

Parking Advisory Council Meeting
March 3, 2006
12:00 p.m.
A&F Conference Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Everett Malcolm (Chair), Jared Callahan (Vice Chair), Jeff Durfee, Tammi Horn, Stephen Horne, Dr. Judy Solano, Diane Tanner, Corey Trent, Mike Trotter and Marco Urbano.

Others Present: Kathy Lumpiesz (UPD) and Vince Smyth (Auxiliary Services).

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Chair Everett Malcolm.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the 1/12/06 and 2/3/06 meetings were approved as written.

2. Master Plan Overview

Richard Crosby gave an overview of everything that affects parking in the core of Campus.

- The plan to widen Kernan Blvd. to six lanes is progressing. The design does not include widening the current four-lane section that goes directly by the UNF entrance off Kernan. UNF has requested that the six-lane road make a loop through the tech park. This would separate straight-through traffic from UNF traffic. At this time, there are no funds for this project. However, there is good potential for securing funding.
- After this legislative session, UNF is hopeful that land can be purchased in the tech park. This would provide space for additional parking lots. A shuttle would be optional.
- A paved lot has been established off Kernan for construction employees parking and storage of construction materials.
- Construction on the Social Sciences Building is progressing well.
- It is anticipated that the College of Education Building will be fully funded after this legislative session. There is no design as yet.
- The Housing Medical Building will be located near the Landing and Osprey Hall. It should only take a few parking spaces.
- An architect has been hired for the Student Union. The parking lot could be fenced off by January 2007. Meetings will be held soon to make a decision on the definite date when parking spaces (over 700) in Lot 4 will be lost.
- The Information Booth at the St. John's entrance will be replaced with a Parking Services Building. Parking spaces in Lot 100 will be lost in 06-07.
- There have been meetings regarding the road at the front entrance to the Campus. There will be an additional lane to exit and enter the Campus, plus a sidewalk. UNF has agreed to close the entrance at St. Johns Bluff Road after commencement for approximately three weeks in May for the completion of the new entrance. It will be completed much faster by closing the entrance. Informational signs will be placed for guidance to the Kernan entrance and the Northern Parking Lot.

- Plans are progressing to build a road to the Northern Campus. The design will be earth friendly, disrupting the wildlife and land as little as possible. It is being referred to as the Green Road. Biology faculty and environmental representatives are involved in this project. Funding is available. Because of the unique design, it may take one year to build.
- Greek Housing is scheduled to be built on the northern area of the Campus. Since wetlands are involved, funding has been secured to do a wetlands survey.
- An addition will be added to the College of Health existing building. It is anticipated that construction will start in eight months. This will not impact parking.

3. February Lot Count

Vince Smyth distributed a lot count for the period February 13-17. He pointed out that for this term there is no time with lack of parking spaces that causes great concern. The busiest time is on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

4. Restriction of specific groups to specific areas for 2006-07

The charge from Vice President Shuman included consideration of this topic. Currently, FTIC's is the only group required to park in lot 18. Everett Malcolm asked the Council if they wanted to take any action on this topic.

Council Consensus:

The Council agreed that the current policy be maintained for restriction of specific groups to specific areas for 2006-07 with only one group, commuting FTIC's, restricted to the Northern Parking Lot.

5. Hierarchy of parking permit sales to groups for 2006-07

The charge from Vice President Shuman included consideration of this topic. Everett Malcolm asked for action on this topic. The Council agreed that until sales can be automated, it is not feasible to incorporate this into sales from the Cashiers Office

Council Consensus:

The Council agreed that the hierarchy of parking permit sales to groups for 2006-07 remain the same as used for 2005-06 sales.

6. Other Business

a. Parking article in Spinnaker

There was discussion on the recent Spinnaker article that had a lot of bad information related to parking permit sales and prices. Everett Malcolm said that he suggested to the Spinnaker that anytime they do an article on parking related issues to talk to himself or Vince Smyth. He also said that he did not recommend sending another article to the Spinnaker. Dr. Solano said that someone from the Spinnaker talked with her before the second article was published. There was incorrect information in that article. She did not think it would serve any purpose to do another article. Everett Malcolm recommended sending a direct invitation to the Spinnaker to attend the meeting where Vice President Shuman gives the charge, and an invitation to attend all Parking Council meetings.

b. Stand-alone Daily Parking Machines

Vince Smyth is in the process of looking at Daily Parking Machines. UCF has used them for 6 or 7 years and have had functional issues. USF has a demo unit. The cost would be approximately \$20,000 for implementation. Machines could be used at drive-through lanes at the Kernan and St. John's Bluff booths, and in the Northern Lot. This could happen in the near future.

b. Parking Lot 4

Vince Smyth was asked to address the loss of Parking Lot 4 with the construction of the Student Union. He said that if the lot is closed in January 2007, there should not be a problem. Last year 700 term permits were sold in the fall. In the spring, these 700 permits were sold for the spring term. If the lot is closed in January 2007, the fall term permits would not be resold. When a definite date is determined, permits will be sold through that date.

7. Future meeting - April 14, 12:00 p.m. in the A&F Conference Room

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.