

**TSAC Minutes**  
**November 6, 2019**

**Members Present:**

Mr. Bill Cox (Mr. Rob Robideau)  
Mr. Andy Deuel  
Mr. Joe Dillard  
Mr. Purna Doddapaneni  
Dr. Eleanor Green (Ms. Misty Skaggs)  
Ms. Erin Jones  
Dr. Andrew Klein  
Mr. Jim Kovar  
Ms. Lisa Pierce  
Mr. Robert Pottberg  
Dr. Angie Hill Price  
Mr. Tom Reber

Ms. Flora Reeves  
Ms. Deborah Wright

**Absent:**

Mr. Thomas Barrow  
Dr. Fuller Bazer  
Dr. Julie Harlin  
Mr. Mikey Jaillet  
Mr. Peter Lange  
Ms. Regan McGuill  
Dr. John Stallone

1. Ms. Debbie Hoffmann opened the meeting at 11:45 a.m.
2. Ms. Hoffmann asked everyone to review the minutes from the October 2, 2019 meeting. Dr. Angie Hill Price motioned to approve the minutes; Mr. Tom Reber seconded; minutes approved.
3. Ms. Hoffmann gave a brief update about the BUILD grant our department was awarded (mentioned in a previous meeting). The grant enables us to purchase a total of 30 buses (27 diesel and 3 electric). We will award a bid for the diesel buses not later than January 6, 2020, and are working with Proterra Bus to order the electric buses.

Ms. Hoffmann also mentioned that our department is frequently engaging with student groups. Fellow TSAC Member and Student Body President Mikey Jaillet, recently held a student forum about transportation-related issues, and reported feedback to our department. The strongest issue they raised was a shortage of motorcycle parking, specifically near the MSC on W. Lamar. We are looking into solutions and are in frequent contact with them concerning this issue.

Ms. Hoffmann announced that Ms. Therese Kucera, Manager of the Customer Service unit, will retire on December 31, 2019. Ms. Darla Guerra has been hired as her replacement.

3. Mr. Kenny Kimball gave a presentation about Polo Road Garage pricing. See presentation at: <https://transport.tamu.edu/About/tsac.aspx>.

3.1. Dr. Angie Hill Price asked if adding a premium to garage parking in this way would start a trend for future pricing. Mr. Kimball said we have no other similar projects in the works; but it may serve as a beta test for the future.

3.2. Dr. Hill Price asked if the garage would house mostly students. Ms. Kucera said permit availability for the garage will follow our normal priority system.

3.3. Dr. Hill Price suggested that we run the recommended premium pricing by the Student Engineering Council for its feedback. Mr. Kimball replied that this is our first time to present the recommended pricing, and we intended to involve our constituents in the planning.

4. Mr. Kimball gave our first “Transportation by the Numbers” presentation. He first showed some of the dashboard data we have instant access to, and then presented our 2019 Fall Transit Data. See presentation at:

<https://transport.tamu.edu/About/tsac.aspx>.

5. Ms. Hoffmann concluded the meeting at 12:20 p.m., and opened the floor for discussion.

- One area discussed was the extensive violation of pedestrian and other areas by pedi-cabs. Dr. Hill Price asked if we had designated areas for pedi-cab operations.
  - Ms. Hoffmann showed the group a map of designated areas for pedi-cabs, and conceded that it while we had a plan, it is difficult to enforce.
  - Ms. Erin Jones, of Athletics added that this is an issue that is discussed frequently at the Pre-and-Post game meetings at Athletics.
  - Mr. Jim Kovar suggested that perhaps there was a way to get them to register their vehicles and pay to be able to operate on campus. Ms. Hoffmann agreed it was a good idea, but difficult to enforce.
  - Ms. Jones suggested we treat pedi-cab drivers the same as ticket scalpers by requiring a registration process. She and Ms. Hoffmann agreed this was a good topic to discuss offline.
- Mr. Joe Dillard asked if we could increase the two-hour limit on Business Parking spaces. After some discussion, and clarification about Golf Lot parking spaces, Ms. Hoffmann said we will look into it and put it on the agenda for a future TSAC meeting to get more feedback.
- Dr. Hill Price asked where the future Recreation Center (near Southside Garage) parking would be. Ms. Hoffmann said the idea was that the Recreation Center would be close enough for many students and staff to walk to instead of drive. Ms. Lilia Gonzales (Campus Architect) said that per the Campus Master Plan, we are not adding any new parking to the area.
- There was some more general discussion about abuse of parking in Lots 15, 54, and 55, and Ms. Hoffmann reminded that people can call in such behavior to our

dispatch line. (845-0057). She suggested we make this a topic of discussion for the future.

- There was also discussion about changing the night parking time from beginning at 5:00 p.m. to later. Ms. Hoffmann said we can put that on next month's agenda.
- Ms. Lisa Pierce asked if the two ZipCar spaces in Lot 122 at White Creek Apartments were being used. She observed that the spaces were frequently empty. Ms. Kucera said one space has been removed and the other car is frequently in use.

*The next meeting will be December 4, 2019, Rudder 301  
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