

Parking Advisory Council Meeting
October 26, 2007
2:00 PM
A&F Conference Room

MINUTES

Member Present: Everett Malcolm (Chair), John Barnes (Vice Chair), Verna Urbanski, Jasmine Butler, Michael Trotter, Diane Turner.

Members Absent: Jeff Durfee, Dennis Holler, Alison Cruess, Brittani Raulerson (alternate), Robert Allen

Others Present: Michael Townsend (UPD), Vince Smyth (Auxiliary Services), Cindy Leinweber (Auxiliary Services)

1. Approval of Minutes of October 5, 2007

With no changes noted, the October 5 minutes were approved as written.

2. Results of electronic vote re opening day permit sales after 5pm

The Council voted electronically on the motion to allow permit holders to purchase daily permits for the core of campus after 5:00 pm. With 8 no votes, 1 yes vote and 1 vote not submitted, the motion was not passed. There will be no change in permit sales after 5:00 pm.

3. Responses from VP Shuman

Vice President Shuman will send the following recommendations from the Council to the President for final approval:

1. Parking Council By-Laws – No changes are required.
2. Appointment of the Vice Chair – John Barnes was appointed Vice Chair.
3. Allowance for parking in the core of campus when the University is open for business but classes are not in session - Permit holders will be allowed to park within the core of campus in any Premium parking space. Residential students who park in Lot 18 or Lot 53 will also be allowed to park within the core of the campus at these times. It was noted that this includes the Christmas and Spring breaks as well as the weeks between terms, except for the week immediately preceding fall term.
4. Permit Sales after 5:00 pm – As noted above, the Council voted electronically to make no changes in permit sales after 5:00 pm.

4. Type of Permit Categories for 2008-09

Jasmine Butler opened a discussion of allowing a night-time only parking permit that would go into effect at 5:00 pm for parking in the core. Everett Malcolm noted that a major challenge would be deciding on a time that would work best for most students. It would also be challenging for Parking Services to enforce permits if some are valid for day and night parking and some are valid at night only. Chair Malcolm also posed the question as to how to determine the number of night time only permits to be sold. Vince Smyth added that if night time only permits are allowed, they would be valid every night, even when special events are happening on campus when parking spaces may be needed. Other discussion included the present policy which allows anyone coming on campus who advises the parking attendant they are attending a special meeting, being able to purchase a premium daily permit. Chair Malcolm also shared that all of the e-mails he had received concerning this matter were received

within the first 3 weeks of school and that possibly, the students were now accustomed to taking the shuttles. Other questions posed were:

- a) Would the permits be a different color?
- b) Would it be best to decide on a maximum limit to be sold each day?
- c) How will future expansion of the campus impact the parking within the core? (Lot 3 will be closing after Fall graduation and Lot 5T may be at least partially smaller once the Dottie Dorian expansion takes place.)
- d) How would this new category impact the shuttle service?
- e) Would the "circling effect" begin again if more permits were sold at night?

With a general consensus that a good plan is already in place, Jasmine Butler withdrew her proposal. John Barnes did, however, make a motion to create a night-time only category. Everett Malcolm seconded the motion. The motion was defeated with a vote of 4 opposed and 2 in favor. The final consensus was to maintain the current parking categories for 2008-2009.

5. Number of spaces for each category for 2008-09

This item is set based on inventory and locations except for the total number of designated spaces (more designated means less premium and vice versa). There were no suggestions to make any changes for 2008-2009.

6. Sales ratio for each category for 2008-09

The question was raised as to whether the sales ratios should be adjusted for next year's permits. Verna Urbanski asked why ratios are needed. Vince Smyth stated that, in the case of housing permits, the ratio determines how many students will be able to pre-book a permit. The rest of the available permits for housing would go into a lottery. Last year, there were 2 lotteries drawn. Because of low participation, everyone who participated in the first lottery received a housing permit. There were 600 students who participated in the second lottery and 400 students received a housing permit. Other discussion included the process of figuring ratios, the number of categories available in certain parking lots and the variable amount that the intended ratios could change (which Vince Smyth stated is usually no more than .05 up or down). Michael Trotter made a motion to retain the same intended ratios used in last year's process. The motion was seconded by Diane Tanner and passed unanimously.

7. Other Business

- The question was raised as to if the daily permit fee would be raised in the fall to \$4. Vince Smyth stated that the original fee change was intended for 2010 to help provide additional revenue when the next garage is needed. The purchase of the AOL building provided extra spaces meaning the need for a garage will now be later than 2010.
- Everett Malcolm asked about the possibility of raising the fines for having no permit from \$30 to \$35 which will be revisited with the 2008-2009 fee structure. Cindy Leinweber was asked to compile a comparison of the number of parking fines given during the first two months last year and this year.
- Diane Tanner inquired as to if the shuttles are contributing to the deterioration of the roads and parking lots. Cindy Leinweber stated that the bus drivers do try to avoid the potholes because of the bouncing it causes.
- Diane Tanner relayed some of the problems caused during the recent Science Fair at the Fine Arts Center by the school buses parking in the road in which vehicles

couldn't pass by. Cindy Leinweber stated that she is in discussions with other campus entities to find ways for better communication.

- Diane Tanner inquired as to which parking areas the high school graduation attendees should be parking in. The North Lot was the designated parking area for last year's graduations. However, because of the lack of access to the North Lot from the campus, cars parked in campus lots and garages which caused problems for faculty and staff needing to park during work hours. With the opening of the North-South Road, cars will be directed straight to the North Lot in the future.

8. Future Meetings:

- Nov. 16 (2:00 pm – 3:30 pm in the A&F Conference Room)
- Dec. 7 (2:00 pm – 3:30 pm in the A&F Conference Room)