

TSAC Minutes
April 4, 2018

Present:

Dr. Fuller Bazer
Mr. Jett Black
Mr. Mike Caruso
Mr. Bill Cox
Mr. Andy Deuel
Ms. Sue Edmisson
Dr. Eleanor Green (Ms. Misty Skaggs)
Dr. Julie Harlin
Dr. Angie Hill Price
Mr. Peter Lange
Dr. Clint Magill
Mr. Chris Nygren
Mr. Dakota Plesa

Mr. Robert Pottberg
Ms. Flora Reeves
Dr. CJ Woods (Ms. Stacy Wright)
Ms. Deborah Wright

Absent:

Dr. Angela Clendenin
Mr. Joe Dillard
Dr. Zachary Grasley

Guests:

Mr. David Brown
Ms. Lilia Gonzales

1. Mr. Peter Lange opened the meeting at 11:42 am and asked for a review of the minutes from the March 7, 2018 meeting. Ms. Flora Reeves motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Dr. Clint Magill seconded; motion passed, minutes approved.
2. Mr. Lange presented some updates.
 - Joe Routt renovation will be complete before the fall semester. Work will commence on Gene Stallings, from May – August.
 - The Polo Road Garage contracting paperwork will be signed this week, and the Design phase will commence and continue to November. Construction should start in January 2019.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price asked about the new Recreation Centers that will be built into the shell space of the garage. Mr. Lange said the Recreation Center and Transportation Services offices will occupy the bulk of the shell space. The monies pledged by the Engineering Department will go toward the build-out of the garage dining facility.
 - Since the ofo free-form, dockless bike share program launched 6 weeks ago, 70,000 rides have been logged on 800+ bikes. Only 1-2% of those riders have been noncompliant parkers, which is consistent with what we've seen with privately owned bikes. Ron Steedly is working with ofo to pull back the geo-fence from the front of campus, which should alleviate some of the problems. Also, the pay portion kicked in last week, and should also help with abuse problems. Ron's team is working hard with the ofo employees and are confident we will see less and less abuse as awareness grows. Ron and his team are also working with an urban planning class to gather statistics and develop plans. The usage has been beyond our expectations, and ofo has discussed using our program as a national model.
 - The university Thursday Football Task Force kicked off March 27th. Ms. Debbie Hoffmann attended and reported that some good collaboration took place. Dr. Tim Lomax and Ms. Madison Metsker-Galarza, TTI, have already met with student leaders to discuss plans, and will present the plan at our TSAC meeting next month.
3. Mr. Kenny Kimball presented information and statistics about Any Valid Parking (AVP) permits being used on Gameday. He said Gameday parking has evolved over the years, and we've maintained free

parking for AVP permit holders. See Presentation:

<http://www.transport.tamu.edu/About/tsac.aspx#presentations>

3.1. Mr. Chris Nygren asked if future plans for charging for these spaces would affect graduate students who used their permits for research.

3.1.1. Mr. Lange replied that we are only discussing the topic at this point; we will consult our constituents and take their concerns into consideration before we make any decisions or changes.

3.2. Mr. Lange made the point that the 2,300 parking spaces available at Fan Field help support the AVP free parking, but if we lose Fan Field (due to new construction, etc.) that may change.

3.3. Mr. Kimball mentioned when people pay for parking, they tend to carpool, but when parking is free, they are more likely to drive to events alone.

3.3.1. Dr. Hill Price suggested that if we do charge for previously free parking, perhaps we reward carpool behavior with a reduced rate.

3.4. Mr. Lange gave a brief overview of Transit funding.

3.5. Mr. Nygren asked if people had to pay for parking if we anticipate an increase in demand for Transit options. Mr. Lange said it was a possibility, but we don't have the statistics.

4. Ms. Hoffmann presented information suggesting we give student athletes priority in Lot 60, which is near the track and the football practice field. See presentation:

<http://www.transport.tamu.edu/About/tsac.aspx#presentations>. Our "ask" is to assign the lot to athletes early. It is already a popular lot for them, and eventually all who want the lot get it, but have to wait until all waitlists are cleared. It is a historically underutilized lot, as very few of the people who request it actually choose it when it becomes available.

4.1. Mr. Mike Caruso pointed out the athlete dining facility and tutoring resources are also near Lot 60.

4.2. Dr. Hill Price asked if this would set a bad precedent for other departments to ask for similar priority assignments for their personnel. She suggested we communicate the nature of the assignment process/rationale very specifically in a policy statement to waive off any future problems. Mr. Bill Cox agreed, and suggested if we word it broadly enough, we can apply the same process to other underutilized lots.

4.3. Mr. Jett Black asked if a freshman athlete requesting the lot would have precedence over a non-athlete senior who was assigned the lot previously.

4.3.1. Ms. Hoffmann replied that people who are already assigned to that lot can automatically renew it.

4.4. Ms. Hoffmann asked people to email her with their questions or concerns:

dhoffmann@tamu.edu.

5. Ms. Lilia Gonzales presented Campus Master Plan (CMP) Implementation, see presentation:

<http://www.transport.tamu.edu/About/tsac.aspx#presentations>. She focused on three areas: Mobility & Safety, Sustainability & Wellness, and Wayfinding & Signage. She highlighted areas of campus where many of these concepts in the 2017 CMP were implemented.

5.1. Dr. Hill Price asked about plant replacement, as some are overgrown and somewhat dangerous.

5.1.1. Ms. Gonzales said the CMP addresses the issue, and the landscape architects find what is working or not working and update the plant list. Mr. David Brown pointed out that in the campus planning office, they look at the whole picture and seek to plant the right plant at the right place.

5.1.2. Mr. Cox said whenever he and his office are working on landscape design, they coordinate with professors in the horticulture department and ask advice about what plants will work in our area's very specific growing conditions.

5.2. Dr. Magill asked if they considered placing bike racks closer to buildings.

5.2.1. Ms. Gonzales replied that bike racks were put behind hedges to beautify the area and to avoid safety risks near entrances.

5.3. Dr. Julie Harlin said her students were interested in future plans for renovating old buildings on campus.

5.3.1. Ms. Gonzales said there are provisions in the new CMP, however, there are not deadlines or projections on when buildings will be renovated or demolished. Instead, the CMP establishes levels of importance for types of buildings. Her office evaluates many things when deciding renovation vs demolition; useful life vs. repurpose.

5.4. Mr. Lange mentioned that by summer 2020, the 21st Century Classroom and the Student Services buildings would be complete and all the street work in the area would be in place to highlight the many features of the CMP that will have been implemented.

6. Mr. Lange thanked everyone for their input, and invited everyone to bring their successors to our final meeting of this TSAC year next month. He adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Next TSAC Meeting: Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 11:30 am, MSC 2406A&B