

Parking Advisory Council Meeting
MINUTES
February 29, 2008

Members Present: Everett Malcolm (Chair), Alison Cruess, Verna Urbanski, Diane Tanner, Mike Trotter, Jasmine Butler, Robert Allen, Dennis Holler

Members Absent: John Barnes (Vice Chair), Jeff Durfee, Brittani Raulerson (Alternate).

Others Present: Vince Smyth (Auxiliary Services), Cindy Leinweber (Parking & Transportation Services), John Dean (UPD), Mark Foxworth (UPD)

The meeting was called to order at 2:11 P.M.

1. Approval of Minutes

- With no corrections or additions noted, the minutes of the February 8 meeting were approved.

2. Approval of Parking Council Recommendations

- Everett Malcolm reported that both recommendations presented to VP Shuman are supported by the administration. Vince Smyth reported that he has spoken with ITS regarding the logistics of categorizing students into graduate students, seniors, sophomores, etc. This will probably need to be determined by number of credit hours which brought up one concern relating to the point in time at which credit hours are determined. Summer course credit hours could affect determination. There are already codes in the system which would identify graduate students and transfer students. There is no code for the FTICs but they would not have the opportunity to buy until after all others. The progression of advance sales would be as follows:

- Graduate students and students with 90+ credit hours
- AA transfer students and students with 60+ credit hours
- Students with 20+ credit hours
- Open sales to students as allowed by permit sales allowance matrix.

The permits could be purchased online through the parking system and they would be mailed, greatly reducing the long lines for permit sales on campus. Diane Tanner inquired about the cost of mailing permits and was told that the mailing fees would be covered within the permit cost. The mailing of the permits would also be handled by the company who actually makes the permits. Everett Malcolm also added that mailing the permits would enable quick delivery to students and they would already have them when they first arrive on campus.

3. Presentation by UPD on Placards vs. Stickers

- Mark Foxworth gave a brief presentation on parking decal/placard thefts on campus and requested that the Parking Advisory Council consider other permit options (such as static decals) as the hanging placards are very easy to steal. He reported that 40% of campus thefts in 2007 were parking permits. Many of those were resold illegally to unsuspecting students. The theft itself only takes seconds to complete and the vast majority of last year's thefts were from

unlocked cars. A few campaigns have been undertaken to educate the campus community on locking their doors, which would be helpful in preventing this crime and in turn, aiding students in avoiding a criminal record. John Dean added that the thefts are usually a crime of convenience and noted that they are considered felonies, which would knock a student out of about 90% of the jobs in the job market.

- Cindy Leinweber shared her experience with a re-positional sticker which clings to the window. Use of these had been implemented at her former place of employment. She reported that she has had the sticker on her car for at least 3 years and it still clings to the window extremely well, even though it has been taken down and re-positioned many times over the years. This type of sticker could be moved from one car to another. One suggestion to help in curbing theft of these was to require them to be placed in the rear window. The rear placement would also be helpful to parking attendants who are checking for vehicle permits. Cost would need to be considered. Cindy said she would inquire into the cost and will send out the information she receives to the council electronically. Cindy also stated that she would inquire as to the status of the re-positional stickers at her former institution as she had left before the system was fully in place. It was noted by Vince Smyth that if re-positional stickers were to be implemented, the affixed stickers would need to be sold as well. He also shared that issues associated with changes to the current system would need a regulation change which could take up to 6 months to implement, delaying a change until the next round of permit sales.
- The council was asked to consider this and other options and discuss this growing problem and possible solutions with their peers before the April 11 meeting.

4. Cancellation of Parking Council Meeting on March 21st.

- The council meeting slated for March 21 will not be needed as the council has completed all of the charges asked of it by VP Shuman.

5. Final Parking Council Meeting April 11th

- The next meeting will be on April 11 when the UPD presentation will be discussed and possible changes voted on.

6. Other Business

- One of the council members relayed an e-mail from an employee who works at UNF Hall. She has a discount permit but likes to walk on her lunch hour on the nature trails. She was inquiring as to the shuttle possibly stopping nearby so that she could take the shuttle from UNF Hall, rather than needing to purchase a daily permit. Everett Malcolm recommended the employee purchase a premium permit on those days or she could use the shuttle system which has stops at lot 12 and at the library. She had been given those options and has not called again.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.