Parking Advisory Council

MINUTES
February 25, 2011
1:30 p.m.
Auxiliary Services Conference Room
Building 8, Room 1106

Members Present: Everett Malcolm (Chair) Matt Breidenstein, Glenda Kelsey, Gayle Stillson, Diane Tanner, Mladen Renier, Matthew Yost, Mike Biagini

Others Present: Vince Smyth, John Dean, Sitou Byll-Cataria, Mark Richardson

Meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Chair Malcolm

1. Approval to Audio Record the meeting:
   Chair Malcolm reminded the council that all meetings are audio recorded. There were no objections by the council.

2. Approval of Minutes:
   With any changes to the minutes submitted, Chair Malcolm made the motion for the minutes from January 21, 2011 be approved as submitted, seconded by Matt Yost, all in favor, minutes were approved.

3. Approval of Recommendations:
   Recommendations from the January 21, 2011 meeting on the Hierarchy of Parking Permit sales being no change from the current year for 2011/2012 have been approved by Vice President Shuman.

4. Restrictions of Specific Groups to Specific Areas for 2011-12
   - Vince Smyth presented lot counts on Housing Parking Permits found in Lot 18.
   - Chair Malcolm reminded the council that there are over 2100 parking places in Lot 18. Counts show there was no unusually high Housing permit parkers as the most noted was 22.
     - Motion by Chair Malcolm to make no changes from current Restrictions to Specific Groups for Specific Areas that are in place for 2010/2011 for 2011-2012. Seconded by Mladen Renier, all in favor, motion passed.

5. Affixed Parking Stickers for All Students for 2011/2012 year:
   - Chair Malcolm informed Council this is an operational issue and would not be voted on but that Council is being advised of the process.
   - Chief Dean stated that over the past few years UPD incident reports showed an increase in Auto Theft crime at UNF, specifically the theft of hanging parking permits. Typically decal thefts are “crimes of convenience” because students leave their windows down and doors unlocked but are classified as felonies which drive up crime rates for the university. Even though this is a crime of convenience, thieves may take it a step further. Parents of incoming students are particularly interested in crime rates for the university.
Mladen asked if the stickers would be permanently fixed or if they can be easily peeled off.
Vince replied that in order for the sticker to be removed you would need to have a straight edged razor blade that would destroy the sticker as it is scrapped off the window.
Chair Malcolm said that he didn’t see any issues at all with traditional students, but the commuter students may have an issue.
If a car is under repair it is the policy that they can go to Parking Services, give them their N number and get a temporary permit until their car is repaired.
Vince reminded the council that a higher permit trumps a lower permit, even if there is a sticker affixed.
UPD continues to educate students, staff, faculty and visitors on how to protect themselves from vehicle theft.
Fixed parking permits will not allow the transfer to another vehicle, so it needs to be understood it cannot be used with multiple vehicles the way hang tags can be. Chair Malcolm asked if a premium permit could be fixed to a motorcycle and a temporary permit obtained when driving a car. Vince noted this was a new consideration and while his initial reaction was no, he’d discuss with parking operations.
If your vehicle is in an accident and the window is shattered you can scrape off most of the sticker and bring it to Parking Services for a replacement. If your vehicle is in an accident and in the shop being fixed, you can also take the police report to the parking services offices and get a temporary permit until your car is fixed. But be advised that if a false report is submitted, that is a misdemeanor crime.
Mladen asked if those rules about permits can be added to the back of the sticker so that students have the information right in front of them should they have any questions.
Vince replied that the area of the sticker is much smaller than the hanging tag and will not contain as much information as they have presently, but information could be added into the mailing of the parking permit addressing those issues.
Mladen asked if this could be added to the on-line permit purchase. Vince replied that permits are purchased through the T-2 system and he is not sure if anything could be added, but will check and report back to the council.
Parking Services will have all this information on their website and will continue to put announcements in Student Update and Campus Update on a regular basis.
Mladen also asked if going to a fixed permit would be less costly than the hanging permit, and Vince replied that the savings would be minimal, if any.

6. Other Business:
   - Chair Malcolm shared an e-mail complaint from a student regarding the closing of the parking area behind the arena on game days. After the council reviewed the complaint they didn’t see any problem with the lot closing for game days.

Meeting adjourned at 2:11pm. Next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2011 at 1:30p.m. in the Auxiliary Services Conference Room.