

Transportation Services Advisory Committee

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF MEETING

December 17, 2009

Attendees:

Ms. Flora Reeves
Mr. Mike Caruso
Ms. Nicole Franzetti
Ms. Lallah Howard
Mr. Konrad Johnson
Ms Brandy Kosh
Ms. Olga Martinez
Dr. Joe Newton
Mr. Darryl Peterson
Mr. Robert Pottberg
Dr. Angie Hill Price
Ms. Rosey Saenz
Mr. Rod Weis
Mr. Jeff Wilson
Ms. Mary Tess Eggebrecht

Absent:

Dr. Susan Bloomfield
Mr. Tanner Wilson
Dr. R. J. Golsan
Mr. Jonathan Howson
Dr. Doug Slack
Mr. C.J. Woods

Guests:

Mr. Peter Lange	Ms. Therese Kucera
Mr. Doug Williams	Ms. Rose Berryhill
Ms. Lana Wolken	Mr. Kenny Kimball
Mr. Clint Willis	Ms. June Broughton

1.0 Business

- 1.1 Meeting called to order by Dr. Price
- 1.2 Dr. Price asked for members to review the November 19th minutes before beginning the meeting
- 1.3 Dr. Price asked for corrections to the minutes;
 - 1.3.1 Mr. Wilson commented that there were no references to his discussion about Lot 30/Resident Hall nor was he listed on the attendee listing
 - 1.3.1.1 Mr. Weis stated that the resident hall discussion was not an action item
 - 1.3.1.2 He also wanted information added that he offered to inquire about a briefing for the TSAC members from Charney on the Northside Resident Hall project
 - 1.3.2 Dr. Price stated that we would correct the minutes for these actions
 - 1.3.3 Dr. Price requested that the minutes be brought back in January after amendments

2.0 Lot 5

- 2.1 Mr. Weis began the discussion of Lot 5 returning after the construction of the Mitchell Physics building
 - 2.1.1 Debbie Hoffmann contacted the departments in the area to inquire who would need departmental spaces in Lot 5
 - 2.1.1.1 Dr. Newton stated that the memo received from Chemical Engineering, Physics and Mechanical Engineering was independent of Debbie's memo; Dr. Newton asked about how many handicapped spaces are needed in the lot
- 2.2 Mr. Weis continued the discussion of Lot 5 introducing a memo he received from 3 departments asking for four department spaces each for no charge
 - 2.2.1.1 Dr. Newton requested to know what RNS's cost – the rate is \$534
 - 2.2.1.2 Dr. Price said that basically they (Chemical Engineering, Physics and Mechanical Engineering) wanted control of the lot and for the lot to belong to them and not to Transportation Services; all members agreed that this is not how we do business at Texas A&M; lots are managed by Transportation Services
 - 2.2.1.3 Dr. Newton said that he knew the “no cost” would be dead on arrival to the committee
 - 2.2.1.4 Mr. Wilson asked who's lot is it; Dr. Price stated that it is a Transportation Services Lot and it is coming back after being off line during the area's construction projects
- 2.3 Dr. Newton felt that the issues are:
 - 2.3.1 Number of HC spaces needed in the area
 - 2.3.2 Departmental spaces should be funded by the departments requesting them
- 2.4 Dr. Price asked for a motion to reject the entire memo
- 2.5 Ms. Kosh moved that we reject the entire memo
 - 2.5.1 Mr. Caruso seconded the motion with the inclusion if Debbie finished her polls with them;
 - 2.5.2 Mr. Weis requested that the TSAC allow him to do a memo back to the three departments letting them know how parking operates on campus, see what their needs are and let them know what the costs are going to be for departmental spaces
 - 2.5.3 Dr. Price asked for a vote in favor of Mr. Weis drafting a letter offering an alternate solution for the departments; all voted in favor; motion carried
- 2.6 Dr. Newton suggested that TS take a fresh look at the area and decide how to allocate the spaces
- 2.7 Mr. Weis stated that the memo would offer suggestions on behalf of this committee

