

Transportation Services Advisory Committee

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 25, 2008

ATTENDEES: Dr. Angie Hill Price
Mike Caruso
Ann Wallingford
Lallah Howard
Beth McNeill
Leah Flores
Rich Pontious
Dr. Michael B. Hall for Dr. Joe Newton
Dr. Mike Messina
Logan Nichols
Robert Pottberg
Cheryl Hanks
Rod Weis

ABSENT: Sheila Amos
Hunter Bollman
Ruth Mullins
Dr. Howard Kaplan
Dr. Dave Parrott
Dr. Alan Love

GUESTS: Doug Williams
Clint Willis
June Broughton
Debbie Hoffmann
Kenny Kimball
Rose Berryhill

1.1 Welcome

- 1.1.1 Dr. Angie Hill Price called the meeting to order
- 1.1.2 Asked for the committee to review the minutes; asked for a motion to approve as written
 - 1.1.2.1 Cheryl Hanks requested what the HC spaces on the last page to be changed to handicapped spaces
 - 1.1.2.2 Rose stated that she would correct the abbreviation
- 1.1.3 Beth McNeill made a motion to approve the minutes
- 1.1.4 Rich Pontious 2nd the motion; all in favor to accept the May 22nd minutes

2.0 Business

2.1 Pay by Space Visitor Parking in Lot 51

- 2.1.1 Mike Caruso asked if the current permit holders will be displaced; No current permit holders will not be displaced from Lot 51
- 2.1.2 Leah asked if the spaces would be held on game day; Yes they will
- 2.1.3 Rod Weis asked what is your recommendation for input if this is approved
 - 2.1.3.1 Cheryl suggested to communicate to the people who are housed in the buildings near that area and inquire about where they send their visitors

- 2.1.3.2 Dr. Price recommended that a letter be sent to the whole campus indicating that the committee proposes for these paid parking spaces and request feedback from the customers
- 2.1.3.3 Dr. Hill asked if it possible for the students to park all day; Transportation Services staff felt that the cost would keep prevent students from parking all day; the \$15 max per day; that the spaces would be used by them to come and go for classes
- 2.1.3.4 Mike Caruso requested for it to be marketed as “greatly enhancing the ability for visitors to park closer”; Rod stated that it would free up visitor parking in NSG.
- 2.1.3.5 Dr. Messina asked if we could preclude students from parking in the new visitor spaces. – TS staff stated this could not be done
- 2.1.3.6 Dr. Messina suggested sending a one paragraph to all faculty, staff and students with “Important parking changes to lot 51”explaining, then give 30 days for feedback. Send to all faculty, staff and lot 51 permit holders –then if approved, put in Aggie Hotline
- 2.1.3.7 Dr. Messina stated this doesn’t seem like it will have much negative impact
- 2.1.4 Dr. Price asked for a motion to distribute our proposal for parking in Lot 51, sending a general email to faculty and staff, once approved, then a statement in Aggie Hotline
 - 2.1.4.1 Dr. Mike Messina made a motion to accept
 - 2.1.4.2 Logan Nichols seconded the motion; All voted in favor
- 2.1.5 Dr. Price inquired if the lot would be number and signed; Rod stated that it would
- 2.1.6 Recommendation was made to communication when you want to start the new plan – beginning of fall semester
- 2.1.7 Mike Caruso stated if approved, put a sign in NSG and CCG indicating additional visitor parking in lot 51

2.2 Policy for Visitor/Client Parking Spaces

- 2.2.1 Dr. Price asked if we had the information about the number and location of non-paid spaces plus the maintenance costs associated with the free spaces; information about those who pay.
 - 2.2.1.1 Transportation Services does not have the information complete for the committee
- 2.2.2 Dr. Hall asked if the free spaces are all managed the same. Timed? Unlimited length of stay? Sign in sheets?
- 2.2.3 Dr. Hall stated that it seems fairer to have everyone pay
- 2.2.4 Dr. Hill requested for the information be email to the committee for review
- 2.2.5 Discussions to be continued at the next TSAC meeting in July

2.3 Lot 7 Construction Update

- 2.3.1.1 Debbie Hoffmann presented the email that Transportation Services sent to the displaced Lot 7 customers

2.4 Construction Permit Parking Fees

- 2.4.1 Cheryl Hanks stated that the cost per square foot is ideal
- 2.4.2 Dr. Messina stated ultimately we are really talking about is simply a shift in who is paying; it should be the university who is paying and not the permit holders
- 2.4.3 Dr. Price said that the permit holders need to be very vocal; it would help to project a dollar amount of how much the permit holder will have to pay if this is not implemented; our permit cost is subsidizing replacing lots from building being build on existing lots
- 2.4.4 Lallah Howard stated that TSAC should take TS presentation to CBE committee that is writing the rules.
- 2.4.5 Mike Caruso stated that we also needed to talk to construction management folks – they should also be going to other universities and see how the construction projects are managed related to these costs
- 2.4.6 Rich said that the rate of construction is not slowing; we need to get this going; student government needs to know how much of this is being done
- 2.4.7 Rod explained that we have been fortunate over the past several years to have had excess capacity on west campus; making the displacement less noticeable because it has just moved more students to west campus. We won't be able to continue that precedence.
- 2.4.8 Dr. Hall stated that it is a good argument to do this now
- 2.4.9 Rich asked if we could itemize what cost Lot 42 will have on the permit holders
 - 2.4.9.1 Rod stated that it is really not a revenue loss yet; spaces on west campus were sold; customers were moved to other areas
 - 2.4.9.2 Kenny stated that this would be difficult
- 2.4.10 Angie stated that customers are already feeling the pain in the way of permit costs, they just don't realize it
- 2.4.11 Lallah stated that where you will get the biggest push back is from Deans and others who are building buildings because it will increase their construction costs
- 2.4.12 Rich explained that it should include a few more finite numbers of the costs incurred with recent projects to be able to see the impact more clearly
- 2.4.13 Dr. Price asked for committee members to go back and talk to their organizations and make them aware of what is occurring related to construction projects and parking costs – TS can come and talk to your groups if you want; provide some feedback during your next meeting
- 2.4.14 Dr. Price also asked for the committee members to be prepared to offer feedback at the next meeting.

- 2.5 Dr Price asked what if we ask someone from Physical Plant/Facilities to come talk to us about their policies; then engage the campus community to see if we can get an agreement on what the polices should be; may need a subcommittee

2.6 Traffic Plan for Central Campus Parking Garage

2.6.1 Rod stated that the current traffic plan would not be affected when the new software is installed at Central Campus Garage

2.6.1.1 The only change would be that the garage entrance and exit, the customers would need to swipe their permits

2.6.1.2 We can also receive counts from specific locations like lot 23 and lot 6 separately

3.0 Other Business

3.1 Canceled the August TSAC meeting

4.0 Meeting adjourned

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| Other Topic(s): |
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Tasks to be completed;

1. Northside Visitor Pay Parking in Lot 51
2. Maintenance costs for unpaid visitor parking spaces
3. Recommendations from Committee Member on Construction Permit Parking Fees

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
 - a. Inviting a guest from Facilities or Physical Plant to explain policies and procedures
5. Service Spaces

Next TSAC Meeting, July 16th, at 11:30 a.m., Koldus, Rooms 110-111