

Parking and Transportation Committee Meeting
Minutes of Friday, December 12, 2008

Attendees: Wajma Shams, Parking Services; Matt Kuder, Residential Life; Gary Becker, Campus Recreation; Rick Hagen, Residential Life; Rondi Stein, SOLES; Karen Oropeza, IPJ; Todd Headden, Law School; Peggy Agerton, Provost; Shayna Herskovic, Parking Services; Kelty Lanham, Parking Services; Coby Wagman, Parking Services; Roger Manion, Greg Zackowski Student Affairs; Facilities; Andy Fee, Athletics; Jade Gomez, Residence Hall Association

Wajma Shams chaired the committee meeting. She began with introductions and a sign in for all members present.

The first item on the agenda was to update the committee on Parking Services online services. Wajma Shams talked about online sales of faculty/staff parking permits. It was agreed that the online system was effective. Online appeals and citation payments were also discussed. Wajma Shams said that the online system streamlines the parking office and provides better customer support. Currently testing is happening to allow students to be able to purchase permits online for the Spring 2009 semester.

Another update was the special UTA permit. At the March 07, 2008 Parking Committee meeting a tram to the UTA's was scheduled to pick up and drop off UTA residents to and from campus. Roger Manion stated that only one UTA resident who used the tram. With such low occupancy, the tram route to UTA was canceled. A new special parking permit was created to accommodate those residents to park on campus, instead of walking or taking the tram. This so far has been a success, as 10 special UTA permits have been sold.

Item number 2 on the agenda was intersession projects. Wajma Shams stated there is a need for more carpool spaces in the Olin Hall parking lot. It was decided to increase the number of carpool spaces from 5 to 12 spaces. A need for more spaces in the IPJ structure and SOLES structure was also discussed. At this time there is not enough room in the IPJ structure, but 5 carpool spaces will be created in the SOLES structure. All carpool spaces are filled everyday, except for those in the Mission Structure. Todd Headden expressed a need for carpool spaces in the Law School lot. 5 spaces will be created with the possibility of more being created if the need arises in the Law School lot.

Third item on the agenda was discussed: Painting breaking lines. In an effort to eliminate sandwich board barricade signs and cones, new permanent signs has been posted in most of the parking lots. Another reason to eliminate barricades is to easily identify designated parking areas such as: Camino/Founder resident parking in the IPJ garage, Faculty/Staff parking lot in the Vistas, and Fringe levels in the West Parking Structure.

Item number three on the agenda was the Vista parking lot. There have been many requests and complaints from commuter students, visitors and faculty/staff members about the lack of parking in the Vista lots for them. There are currently four 1 hour spaces available to anyone visiting the Sports Center. As of now all visitors and commuters must park in the Mission Structure and walk to the Sports Center. The problem is with athletes who have injuries and cannot walk long distance to meet with their physical therapists. Wajma Shams proposed opening the D lot(overflow) to commuters, visitor and Faculty/Staff. There are 492 spaces in

the Vistas and 381 Vista permits sold. The D lot has 106 spaces. Matt Kuder talked to the RA's in the Vistas and they say there is not that much available parking and a lot of residents park in the overflow lot because the other lots are full. Jade Gomez stated that resident's park on Via Las Cumbres because the lots are full. Matt Kuder proposed having a time limit for non residents parking there to increase space turn over and leave more room for the residents. Gary Becker said that the current parking regulations in the Vistas have been adversely affecting business at the sports center. He said that 5 years ago there were over 2000 participants per week in Sports Center activities. Now there are approximately 950. He stated that intramurals and fitness classes are being affected and is not promoting unity and community on campus because it is too hard to access courses. Most intramurals and recreation classes are from 4-10pm.

Employees are also dissatisfied because there are more employees than there are spaces in the faculty lot. It was decided to allow faculty/staff to park in the overflow parking lot D. Before making any decisions Parking Services will inventory how many spaces are available in the Vista lots at all times of the day. After this assessment the committee will be able to make a more informed decision of how many commuters/visitors to allow to park in the Vistas.

Item four on the agenda was escalating fines for repeat offenders. Wajma Shams stated that many students have numerous citations for the same offense and just keep paying the citations. It was proposed to increase the fine by \$25 after the 3rd violation of the same offense. Parking Services will draft guidelines and e-mail them to the committee for approval.

The final item on the agenda discussed was transferring unpaid faculty/staff citations to DMV for collection. Students can be charged to their student account, but there is currently no way to hold faculty/staff responsible for their citations. 9 out of 10 universities link citations to the DMV. It was decided that starting in the Fall semester of 2009 fac/staff citations will be transferred to the DMV after advertising it first.

Meeting Adjourned 9:05am.