

Parking Advisory Council Meeting

January 22, 2010

2:00 p.m.

Auxiliary Services Conference Room (bldg 8, room 1106)

MINUTES

Members Present: Everett Malcolm (Chair), Marcia Lamkin, Diane Tanner, Alison Cruess, Jeff Durfee, Glenda Kelsey, Mack Volk, Anthony Mack, Matthew Yost, Thomas Blanchard

Members Absent: Gayle Stillson

Others Present: Vince Smyth (Auxiliary Services), Cindy Haile (Parking & Transportation Services), Mark Richardson (UPD).

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 PM by Chair Everett Malcolm.

1. Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes of October 30th meeting were approved as written.

2. Update on recommendations from VP Shuman:

- Everett Malcolm informed that the recommendations discussed during the October 30th meeting (approval of By-laws and Vice Chair as well as types of permit categories, number of spaces for each category, sales ratio for each category and permit fees for 2010-2011) were approved by VP Shuman (will remain unchanged from 2009-2010).

3. Restrictions of specific groups to specific areas for 2010-2011:

- Everett Malcolm explained that the restriction of specific groups to specific areas only applies to residential areas (parking ratio 1:1).
- Everett Malcolm opened the floor up for the members to assess if any other restrictions should be added to the one that already exists.
- Mack Volk asked if Housing students with Housing permits are allowed to park in Discount lots (18 and 53) and Vince Smyth responded that the students with Housing permits are allowed to park their vehicles in Discount parking lots.
- Diane Tanner made a motion to keep the restrictions of specific groups to specific areas for 2010-2011 unchanged and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Hierarchy of permit sales to specific groups for 2010-2011:

- Mack Volk questioned if there is any priority given to full time professors and staff members as opposed to part-time professors (adjuncts).
- Vince Smyth answered that it was the case few years ago that priority was given to staff members depending on the number of hours worked but this was changed by the Council. Vince Smyth elaborated that many of the part-time professors do come to campus during peak times and purchase, if they choose, a Premium, Designated, or 1st Floor permit to be able to park in the core of campus.
- Diane Tanner added that most of the adjuncts do not know if they will be teaching during a given semester until a few days before the semester starts and choose to wait with their permit purchase until their teaching status is clarified.
- Mack Volk asked who had the priority to purchase Designated permits and Everett Malcolm explained that the faculty and staff have the priority. Vince Smyth added that Designated permits are sold in 1:1.5 ratio.
- Mack Volk questioned the time frames for permit purchases and Vince Smyth responded that usually it is a week time period and if, for example, the students (90+ credit hours) miss the opportunity to buy a permit within their week, they “compete” with the students (60+ credit hours) that get their chance to buy a permit in the week that follows, etc.
- Diane Tanner made a motion to keep the hierarchy of permit sales to specific groups for 2010-11 unchanged and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Update on SG Town Hall meeting on parking issues:

- Everett Malcolm appreciated the fact that the students provided the Council with a great input during the meeting and added that the suggestions were interesting but not all of them are feasible to implement.
- Everett Malcolm presented the Council with some issues that were discussed during the Town Hall meeting:
 - One of the students suggested opening Premium parking spaces for Discount permits on Friday afternoons to be able to use the Library.
- Everett Malcolm commented that it is hard to predict classes’ availability on Fridays as the offerings change on a term basis.
 - Another student felt that GPA should be used as a determinant of parking permit sales hierarchy instead of earned credit hours.
- Everett Malcolm felt that earned credit hours steadily increase over time and are much easier to follow while GPA of each student fluctuates much more and is less predictable.

- UNF Athletes who live in residential areas raised a concern that they are unable to park their vehicles behind the Arena (Premium parking spaces) when they travel with their teams and they have to walk great distances back to their dorms upon return.
- Everett Malcolm informed that Vince Smyth talked to Lee Moon (Athletic Director) about the possibility of charter buses making stops at the residential areas to assure safety for UNF Athletes.
- Vince Smyth added that Lee Moon supported the idea and also suggested lots 18 or 53 as possible “drop-off” points as Housing students can park their cars there.
 - Another student suggested lowering the Premium spaces to Premium permit sales ratio from 1:2.5 to 1:2.0 even if this would mean raising the price of the Premium permit.
- Everett Malcolm explained that lowering the ratio would not entirely solve the issue as it would force many students to park in Discount lots and would cause congestion there but added that it is a possibility for discussion for 2010-2011 Council.
- Everett Malcolm added that it was an opinion of one student that other students might want to have more Discount lots, rather than Premium spaces to be able to lower the parking expense.
- Anthony Mack recalled a student who suggested temporary parking permits for the students who purchased their permits and have to wait for them to come in the mail. Vince Smyth responded that it is a part of the operation and students can come and request a temporary parking permit to be used during the waiting period.
- Everett Malcolm added that some students suggested extending Parking Services operating hours during peak times of the semester and informed that Vince Smyth and Cindy Haile are in the process of evaluating this possibility.
- Mack Volk asked about the time frames of when Parking Services patrollers are ticketing and Cynthia Haile responded that Mondays- Thursdays it is 7:00am to 9:00pm and on Fridays the patrollers are ticketing from 7:00am to 5:00pm. The patrollers do not ticket on the weekends and University holidays.
- Mack Volk asked if the Council makes a decision about the ticket pricing and Everett Malcolm answered that the Council discusses the prices each year and that the prices for 2010-2011 were already approved.
 - Some of the students suggested alternative solutions to booting cars (moving them to a designated area on campus) as they felt that a car that has a boot on blocks a parking space making it not available to anyone.
- Everett Malcolm argued that the students might get an impression their car was stolen. Also, current equipment that the University has on hand is not sufficient to perform towing activities and having an outside vendor can be pricey.

- Diane Tanner explained that in order to cover the debt for parking garages there needs to be enough revenue generated and it makes more sense to raise parking ticket prices that are given for violating parking rules and policies rather than increasing permit prices.
- Vince Smyth noted that any comments regarding an additional garage structure in the core of campus should be directed to people who design the Master Plan and added that inventory is sufficient at this point and the only issue is that parking spaces are located in remote lots.
- Everett Malcolm elaborated that the intent in the future is to move the majority of surface parking lots to outer areas (possible expansion of lot 14 or 18) to allow new academic structures to come in and made further comments about the cost of parking space located on the surface lot (\$2,000- \$2,500 per space) versus the space located inside the garage (\$10,000 and more per space plus costly maintenance).

6. Other Business:

- No items noted.

7. Future Meetings:

- E-mail notification will be sent out regarding the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36.
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