

TSAC Minutes May 4, 2016

Present:

Dr. Fuller Bazer
Mr. Wayne Beckerman
Mr. Mike Caruso
Mr. Ralph Davila
Mr. Joe Dillard
Mr. David Glockzin
Dr. Angie Hill Price
Ms. Shelly Janac (for Ms. Deborah Wright)
Mr. Dan Vecellio (for Ms. Marissa Bondi)
Mr. Peter Lange
Ms. Robbie Lukeman
Dr. Clint Magjill
Mr. Robert Pottberg

Ms. Flora Reeves
Ms. Misty Skaggs (for Dr. Eleanor Green)
Ms. Veronica Sprayberry
Dr. Bob Strawser
Dr. CJ Woods

Guests:

Mr. Nick Page

Absent:

Mr. Zach Carlson
Dr. Eleanor Green
Dr. Margaret Hobson
Ms. Hannah Wimberly

1. Mr. Peter Lange opened the meeting and asked everyone to review the minutes. Dr. Angie Hill Price pointed out an error that on item 3.27 her name was Ms. Hill Price instead of Dr. Hill Price. Mr. Joe Dillard motioned to approve the minutes as amended; Mr. Nick Page seconded; minutes approved.

2. Ms. Lindsay Stroup gave an overview of the current system for Service and Contractor Permitting. See presentation here: <http://transport.tamu.edu/About/TSAC/files/presentations/2016/ProposedServicePermitChanges.pdf>. We currently have only one type of permit to sell service providers, contractors, etc. We have so many people with these permits that facilities maintenance people can't get into a parking space. Ms. Therese Kucera and Ms. Stroup pulled together a group that included SSC and UES representatives to identify the main issues and discuss possible solutions. The outcome is that SSC and UES are going to take care of the application process and give their approved list of service permits to Customer Service. Contractors will be limited in the number of permits they can have, or by the limit their parent company has. After those are exhausted, they will be assigned to lot-specific parking spaces.
 - 2.1. Mr. Mike Caruso asked if there is a current process for delivery people to park. Ms. Kucera responded that they do use permits,

- but are under a different system, and they can use drop-off zones.
- 2.2. Ms. Kucera said we will start the new permitting process in the fall, will communicate it with service providers, and will contract them before their permits expire.
 - 2.3. Mr. Ralph Davila said he has a “smart” excel spreadsheet that he will share with Transportation Services Customer Service, to keep track of the service permits he has over watch on.
3. Mr. Lange discussed Gameday parking. He said a radar issue is “any valid permit” parking areas on campus on Gameday.
 - 3.1. We were initially worried that we would lose part of Fan Field for construction of the CIR building near TTI. But now that building project is being moved to “RELLIS,” (Riverside Campus). This will free up that parking.
 - 3.2. Additionally, we are freeing up some RV lots for Gameday parking. On any given game, we have about 5,000 permit holders that park free. TTI conducted a study of parking efficiencies on Gamedays to compare how many people are in a vehicle that has to pay for parking vs. one with a permit. The permit cars carry about .5 person less than those that pay. If we make changes in our policies, how would this affect the number of vehicles, occupancy, etc.? There was some discussion on the counting techniques. Mr. Lange made the point that while it wasn't a scientific survey, it gave us food for thought, and is a radar issue for the future.
 - 3.3. Ms. Debbie Hoffmann mentioned that in the past, lot 39 by Cain Hall, had 300 parking spaces. With the new Cain Garage, we will have 1,434 parking spaces available for the 2016 football season.
4. Ms. Hoffmann gave an update on RV Parking. In an aim to get better traffic flow, maximize security and efficiency of resources, we have consolidated RV lots 88, 50, and 43 into Aggie RV Park. The three lots were all on the perimeter of post-game traffic patterns, and provided inefficient use of parking lots. Each RV took up to 6-7 parking spaces. Furthermore, not all RV spots were being used on Gamedays. In the consolidation effort, we wanted to reduce the RV spaces offered, but still service the RV spaces we already permitted. We announced the plan and had a vocal minority in

opposition. Their concerns were mainly about mosquitoes, and handicapped accessibility. We are working to alleviate their concerns and make sure we are ADA compliant. This consolidation will free up hundreds of parking spaces, while still providing excellent service and a beautiful, more-secure facility for our RV community.

5. Mr. Lange gave an update on the Cain Garage. Four levels are complete, and the construction company is contractually bound to have 1,000 parking spaces available by Gameday. The contractors indicate we will have them by the start of fall semester. The Hotel construction is set to have the foundation laid by August 2016. The other side of the Garage will house the Student Service building, which is also set to start August 2016. The hotel construction will start in about two years. The challenge will be an active construction area on both sides of the garage for a long time. Engineers are evaluating how to best work pedestrian traffic through that area.
 - 5.1.1. The height between floors of the garage is 13 feet. It will give a good, open feel for parking. Every floor will be van accessible. It will have the same set up as University Center Garage, with the addition of a parking guidance system, with ultrasonic detection that finds available spaces.
 - 5.1.2. The Cain Garage is a selectable option for fall student permits.
 - 5.1.3. Dr. CJ Woods asked how many rooms would be in the hotel. Mr. Lange answered that we don't know yet, but probably about 250 rooms. We've had discussions with the AT&T Center to see how they assign parking to the hotel, and they said they do not, but instead coordinate with the hotel during high-traffic times.
6. Mr. Lange gave an update on 12th Man Foundation Parking. See presentation here: <http://transport.tamu.edu/About/TSAC/files/presentations/2016/12thManParkingUpdate.pdf>. The 12th Man Foundation parking needs are down almost 1,000 spaces from last year.
7. Mr. Lange closed the meeting at 1:00 pm.

The next TSAC meeting will be September 7th, 2016, Koldus 110-111