



Transportation Services Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 3, 2012

Attending: Ms. Erin Willert for Mr. Mike Caruso
Mr. Joe Dillard
Mr. Robert Jensen
Mr. Tyler Kubala
Dr. Beverly Kuhn
Mr. Peter Lange
Dr. Clint Magill
Dr. Joe Newton
Mr. Darryl Peterson
Mr. Robert Pottberg
Dr. Angie Hill Price
Ms. Holly Scott
Dr. Bob Strawser
Mr. Rod Weis
Dr. C. J. Woods
Dr. Guoyao Wu
Mr. Taylor Smith
Mr. Mark McGraw

Absent: Ms. Lindsay Miles
Dr. Merna Jacobsen
Ms. Flora Reeves
Dr. Thomas Strganac
Mr. Scott Bowen

Guests: Mr. Kenny Kimball
Ms. Debbie Hoffmann

Mr. Doug Williams
Ms. Therese Kucera

Ms. June Broughton
Ms. Rose Berryhill

1. Opening of Meeting

- 1.1. Meeting called to order by Peter Lange; he requested for the committee members to review minutes from August 29, 2012
- 1.2. Committee Member introductions; 1 new member and a sub member for athletics
- 1.3. Mr. Lange asked for any corrections to the minutes; Taylor Smith indicated that a name was left from the listing of attendees
 - 1.3.1 Mr. Lange asked if there are any other corrections for the minutes; none noted
 - 1.3.2 Dr. Newton moved to approve the minutes;
 - 1.3.3 Dr. Price 2nd the motion to approve the minutes; all voted in favor; minutes approved

2 Construction updates

- 2.1 Mr. Lange reminded the committee members that over 3 years ago when we discussed the last permit rate increase, we communicated the money would be designated for maintenance projects. We identified lots that needed repair and have completed most of these maintenance projects. The construction map: [2012 Parking Lot Construction Project 09-12](#), shows rebuilt parking lots in yellow, lots in red are new lots paid for by other construction projects with no cost to Transportation Services, and the gold lots have had significant maintenance done. Next summer we have scheduled to redo Lots 30 c and d; after the completion of this project we will have performed maintenance in 30% of our surface lots.

2.1.1 Dr. Magill asked what would be the next projects for Transportation Services.

2.1.1.1 Mr. Lange responded we have scheduled to do some work in the front half of Lot 50, Lot 55, Lot 54 and after that we will need to work on a prioritized listing to set the next maintenance projects.

2.2 Debbie Hoffmann asked the committee if they have had any feedback on the reconstruction of Joe Routh Boulevard?

2.2.1 Dr. Price stated that she hated to see the trees gone but it was awesome when she used it to drop off a family member for a program at Rudder.

3 **Bike Program Updates**

3.1 Ron Steedly, Alternative Transportation Manager at Transportation Services gave an update on the summer storage, installed bike racks, bike impound procedures, new process with surplus on unclaimed bikes, Maroon Bikes - Borrow a Bike and bike maintenance stations. This presentation can be found at: [2012 Bike Update](#)

3.2 Ron then continued his updates with a presentation introducing the DIRC program to Aggieland - **D**angerous **I**rresponsible **R**eckless and **C**areless. DIRC is a comprehensive self-awareness safety campaign to minimize behaviors that may cause negative consequences to the Aggie community. The goal for the program is to establish university-wide support for the message and expectations of DIRC. This campaign should convey a Texas A&M University holistic message, not just that of a single entity. He requested that members show the program to their groups, talk it up, and if possible educate DIRCs when you see them in action on campus. The DIRC presentation can be found at: [2012 DIRC Campaign](#)

3.2.1 Dr. Price moved for the Transportation Services Advisory Committee to Support the DIRC campaign at Texas A&M University;

3.2.2 Dr. Kuhn seconded the motion; all members voted in favor, motion approved.

4 **Lot 100h/104 Communication Plan**

4.1 Mr. Lange reminded the committee that the changes in lot 100h near the Rec Center were discussed in the May TSAC meeting. Limiting parking to two hours until 5 pm required equipment, License Plate Reader (LPR) and the student representatives were not in attendance at the May meeting. Transportation Services did meet with the student leaders in our offices on a later date and they agreed that they could support the change as long as we communicate to everyone in advance. At this time the lot has not been changed to two-hour parking but Transportation Services plans to make it happen at mid-term (Christmas) break.

4.2 June Broughton, Manager of Marketing and Communications, explained the communication plan that will begin next month through signage, public service announcements, and postings on the website. This presentation can be found at: [2012 Rec Center Parking Changes](#)

5 **Other Business**

5.1 Holly Scott asked if we could consider allowing ½ hour visitor parking in the Northside Garage

5.1.1 Mr. Lange explained that in 2008 when the current visitor parking rate structure was established it was in response to a problem we had to fix, where the rate charged beyond one class period was so affordable that students paid to park to attend class, leaving no spaces for true visitors.

5.1.2 Holly explained that students needed a short term parking solution in the area because classes are 90 minutes and 60 minutes was not long enough. Could we allow 15 minutes of free time like we do in UCG.

5.1.3 Mr. Lange explained there is no free parking in UCG. The 15 minute window at UCG gives customers time to get their cars and get out of the garage after paying, so if they run into someone and visit after paying, there is still time to get out of the garage without paying again.

5.1.4 Debbie Hoffmann explained that she was sorry that Dr. Newton had to leave early but he was a big proponent in this charge because visitors for this area would come to campus and students would have the garage full. We had to find a solution to assist true visitors; students can also pay to park at the higher rate or they do have an option to purchase a permit.

5.1.5 A member mentioned he parked in the garage when he had to quickly get from a main campus class to one on west campus because he didn't feel he could rely on the buses to get him there in time. Mr. Lange informed the students that the buses are doing a much better job in moving the students across campus. Route 1 is working much better now that Old Main is reopened

5.2 Taylor Smith stated that at the last meeting we discussed golf carts on campus, has anything been done with this topic?

5.2.1 Mr. Lange stated that he was working to complete a written charge for forming a task force. The written charge that was submitted to Dr. McClendon was returned yesterday with additional edits. We hope to get it out today then present it to committees like this one.

5.3 Taylor then asked if we were getting any more pressure for a garage at Kyle Field;

5.3.1 Mr. Lange reported not at this time

Meeting adjourned at 1:08 pm