
Mike Caruso
Ann Wallingford
Lallah Howard
Beth McNeill
Ruth Mullins
Rich Pontious
Dr. Sherry Yennello for Dr. Joe Newton
Rod Weis

ABSENT: Sheila Amos
Hunter Bollman
Leah Flores
Dr. Howard Kaplan
Cheryl Hanks
Dr. Alan Love
Dr. Mike Messina
Dr. Dave Parrott
Robert Pottberg

GUESTS: Lallah Howard
Doug Williams
June Broughton
Debbie Hoffmann
Kenny Kimball
Rose Berryhill

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

1.1 Dr. Angie Hill Price called the meeting to order

2.0 Business

2.1 University Business Permits

- 2.1.1 Dr. Yennello stated that she was there for Dr. Newton. He had great concern over visitors going above the gates in NSG
- 2.1.2 College of Science doesn't want business permit holders to have to park upstairs; want the option for parking in visitor spaces and then going upstairs if visitor area is full.
 - 2.1.2.1 Discussed the issue that true guests were not finding space.
- 2.1.3 Wondered about giving business permits two hours on the visitor levels – group discussed that this still would not greatly impact the availability of the spaces and makes the plan less clear cut. Also, requiring them to go upstairs helps to reduce the circling on the first floor. Consistency year round is easier for everyone.
- 2.1.4 Wondered about adding business spaces on the lower contract levels so they don't have to go to the roof. Discussed that the cost benefit does not warrant this plan because we are taking spaces from our regular customers and saving them for intermittent customers.
- 2.1.5 When we begin to make online reservations for guests for the upper levels of NSG and UCG, need to allow the customer to display the printed barcode document on the dash and park in the paid visitor spaces on the first level if one is available.

- 2.1.6 Be sure to notify distinguished professors before the 2 hour limit is instituted for the street spaces – Dr. Kaplan should be able to assist with this.
- 2.1.7 Lallah stated to remember that we are trying to keep the spaces open in NSG for true visitors; non affiliates and that visitors spaces being used by UB permits has an impact on income
- 2.1.8 Lallah also reminded the committee that new rules are designed to help find spaces; if it does not work well, we can take another look at the steps
- 2.1.9 Members voted on the 2008 Business Permit rules
 - 2.1.9.1 8 voted to approve, 0 against, 3 agreed to the recommendation, by emails prior to the May 22nd meeting
 - 2.1.9.2 Recommendation passed

2.2 Northside Visitor Parking

- 2.2.1 Rod explained the issues with northside visitor parking. Committee had agreed to the addition of pay visitor spaces to lot 50. Since this was discussed, the ETED building will be built on this side of lot 50. Lot 50 is a student lot that is heavily utilized by students, lot 51 has more openings to allow visitor pay parking. He requested that the committee agree to move the visitor pay parking area to lot 51.
 - 2.2.1.1 Existing customers would continue to be issued lot 51 permits; the free spaces would come from non-renewing customers
- 2.2.2 Mike Caruso stated that lot 51 is the best option
- 2.2.3 Rich agreed; because it will keep more student spaces in 50; since space will be lost with the ETED building
- 2.2.4 Ruth has concerns about visitors being able to find and clearly understand which spaces are designated as paid parking. Especially if in lot 51, she feels it will be more challenging for people to successfully tell which spaces are for paid parking.
- 2.2.5 Rod stated that we will have Eric draw up the map and send it to everyone for review; TSAC members should be sure and help lot 51 customers understand the purpose of the visitors spaces (so their guests can find parking to attend their meetings) if they show frustration about front row of their lot being converted for another purpose

2.3 Visitor/Client Parking Spaces

- 2.3.1 Rod explained that the campus has some areas with visitor spaces that are not funded by any department; they are free visitor parking
 - 2.3.1.1 Then some areas like the Golf course pays for the spaces in their lot to TS
 - 2.3.1.1.1 They are billed # of spaces X surface lot price
 - 2.3.1.2 What area/s have these spaces
 - 2.3.1.2.1 Large and small animal clinic
 - 2.3.1.2.2 Rosenthal meat lab
 - 2.3.1.2.3 Lot 1
- 2.3.2 Dr. Price asked for information about the cost of maintaining the “free” visitor spaces; if TS could put cost of maintenance together for these particular lots; what is our plan for maintenance, timeframe, and costs associated for these lots; list where they exist, how many spaces, and

what is our approximate cost of maintaining these spaces that generate no revenue. Also may want data about those who already pay for spaces.

2.4 Central Campus Garage area

2.4.1 Need to study and look at the area; software is changing for this garage and there will need to be a change on how to exit the area

2.4.2 TS will send out a plan so that the committee can talk about these issues

3.0 Discussions

3.1.1 When will the customers return to lot 7

3.1.1.1 We were informed that lot 7 would be re-opened for parking on June 30th

3.1.1.2 TS may need to communicate this information to the prior lot 7 permit holders

3.1.2 What about those returning to lot 5

3.1.2.1 The spaces that are scheduled to return to Lot 5 will be HC permits spaces

3.1.3 With other lots going away or with all of the new areas; we may need to discuss how many handicapped spaces are needed

3.1.4 We also need to address golf carts, gators and parking/driving on sidewalks

4.0 Meeting adjourned

Other Topic(s):

Tasks to be completed;

1. Northside Visitor Pay Parking in Lot 51
2. Maintenance costs for unpaid visitor parking spaces
3. Notification to former lot 7 permit holders
4. Plan for the Central Campus area - Entry/Exit

Future Discussion Items:

1. Parking for University Vehicles
2. Visitor Validation Process
3. Uniform rules to address the preponderance Golf carts, gators, motorized bike-skateboards, etc
4. Vehicles parking and driving on sidewalks
5. Service Spaces