

**TSAC Minutes
April 1, 2015**

Present:

Dr. Fuller Bazer
Mr. Mike Caruso
Mr. Joe Dillard
Mr. David Glockzin
Dr. Angie Hill Price
Dr. Margaret Hobson
Mr. Peter Lange
Ms. Robbie Lukeman
Mr. Chris Lyons
Dr. Beth McNeill
Mr. Michael Murtha
Dr. Joe Newton
Mr. Robert Pottberg
Ms. Flora Reeves
Ms. Veronica Sprayberry
Mr. Travis Walters
Mr. Lorenzo Washington
Dr. CJ Woods

Absent:

Dr. Deb Banerjee
Dr. Bob Strawser
Mr. Rod Weis

1. Dr. Angie Hill Price called the meeting to order and asked members to review minutes from the March meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.
2. Ms. Therese Kucera, Customer Service Manager, shared a proposed plan for lot 71a on Agronomy Road that currently serves as an "Any Valid Permit" designation changing the lot number and requiring that permit to park M-F from 8-5, removing the "Any Valid Permit" designation.
 - 2.1. Due to the construction in the area, vet students have been pushed to lots further from their classes and if they leave for off campus labs, they often can't find parking in 71a when they return.
 - 2.2. In a petition from vet students they asked:
 - o Reserve 71a for vet students only
 - o Do not allow lot 36 as an option for undergraduates

- 2.3 Lots in the area will close/reopen in phases, with construction complete in Fall of 2016 and the any valid permit designation could be reinstated for the lot, which will probably be renumbered as lot 49.
- 2.4 Dr. Hill Price asked if there are potential negative impacts.
 - 2.4.1 Ms. Debbie Hoffmann said there are people who are using that lot today who may not be assigned to the lot next year in the priority process. For instance, there are vehicles parking there with temporary permits and we know these belong to residents who have WCG permits. They are buying temporary permits to park closer to north side dorms.
 - 2.4.2 Ms. Hoffmann also said it could add extra stress to bus routes on Agronomy Road. Ms. Madeline Dillard, Transit Manager, agreed that during class change, that route is full and busy.
 - 2.4.3 Ms. Kucera said part of making this work is communicating the change and we will put signs out to inform parkers of the change. We will also communicate the change to students and departments.
 - 2.4.4 Ms. Hoffmann said it there is a similar situation in the Gardens Apartments area, where it is available for any valid permit and is becoming crowded. We may have areas where any valid permit isn't feasible anymore.
 - 2.4.5 Mr. Travis Walter expressed concern that Route 6 will become over crowded. Also, transit drivers start service early in the morning and stay until after night privileges has started, will it shift them down to lot 88 and cause it to become crowded?
 - 2.4.6 Ms. Hoffmann said they will monitor to see how it affects the area but Lot 71 b will still be available as "Any Valid Permit" parking in the area.
 - 2.4.7 Mr. Chris Lyons asked that we send a letter to them so they can distribute to student delegates for sure.
3. Ms. Dillard shared Transit updates; we have received our new Gillig buses and purchased 5 used buses to be refurbished in Michigan. We will increase our fleet to 86 for fall and will increase service hours by over 10,000 including a new route to serve NCTM, Wehner, TIGM and the new White Creek residence halls. We will also add capacity to routes by using the larger buses.
 - 3.1 Ms. Dillard said there have been no problems with accepting Brazos Transit District passes on our routes. So far, BTM has sold 95 additional passes and it's not impacting our loads or service.
 - 3.2 Dr. Hill Price said the additional students in the College of Engineering is causing issues with scheduling, problems finding space for large sections.
 - 3.3 Dr. Margaret Hobson asked if members had read the letter to the editor regarding how accepting BTM passes will "destroy the Aggie Spirit" and Ms. Dillard said it was written by a former bus driver, who is possibly disgruntled with the department.
4. Ms. Hoffmann shared that Dr. Hussey and Dr. Strawser have approved the permit rate increase for fall. It will be 3% over the next 5 years with likely 2% per year inflationary increase thereafter. We are drafting a memo to share and the rate is already posted on our website.
 - 4.1 Dr. Newton asked if the reasons for the increase were shared on the website, and we said we would post them with the information about the rate increase.

- 4.2 The rate for West Campus Garage will go to the regular garage rate in 16-17 to make it the same cost as other garages on campus.
 - 4.3 Purchasers of WCG permits are mainly commuters and residents; it supplements the lots in the residence hall areas. White Creek Dorm will have its own lot where residents will have priority in the assignment process. Ms. Hoffmann said we will monitor the lots on Discovery since they will become more desirable when the White Creek Dorm is open. We have already reached out to the people in the buildings on Discovery between Enterprise and Stotzer and at the Gilchrist Building to discuss how the addition of White Creek residence halls will impact them and to discuss potential changes in parking policies for their lots to ensure their needs are met.
 - 4.4 Mr. Robert Pottberg asked if other lots in that area could be sold for football parking. Ms. Hoffmann said it is possible and we will have a way to ensure access on gamedays for people who need to get to the buildings for work.
5. In other business:
- 5.1 Dr. Newton asked if the Get to the Grid location was worked out and conflicts with soccer were resolved. Ms. Hoffmann said the City of CS has spoken with the soccer groups and they won't schedule games during SEC games, only non-conference games and then only early in the day.
 - 5.2 Ms. Veronica Sprayberry said the lot outside Wehner, lot 98, is in bad shape and is it scheduled for repair? Ms. Hoffmann said we would check and see when it is scheduled. (Not scheduled until FY 17 due to budgeting restrictions; lot maintenance budget allocated for lot 16/54 in summer 15.)
 - 5.3 With no other business presented, the meeting was adjourned.