

TSAC Minutes
September 6, 2017

Present:

Dr. Fuller Bazer
Mr. Jett Black
Mr. Mike Caruso
Mr. Bill Cox
Mr. Andy Deuel
Mr. Joe Dillard
Ms. Sue Edmisson (Ms. Renée O'Banion)
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. Deborah Wright

Absent:

Dr. Angela Clendenin
Dr. Zachary Grasley

1. Mr. Peter Lange opened the meeting at 11:52 am, and thanked committee members for serving. He asked people to introduce themselves and indicate whom they represent.
2. Mr. Lange gave an overview presentation about the background, goals and responsibilities of the TSAC. Mr. Lange discussed the importance of committee members communicating discussions and decisions back to constituents. He stressed looking at not only the university-level impact of decisions, but also the operational impact on each area represented. He asked members to send substitutes and to feel free to suggest agenda items.
 - 2.1. Dr. Clint Magill asked how we rate in parking compared to other universities. Mr. Lange responded that we are the biggest, with Ohio State University next.
 - 2.2. Mr. Mike Caruso mentioned that in his experience, the committee meets its goals to attain feedback from its constituents and represents their concerns well.
3. Mr. Lange asked everyone who was on last year's committee to review the minutes from the May 3, 2017 meeting. Dr. Magill motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Chris Nygren seconded; minutes approved.
4. After explaining the duties of the committee co-chair, Mr. Lange asked the committee to nominate someone to fill that position. Dr. Angie Hill Price nominated Dr. Magill; Ms. Flora Reeves seconded; motion carried. Dr. Magill will be co-chair of the 2017-2018 TSAC Committee.
5. Mr. Lange gave a brief update on the Polo Road Garage project. It has a planned 2,200 spaces, with a future capability to expand horizontally to 3,000 spaces. He reminded the committee that the Campus Master Plan (CMP) provides no new parking, but instead focuses on mobility. The Polo Road Garage will occupy one of the five locations set forth in the Campus Master Plan for future garage sites. Construction is scheduled for completion by fall 2020. He mentioned that we will lose some surface parking in Lot 50 during construction, which will move to West Campus Garage.
 - 5.1. Dr. Hill Price asked how many spaces will be lost from lot 50. Mr. Lange answered that about 2/3 of the lot will be lost for about two years. However, when the garage opens

we will have a surplus. Ms. Therese Kucera mentioned that we planned for the loss of spaces in Lot 50 by renewing existing faculty and staff permits with a Lot 50 permit. New permit holders there will receive a “50X permit,” which indicates they will be moved to West Campus Garage when the construction overtakes the spaces.

5.2. Dr. Hill Price asked if the CMP accounted for campus growth. Mr. Lange responded that growth was forecasted in the plan; but the tenets of the CMP mobility plan focus on alternatives to transportation and prioritizes pedestrians over vehicles.

5.3. Dr. Magill asked if all the residential construction on University Drive is straining our services. Mr. Lange responded that it hasn’t hurt us, as we did not have to provide increased services as we did when new dorms were built in the past, because the apartments are within walking distance of the campus.

5.4. Dr. Julie Harlin asked if the current bus routes are adequate to meet the demands of White Creek. She said they were experiencing delays because of full buses. Mr. Lange pointed out that we experience peak ridership in the beginning of the university term, which usually settles down. He made the point that we are always monitoring ridership and routes in real time, and we make adjustments if necessary. For example, we have added 3,500 hours of services over the past three years.

5.5. Mr. Bill Cox asked if the Polo Road Garage would have a similar design to Cain Garage, which has proved to be a popular garage. Mr. Lange responded that it would not look like Cain Garage, but it would have similar design features.

5.6. Dr. Hill Price asked if the garage would have shops, restaurants and retail components. Mr. Lange answered that while those ideas were in the works, detailed discussions still need to take place. The College of Engineering will provide the funds for the shell space.

6. Mr. Lange then gave the Transportation Services’ Role in the Campus Master Plan, presentation, which can be found: <http://www.transport.tamu.edu/About/tsac.aspx#presentations>. He mentioned that we take a strategic approach to managing parking demand. For example, as we look to decrease parking on campus, we have to look at increasing bus ridership. But that means increasing the fleet, which takes money that is not currently available. We will be discussing some of these challenges at our upcoming meetings.

7. Mr. Kenny Kimball presented Strategic Planning: Parking Topics to Review Over the Next Year(s), which can be found: <http://www.transport.tamu.edu/About/tsac.aspx#presentations>. He highlighted and expanded upon a few points:

- We will pull data from Vision 2020 and SEC peer universities to validate/expand/determine that our decisions stay within industry norms and best practices.
- We will be discussing what we learn at our upcoming meetings.

8. Mr. Lange concluded the meeting at 1:05 pm.

Next TSAC Meeting: Wednesday, October 4, 2017 11:30 am, Koldus 110-111