

Transportation Services Advisory Committee

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 19, 2008

ATTENDEES: Hunter Bollman
Cheryl Hanks
Ann Wallingford
Lallah Howard
Dr. Mike Messina
Dr. Joe Newton
Dr. Dave Parrott
Rich Pontious
Dr. Angie Hill Price
Rod Weis

ABSENT: Sheila Amos
Mike Caruso
Dr. Alan Love
Dr. Howard Kaplan
Ruth Mullins
Robert Pottberg
Beth McNeill
Leah Flores

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

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

- 1.1 Dr. Price called the meeting to order
- 1.2 Requested for members to review the draft minutes and a motion to approve the February 21, 2008 minutes
 - 1.2.1 Cheryl Hanks recommend few spelling changes
 - 1.2.2 Hunter Bollman made a motion to approved minutes as written
 - 1.2.3 Rich Pontious 2nd the motion
 - 1.2.4 No objections to the minutes; all approved

2.0 Business

2.1 Resident Student Parking

- 2.1.1 Rod Weis requested for Hunter Bollman to inform the committee about the Student Senate vote outcome
 - 2.1.1.1 Hunter reported that the resolution passed, 40 – 10
 - 2.1.1.1.1 The 10 were primarily upperclassman who did not want to get kicked out
 - 2.1.1.1.2 Some of the upper classmen resisted the change; senators convinced them with the logic of the plan; logic prevailed and they decided to change
- 2.1.2 Rod reported that the President of the Resident Hall Association submitted a letter in favor of the change
- 2.1.3 Rod requested for committee to approve the changes for the April permit registration process
- 2.1.4 Rich wanted clarification on the current permits being good until this August, Rod stated they would be
- 2.1.5 Rich made a motion to support and approve the procedure
- 2.1.6 Dr. Parrott seconded

2.1.7 No discussions; all in favor

2.2 Conversion of RNS in the University Center Garage

2.2.1 Debbie Hoffmann was asked to explain the changes

2.2.2 Members discussed the changes

2.2.3 Rod clarified that the approval of this systems would set a template

2.2.4 Asked for Debbie to make it cleaner; place exact dates and to check the dates in the FAQ's

2.2.4.1 Third question – eliminate the 2nd sentence

2.2.5 Dr. Newton asked what would be seen at the vote now button

2.2.5.1 Debbie Hoffmann explained that customers would be seen the different garage levels

2.2.6 Cheryl asked what was meant by longevity; Debbie explained that is what the university has as your months of service

2.2.7 Dr. Newton stated that the plan looked better

2.2.8 Dr. Price requested for a motion for the plan

2.2.9 Motion made by Dr. Newton to approve our plan

2.2.10 Motion seconded by Dr. Parrott

2.2.11 No discussion; all in favor

2.3 Business Permits

2.3.1 Mr. Weis explained about the three tier system; clarified that the approval of the system would set a template

2.3.2 Cheryl Hanks stated that she does not agree with the prices; but looking at option A, what does it give me access to

2.3.2.1 She liked the time restriction of the UB spaces

2.3.3 Debbie Hoffmann explained that it give access to other surface lots that are not 24 hour reserved; but not visitor parking areas

2.3.4 Lallah Howard stated that the plan keeps permit customers from taking visitor parking and only paying \$25; it relieves the visitor parking/highly utilized areas

2.3.5 Dr. Price asked where can service providers park

2.3.6 Debbie explained that they can park with service permits that can be purchased in her office

2.3.7 Lallah Howard stated that most people need option a; and departments would limit the other to 1 or 2 permits of type b and c

2.3.8 Dr. Messina asked why can option a, not use Lots 54 and 55

2.3.8.1 Because of abuse; people with other permits parking all day in lots 54 and 55 with a business permit and a permit for another lot

2.3.8.2 He wanted to know why did we not just ticket or tow them; customers are not breaking the rules; but abusing the system

2.3.9 Rich asked how the prices were figured

2.3.10 Rod stated that they were originally the recommendations of the Transportation Construction Committee; just placed into a tier system

2.3.11 Lallah reminded it is important to communicate the reasons for the changes

2.3.11.1 There is a need for additional visitor spaces; better access to the areas you need when you need them – well crafted explanation

2.3.12 Communication needs to be more clear

2.3.13 Dr. Newton stated that he had troubles with the differences

2.3.13.1 Change to option A – then list the lots

2.3.13.2 Option B – includes everything in option A, plus lots 54,55,72, West Campus Garage, Central Campus Garage and upper level, unnumbered spaces in Northside Garage and University Center Garage

2.3.13.3 Option C – includes everything in option B, plus Service Spaces

- 2.3.14 Committee should take a field trip to ride the bus so they can learn how to use the system
- 2.3.15 Cheryl stated she has heartburn over prices of B and C
- 2.3.16 Cheryl Hanks requested a couple of weeks to communicate why the change is needed; give a better description on why the change is needed, ex: need for additional visitor spaces
- 2.3.17 TS will write up a clarified DRAFT proposal from the TSAC and share electronically with the committee
- 2.3.18 Cheryl asked for us to identify in #5 what a campus permit was; the difference between it and a UB
- 2.3.19 Dr. Price recommended that a updated version be sent to the TSAC; for committee member to review and send recommendations, at this point not to share; TS will send a FINAL version that can be share; do not share until you receive the FINAL version
- 2.3.20 Dr. Price recommended her sending the proposal to the faculty senate

2.4 Bike Sub-Committee

- 2.4.1 Sending a letter this week to the committee members on the listing; either today or tomorrow
- 2.4.2 Planning to meet with them within the next couple of weeks
- 2.4.3 Rich suggested that Hunter be added to the bike subcommittee
- 2.4.4 Wants committee members that include bike-enthusiasts, but also with other points of view such as pedestrian to encourage dialogue
- 2.4.5 Have good information on how to structure from previous committees; need for this committee to identify funding and processes
- 2.4.6 Rich suggested a resident student be on the committee to speak to bike theft by residence halls
 - 2.4.6.1 Identified that Dan Mizer was on the committee
- 2.4.7 Dr. Parrott suggested adding someone from the MSC so they can speak about the collection of bikes near the MSC
 - 2.4.7.1 Dr. Price suggested bringing that person in, when the sub-committee meetings addresses topics related to specialized area's issues

- 2.5 Lallah Howard stated that the TSAC could bring up other issued to present to other groups, like the safety on campus with cars driving on walks to the safety committee
- 2.6 Dr. Price requested that we place driving on sidewalks on the next agenda

- 3.0 Dr. Price asked for a motion to adjourn
 - 3.1 Rich made a motion to adjourn
 - 3.2 Motion seconded by Hunter Bollman
 - 3.3 Committee all in favor

Other Topic(s):

Tasks to be completed;

- 1. University Business Permits

2. Parking for University Vehicles
3. Visitor Validation Process
4. Vehicles parking and driving on sidewalks

Next TSAC Meeting, April 25th, at 11:30 a.m., MSC, Room 206