

Parking and Transportation Committee Meeting
Minutes of Friday, March 27, 2009

Attendees: Wajma Shams, Parking Services; Rick Hagen, Residential Life; Rondi Stein, SOLES; Peggy Agerton, Provost; Kelty Lanham, Parking Services; Greg Zackowski Student Affairs; Andy Fee, Athletics; Ben Brody, Associated Students; Quinton Kawahara, Public Safety; Karen Teel, Theology and Religion Studies; Branda Cook, JCP.

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

Old items from the last meeting were then discussed. There was an increase in the amount of carpool spaces in the Olin lot and the Law School lot.

There have also been many complaints from commuters about the lack of parking around the Sports Center for the athletic teams. The latest survey shows that we can accommodate commuters in the Faculty/Staff parking lot from 5pm to 6am. There were 388 permits sold and there are 482 total spaces. Kelty Lanham indicated that there were many comment cards filled out requesting a change to be made to allow athletes to park by the gym. Andy Fee said he was only concerned about parking for faculty and staff from 8am to 5pm. It was determined that commuters could be allowed to park in the lot until 8am.

Employee citations were then discussed. At the last meeting Wajma indicated that she wanted to link USD Parking Services with the DMV ...as a means of enforcing payment of the outstanding citations. Wajma indicated using the DMV service is not possible at this time and proposed a four step process that would be utilized to encourage Faculty/Staff to pay for their outstanding citations. With approval of the General Counsel, Parking Services will send letters to employees with outstanding citations indicating (1) they must pay their citations immediately, (2) if not paid driving privileges will be revoked from USD, (3) they will be disqualified from purchasing a parking permit, (4) their vehicle will be impounded off campus. Wajma Shams would be available to discuss a payment plan.

Parking Permit rates will be increased in 2009-2010. Commuter Permits will be increased from \$255 to \$270. Resident permits will increase from \$280 to \$290. Rick Hagen voiced concerns about residents paying more for parking than commuters.

The next order of business was alumni parking. Wajma said that some alumni are abusing their free parking rights when they come onto campus. Some alumni are using their free parking when attending graduate school. Support from Alumni Office can improve alumni parking. Wajma wants to create an alumni permit that must be purchased if they are going to frequent campus. The argument against this is that we want to encourage alumni to come back to campus. Wajma reminded that if they are not paying for a space, they are taking a space from someone who is. This topic still remains open.

Finally parking was discussed for events on campus. Wajma would like event coordinators to pass on to their attendee's information about parking and the need to get a visitor permit. She suggested providing information to guests with a link to the parking website so visitors/guests can obtain information about USD parking regulations. Wajma would like to charge for visitor parking. Rick Hagen expressed concern about consistency in charging

when there is no one in the kiosk. Greg Zackowski recommended modeling after UCSD who charges 8-5 Monday through Friday with nights and weekends free.

Kelty Lanham is working on the Parking Services website to get linked to other departments on campus to educate visitors on parking protocols.

Meeting Adjourned 9:00 a.m.