Parking Advisory Council Meeting

February 7, 2013
4:00 p.m.
Business Services Conference Room
Building 8, Room 1106

MINUTES

Members Present: Everett Malcolm (Chair), Paul Mason, Diane Tanner, Joann Campbell, Ernest Fulton, Barbara Dupuis, Alex Goetz, Christopher Brady, Alin Cepoi, Joseph Turner

Members Absent: Ted Hornoi-Centerwall

Others Present: George Androuin (Business and Parking Services), Neal Fisher (Parking), Virginia Smith (Parking), Matthew Harris (Student Government), Danny Powers (Student Government)

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Everett Malcolm.

1.) Approval to Audio Record Meeting
   • Everett Malcolm made the council members aware that the meeting is being recoded to help with the accuracy of the minutes.

2.) Approval of minutes from November 15th
   • No changes were made to the minutes and were approved.

3.) Recommendations forwarded to VP Shari Shuman from the November 1st Parking Advisory Council Meeting
   • Everett Malcolm stated the recommendations made by the council were not available at the November 15th meeting. VP Shari Shuman requested updated lot counts to ensure the decisions were based on the most accurate information. Shari made the decisions as follows:
     1.) No Change in permit categories for 2014/2015 – Approved
     2.) Conversion of 15 Premium spaces to Housing spaces in Lot 55 – Conversion of 10 spaces instead of 15 due to information based on the current lot counts.
     3.) Conversion of 10 Premium spaces into Housing spaces in lot 15 – Conversion of 9 spaces instead of 10.
     4.) Conversion of 70 Premium spaces into Discount spaces in lot 60 – Approved
     5.) No change in sales ratio for 2014/2015 – Approved

4.) Daily Permit Fees and Citation fees for 2014/2015
   • Everett Malcolm stated the council will vote on citation fees first and daily permit fees second. Everett said previous year’s council recommended increasing the parking in a reserved space violation which was approved to be $60.00. Everett said the change has proven very effective and that George Androuin will make additional changes to reduce reserved space violation by painting the spaces a specific color. Everett recommended
the council not make a change to reserved space violation to allow for the change to be in effect for a full year before increasing any more.

- Everett Malcolm recommended not changing any citation fees for 2014/2015 to the council. Alex Goetz stated the signs that were placed in the reserved spaces highlighting the fine amount have added to the success of deterring reserved space violations. Alex recommended adding more signs stating the fines in the other reserved parking areas will further help since many appeals referencing reserve spaces contain complaints of lack of signage. Alin Cepoi stated the spaces should be consistent and all the reserved spaces should have signage with the fine amount. George Androuin stated the University upper management has placed very nice signs in lot 7 and they do want to add fine information or change the current expensive signs that are in place. Barbara Dupuis asked Alex Goetz if Student Government receives a lot of appeals of the reserved violation and Alex responded there hasn’t been a large amount but that there would be even less with proper signage. Everett stated Alex’s recommendation is reasonable but the change is operational and therefore it is not an issue the council would decide on.

- Alin Cepoi asked Neal Fisher and George Androuin about the Parking information presented in the Orientations. Neal stated orientation includes verbal and written information regarding citations and the amounts or effects of those matters.

- Alex Goetz motioned for no change to the citation fees for 2014/2015 and the council was in favor with none opposed.

- Regarding daily permit fees, Everett Malcolm stated the Premium parking ratio is offset when a heavy amount of daily premium permits are sold especially during “prime time”. Everett recommended the council consider a change in the daily permit fee to discourage people from arbitrarily parking in the core of campus versus parking in the outer, Discount lots. Everett stated the daily parking permit fees are the same at the drive thru booths as well as the kiosks in lots 18 & 53 which does offer an incentive to parking in those outer lots. Everett suggested raising the daily permit fee to $5.00 to park in the Premium spaces and keeping the Discount daily permits at $3.00. Everett stated departments are able to still request Registered Guest parking permits at $2.00 per pass, per day so that their guest is not inconvenienced. Joseph Turner stated Everett’s recommendation is great but proposed reducing the discount daily permit to $2.00 which would further add to the incentive of parking in those out lots. Diane Tanner agreed the recommendation would be a good change. Ernest Fulton stated the information requested from the last meeting regarding daily permit sales supports a change in the prices would have a very effective impact on parking. Joseph Turner motioned to amend the daily parking permit fees to $5.00 for Premium and $2.00 for Discount. Diane Tanner seconded the motion with the council approving.

5.) Restrictions of specific groups to specific areas for 2014/2015 and permit sales hierarchy

- Alex Goetz stated the previous year council allowed all housing permits to be able to park in the Housing F area. Neal Fisher stated that change has caused some confusion with students that assume all housing permit holders can park in all housing areas. Everett Malcolm suggested providing the residential students with more information stating the permit limitations may help with the confusion. Ernest Fulton asked if there are any issues with the permit sales hierarchy previously and Everett Malcolm stated there are not.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. Prepared by Virginia Smith