

Transportation Services Advisory Committee

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 28, 2007

ATTENDEES: Sheila Amos

ABSENT:

Dr. Dave Parrott
Lauren Barron
Mike Caruso
Cheryl Hanks
Cindy Havner
Dr. Howard Kaplan
Dr. Alan Love
Ms. Beth McNeill
Dr. Mike Messina
Ruth Mullins
Dr. Joe Newton
Dr. Dave Parrott
Rich Pontious
Robert Pottberg
Dr. Angie Hill Price
John Summers
Rod Weis

GUESTS: Lallah Howard
Doug Williams
June Broughton
Debbie Hoffmann
Peter Lange
Kenny Kimball
Rose Berryhill

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

1.1 Angie Hill Price called to order

2.0 Business

2.1 Requested that the committee review the minutes from the October 23 meeting

2.1.1 No objections to minutes

2.2 Committee reviewed the final draft of the Consultative Process for Parking and Transit Fees

2.2.1 Dr. Newton made a motion to accept

2.2.2 Ruth Mullins seconded

2.2.3 All committee members were in favor

2.3 Committee reviewed a letter to Dr. Davis agreeing to the Consultative Process

2.3.1 Dr. Newton made a motion to accept

- 2.3.2 Dr. Love seconded
- 2.3.3 All committee members were in favor

- 2.4 Committee members reviewed and discussed the Bicycle Sub Committee Members
 - 2.4.1 Discussed members, purpose of the committee
 - 2.4.2 John Summers indicated that half of the bike report was missing – possibly the most important part was missing from the binder. Requested that the sub-committee review the entire portion of the report that is relevant
 - 2.4.3 Mike Caruso suggested that a member of TS be included in the list of members of the bike sub-committee; he also suggested that we coordinate with the city of College Station to integrate the two plans
 - 2.4.4 TSAC can always revisit the needs of the committee
 - 2.4.5 Dr. Parrott made a motion to accept the bike sub-committee plan
 - 2.4.6 Cheryl Hanks seconded
 - 2.4.7 All committee members were in favor

- 2.5 Committee members reviewed the letter of support for the bus fee increase
 - 2.5.1 Lauren Barron made a motion to accept the letter of support for bus fees
 - 2.5.2 Mike Caruso seconded
 - 2.5.3 All committee members were in favor

- 2.6 Visitor Parking
 - 2.6.1 Dr. Newton indicates virtually no visitor parking near Blocker
 - 2.6.2 Rod Weis discussed the difference in visitor parking – a visitor shows up unannounced while a guest is invited by host in advance
 - 2.6.2.1 Would it help if we added visitor parking in lot 50 or 51
 - 2.6.3 Angie Hill Price asked if there was a web page where we could make reservations and get a code for guest to use to access gates
 - 2.6.4 Dr Newton asked if we could place a short-term solution in place now in the NSG; get list to attendant to open the gate to get upstairs;
 - 2.6.5 Mike Caruso stated that their guests pull a ticket at UCG enter the garage and an exit ticket is provided to guest during meeting to get out
 - 2.6.6 Peter Lange will flesh out Dean Newton’s idea for NSG and try to address the problem in the short term
 - 2.6.7 Rod Weis increasing the rate in NSG; have visitor parking in lot 50 at a lower rate
 - 2.6.8 Dr. Love suggested adding more visitor parking in lot 50 at a lower rate and increase the rate at NSG; offered to provide an estimation of demand if we provide him with price structures
 - 2.6.9 Peter Lange suggested that we could survey visitor level parkers to determine their destination to help determine if they would park in lot 50
 - 2.6.10 Ruth Mullins asked if we could see what permits are on the visitor level and if primarily from lot 100; then consider a direct, express route from lot 100 to Blocker area
 - 2.6.10.1 Don’t want to gouge visitors; but if you offer visitor lot parking at a lesser rate it gives an alternative for the customer to pay less
 - 2.6.11 Lallah Howard suggested that the committee needs to remember that maximizing revenue from visitor parking can help offset some of the cost of permits for faculty and staff
 - 2.6.12 Committee requested that a count be taken at night in lot 72 to see how many have permits and how many cars without permits
 - 2.6.12.1 Peter Lange stated that we could even reduce night parking rate even further
 - 2.6.13 TS will work on:

- 2.6.13.1 Surveying Origin destination from NSG
- 2.6.13.2 Snap shot in lot 72 with no permits and with permits
- 2.6.13.3 Get information for Dr. Love on visitor spaces in lot 50, with a lower rate and number of spaces in NSG with a high rate, for the economic analysis
- 2.6.14 Angie Hill Price asked if we could do some things on a pilot program basis; Peter Lange stated that we could change the 2nd level to visitor parking; Dr. Love asked what if you let business permits go above the gates in NSG; Dr. Kaplan felt that we need to look at long term instead of only band aids
- 2.7 Business Permit Pricing
 - 2.7.1 Discussed two-tier pricing
 - 2.7.1.1 One priced for limited access (surface lots only)
 - 2.7.1.2 One priced for full access (surface lots, business spaces and visitor areas)
 - 2.7.1.3 Recommended to continue to let departments purchase and decide faculty and staff needs
 - 2.7.1.4 Angie Hill Price asked if we could get a listing of how many UB are issued by departments
 - 2.7.1.4.1 Peter Lange stated that we could supply a listing by department but we do not have any information on who they are issued to

Other Topic(s):

Tasks to be completed;

1. Short Term solution for guest parking in NSG
2. Survey customers for origin destination from NSG
3. Snap shot lot 72 for vehicles with and without permits
4. Gather information for Dr. Love
 - a. Visitor spaces in lot 50 with reduced rate
 - b. Visitor spaces in NSG with rate

Next TSAC Meeting, Thursday, January 24 in the MSC, Room 206, at 11:30 am

MEETING ADJOURNED