Transportation Services Advisory Committee
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 22, 2010

Attendees:
Mr. Joe Dillard
Ms. Lallah Howard
Mr. Peter Lange
Dr. Joe Newton
Dr. Angie Price Hill
Ms. Jennifer Slovacek
Mr. Oliver Thoma
Mr. Jeff Toole
Mr. Rod Weis
Ms. Casi Wilbanks
Mr. Jeff Wilson
Mr. C J Woods

Absent:
Ms. Mary Tess Eggebrecht
Dr. R J Golsan
Dr. Beverly Kuhn
Mr. Robert Pottberg
Ms. Flora Reeves
Mr. Chris Russo

Guests:
Ms. Debbie Hoffmann
Mr. Doug Williams
Mr. Kenny Kimball
Mr. Clint Willis
Ms. Rose Berryhill
Ms. June Broughton

1.0 Business

1.1 Peter Lange called the meeting to order; requested for members to review the minutes from August 23, 2010
   1.1.1 Mr. Lange asked the members present for corrections to the minutes; none noted
       1.1.1.1 Oliver Thoma made a motion to approve the August 23rd minutes;
           1.1.1.2 Joe Dillard seconded the motion; all voted in favor, minutes approved.

1.2 Mr. Lange informed the committee that even though all members had not been identified he felt it necessary to set a reoccurring meeting date.
   1.2.1 Some members reported their conflicts because they could not meet with us today it appears that Tuesday or Friday seem to be the best days. He would like to hold the meeting during the core of the week if possible, so he asked if the members present if they could arrange to meet on Tuesdays. Last year we met during the third week; would the 3rd Tuesday of each month be workable;
   1.2.2 Joe Dillard made a motion to meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month;
1.2.3 Dr. Newton seconded the motion; all voted in favor, motion approved.

1.3 Mr. Lange stated that he would like to place a hold on appointing a TSAC co-chair until all of the positions on the committee were filled; all members were in agreement with this decision and no opposition was noted.

2.0 Construction Projects for 2011

2.1 Clint Willis, Parking Facilities Project and Maintenance Manager informed the committee of construction projects coming up this fall for Transportation Services.

2.1.1 West of Heaton hall, near Lot 10, a project approved by the Council of the Built Environment went out for bids in October and the work is scheduled to begin mid-November. This project will add 14 handicap spaces and a new entry for lot 10. This entry was added for lot 10 parking customers during the construction of Ross Street. The cost for this project is $225,000.

2.1.2 In December we will begin the repair/replacement of lot 97. The lot 97 permit holders are unaware of this project but they will be offered parking in lot 100 during the construction period. The project will include new lighting and concrete replacement. The cost for this project is $1,000,000.

2.1.3 Summer Projects

2.1.3.1 The garages are coming up in age. The Central Campus Garage (CCG) is a priority 1 project and it will cost a little over $100,000. They will be repairing cracks in walls and expansion joints.

2.1.3.2 The University Center Garage (UCG) has more details in repairs needed. It will require more repairs because of the soil lifting; the southwest column shows stress cracks, as do the walls and expansion joints. This project will run $225,000.

2.1.3.2.1 Jeff Wilson asked if the garages be completely closed during the repairs

2.1.3.2.1.1 No because of being able to close specific paths we can still operate the garages with one of these paths; closing the path they are working on or by blocking off the spaces involved near the repairs
2.1.3.3 Clint continued the summer projects report, he identified several of the surface lots that need to be structurally taken care of

2.1.3.3.1 Lot 38; costing $275,000
2.1.3.3.2 Lot 76; costing $175,000
2.1.3.3.3 Lots 59, 48, 60 and 46 would be repaired beginning in spring and continue in phases through summer 2011. These lots are located on the east side of Kyle Field. Costing $300,000

2.1.3.3.1.1 Jeff Tooled asked for completion date

Clint stated that all repairs (lots and garages) will be completed by Fall Semester 2011.

2.1.4 Peter continued that it was our plan to include Lot 77 and 30C, but notice of the Residence Life Plan was received after deadlines; so it was too late/not possible to include them in the Summer 2011 projects; these lots will be included in the Summer 2012 projects.

3.0 CHP Project

3.1 This is the same project that we dealt with this Summer across campus

3.1.1 The project continuation will effect bus routes and parking in lot 20 near Henderson
3.1.2 The hardest part of the project will be when they will cut across Fish Pond; the project is scheduled to begin this part at the holiday break
3.1.3 Bus stops will be removed from the area and placed at the next closest area

3.2 Dr. Newton stated that since he serves on this committee that he is always asked questions about the left turn onto Ireland (from westbound on University). It is not a through street; the driver’s only choice is to enter the garage; could signs be placed on University Drive?

3.2.1 Peter Lange requested that he have an opportunity to visit with Tx-DOT about the lanes from University Drive to Ireland; time to review if they are marked correctly

4.0 West Campus Visitor Parking

4.1 Peter Lange informed the group that 100h has been a highly or “hot” discussion topic. This group approved to change 61 spaces in this 225 space lot to visitor pay by space parking. We have 3 weeks of data for you to review. The space is being used and one of the most used pay by space areas.
4.2 Rod Weis recommended for Transportation Services to continue to gather data and then let TSAC make a resolution that they have reviewed the data and support the decision to continue with visitor parking in 100h.

4.3 We have opened West Campus Garage (WCG) starting at 4 pm for any valid permit parking; it is being used

4.4 Plans to add more west campus visitor parking at Olsen, Reed Area and Penberthy.

4.4.1 Visitor parking in more remote areas, like near Olsen and the Tennis Complex have the potential to have a secondary, lower pricing structure compared to other paid visitor parking areas; the parking equipment would provide a receipt used as a permit that can be placed on the dashboard of the vehicle near the driver’s windshield

5.0 Lot 57

5.1 The lot near Zachery and Weisenbaker is a RNS (reserved numbered space) lot; Transportation Services does not work the lot for violators. Citations are written only when space holders call dispatch because someone is in their space. The reason we don’t write citations in the lot for no permits is because often times people allow others to use their space.

5.2 We are going to survey these customers for their thoughts on us changing how we enforce their lot. Asking the customers about adding a gate. The gate would change the price to a gated lot from a reserved numbered lot; therefore the price would go down by about $200.00

5.2.1 Jeff Wilson asked how many vehicles are towed from the lot now

5.2.1.1 Peter stated a couple per week

5.2.2 Lallah Howard asked if there were any extra spaces in the lot

5.2.2.1 Peter said that all of the spaces are assigned; no wiggle room

5.2.3 Dr. Hill asked if the gates would stay down 24 hours a day

5.2.3.1 Debbie Hoffmann stated yes it is possible for them to stay down

5.2.4 Debbie Hoffmann asked the group if they had any other suggestions for the survey; she would let the Lot 57 customers know that the majority would rule and she would identify in the survey that the gates would be down 24 hours a day

6.0 Other Business

6.1 Peter Lange informed the committee that at the last TSAC meeting we had an excellent discussion on the current tow policy. Several members had questions about the numbers of citations issued for relocations or tows. We are working on this data and will email the members a note when it is up and posted. During the next TSAC meeting we will continue to talk about the tow policy.

Meeting Adjourned