3.0 Parking Rates

- 3.1 Mr. Weis stated that Transportation Services requested no increases in FY 2010 and that Transportation Services has to be out in front of what is needed to keep a balanced budget; it takes 1 to 1½ years to get an increase approved
 - 3.1.1 The increase approved for FY 2009 was back downed in August 08 and reduced to only a 3% increase costing us \$300,000.00
 - 3.1.2 We need an increase in 2012 to stay on track and on top of things like deferred maintenance costs and utilities-utilities keep going up
 - 3.1.2.1 Smaller intermittent increases are much more palatable than large one time increases for our customers
 - 3.1.3 Dr. Price suggested for Mr. Weis to put something together to begin the discussions at our next meeting; background information so that committee members can take it to constituents
 - 3.1.3.1 Mr. Weis stated that we could gather the information needed for the next meeting
 - 3.1.3.2 Mr. Pottberg stated that the sooner the better because they also prepare budgets in advance

4.0 Campus Policy-Permitting Vehicles

- 4.1 Mr. Weis asked the TSAC committee what should the campus policy be for permitting all vehicles
 - 4.1.1 Mr. Weis feels that we should move forward with TSAC opinion that everyone needs to pay for visitor, special event or parking services
 - 4.1.2 Some departments pay for university vehicles, others do not; some departments pay for visitor spaces, others do not; we need to get where everyone is paying for their services
 - 4.1.3 Dr. Price asked we knew what departments did not pay for services; Mr. Lange stated that we can get that information
 - 4.1.4 Dr. Price shared interest on how this would be implemented
 - 4.1.5 Mr. Weis recommended that Transportation Services put a proposal together with all of the elements and bring it back to the committee
- 4.2 Using permits at home athletic events is another part of this equation and that the committee needs to review its affects on the budget; direction from the committee is needed
 - 4.2.1 We hold an allotted number of spaces for the permit holders; if they don't show then we have empty spaces that could have been sold to game attendees
 - 4.2.1.1 Dr. Price stated that she knows that Faculty members feel they pay for a 24 hour space; they should get to use them whenever they have a need to be on campus
 - 4.2.1.2 Mr. Wilson stated that he felt that the University Staff Council would echo that
 - 4.2.2 Ms. Howard suggest to the committee that what Transportation Services needs are options to keep the parking rates from going up
- 4.3 Dr. Price felt that the committee needed numbers to see that using these spaces on game days would reduce their permit rates
- 4.4 Dr. Price suggested for the members to talk to their constitutes and see what their philosophy would be on game day parking options

4.5 Mr. Weis told the committee that it is reasonable to hold a space but not an individual space when the university has over 80,000 visitors on campus; biggest problem is that we do not have enough people to hold individual spaces

5.0 Low Speed Vehicles (LSV)

5.1 Dr. Price asked the committee members to review the LSV handout; let us know if you see a missing part or a needed regulation

5.2 Ms. Kosh inquired about where are we now on this

5.3 Mr. Weis stated that we needed input from this group; then we would take it to:

- UPD (University Police Department)
- EHS (Environmental Health and Safety)
- Open Forums
- Send the regulations to known LSV users

5.4 Ms. Saenz-Padilla asked about rule #j; the committee all agreed that the item #j should read LSV for private transportation is prohibited

5.5 Mr. Lange felt that we should also add a privately owned LSV not allowed on university grounds

5.6 Also need to add in item #g keeping them off of flower beds

5.7 Dr. Price felt that we should remove University owned then state in item #a LSV used on University Property

5.8 Mr. Weis stated that we would make the suggested corrections and forward it on to UPD and EHS for review

6.0 Other Business

6.1 Dr. Price stated that agenda item #7: Vehicles use of Campus Walkways and Sidewalks should be first on the agenda next time; she wished the members a wonderful holiday and to be safe

6.2 Mr. Weis thanked everyone for their help and wished them happy holidays

Meeting Adjourned