

## **Parking Advisory Council Meeting**

**January 20, 2012**

**1:30pm**

**Auxiliary Services Conference Room  
Building 8, Room 1106**

### **MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Everett Malcolm (Chair), Dominic Beard, Diane Tanner, Glenda Kelsey, Cathy Johnson, Anthony Hendricks, Carol Woodson

**Members Absent:** Mike Biagini, Cammy Pucci, Matthew Yost

**Others Present:** Vince Smyth (Auxiliary), Neal Fisher (Parking), Mark Richardson (UPD), Alex Goetz (student)

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM by Chair Everett Malcolm.

#### **1. Approval to audio record meeting**

- Everett Malcolm made the Council members aware that the meeting is being recorded to help with accuracy of the minutes.

#### **2. Approval of the Minutes**

- Everett Malcolm asked Council if there were any changes or additions to the December 2 meeting minutes. Hearing none, minutes were approved as written.

#### **3. Response from recommendations forwarded to VP Shuman**

- Council's recommendations regarding permit categories and permit cost for 2012-13 have now been approved by VP Shuman and the BOT and will go into effect for the upcoming permit year.
- Parking Services will communicate back to Council next year on the new Faculty /Staff permit and Council will consider if any modifications are needed and make appropriate recommendations back to the VP for the 2013-2014 academic year.

#### **4. Restrictions of specific groups to specific areas for 2012/2013**

- Vince Smyth provided an overview of the current restriction of specific groups to specific areas. The new Faculty/Staff permit does not allow for parking in Reserved or Vendor or Housing. Housing cannot park in Premium, Premium cannot park in housing but all groups can park in 14 (except Housing), 18, 53. Housing has a separation and can only park in the specific lot matching their permit.

- Carol Woodson made a motion to keep the restrictions of specific groups to specific areas for 2012-2013 unchanged and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. Hierarchy of permit sales to specific groups for 2012-2013:**

- Diane Tanner asked if Parking has information regarding permit rollover. Vince Smyth stated Parking is working on an EBiz upgrade and should have the ability to test for this function but even if we can implement, there would be an initial start to the process. Diane Tanner asked if auto renewal will be ready for 2012-2013 or would the Council have to vote again later to use auto renewal. Everett Malcolm stated it is more operational. Parking would determine how they purchase.
- Vince Smyth stated the hierarchy is really for students based on earned credit hours.
- Diane Tanner made a motion to keep the hierarchy of permit sales to specific groups for 2012-13 unchanged and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **6. Other Business**

- Tony Hendricks asked if the gravel lot will be made usable parking. Everett Malcolm stated the completion of major construction will end in August and can be addressed at that time. Vince Smyth stated there will always be some construction and needs for those groups may continue.
- Everett Malcolm stated he received an email from a student regarding traffic safety issues associated with our parking garage and our surface parking areas. Everett Malcolm shared that information with Parking Services, Auxiliary Services and UPD. Assistant Chief Richardson is here to share with the Council steps they take day in and day out to ensure the two parking garages and all surface parking areas are as safe and secure as possible. Mark Richardson stated UPD is currently working both garages for aggressive driving. UPD has received numerous complaints. He stated UPD are in and out of the garages every hour and try to keep a better eye on them during heavier times. UPD has written many citations but the problem is so many cars for so few spaces which is exacerbating the aggressive driving problem. Everett Malcolm added the aggressive driving is really due to those coming to campus hoping to find parking spaces near where they need to go and when they can't find a space near that building, they waste needless time circling to find the ideal spot right next to where they want to park. They could save frustration by parking in an outer lot, getting on a shuttle and coming to campus.
- Diane Tanner asked if the aggressive driving calms down as the semester progresses. Mark stated it does slow down during the semester.
- Everett Malcolm stated that a concern was voiced to him about the amount of time necessary to remove the decal off the windshield. One student stated he used window cleaner and a razor to get the decal off. It is more of an operational issue and not Council's issue. Mark Richardson stated there is a significant decrease in the amount of burglaries on campus because of the permanent fixed decal requirement for students. The only stolen fixed decals were ones that were

not properly affixed (e.g. taped to the window). Not one was stolen that was properly applied. Mark Richardson stated certain violations are reported to the FBI and are listed in the University's crime statistics for theft. Most of the theft was for parking decals. Carol Woodson stated she is not sure there is a perfect solution.

- Everett Malcolm asked if a person decides not to apply the decal but to use scotch tape, are those cited. Vince Smyth stated yes. Carol Woodson asked what is the objective, to reduce the number of stolen decals? Mark Richardson stated it is to keep the campus safer and not present a crime of opportunity to steal something else, like other property. Unfortunately, the campus has to make the potential victim safer. Carol Woodson asked if it is working. Mark Richardson stated it is working and other universities were consulted in making the decision to use a fixed decal for the same purpose, to reduce theft and crime opportunities. Auto burglary really is crime of opportunity. Carol Woodson stated the campus is comprised of adults and they should act more responsibly but if we are achieving the objective then it is working. Carol asked Mark if the hanging tags didn't work. Mark Richardson stated the hanging tags for students do not and UPD is aggressively trying to stop auto burglary on campus.
- Tony Hendricks stated no matter what decisions are made, it's not going to work for everyone. If students are having trouble removing the decal, that's just the way it is but the student who has the issue with aggressive driving, that is a valid concern.
- Everett Malcolm thanked Council for putting in a lot of thought, research and discussion into suggestions made from Council to VP Shuman. Regardless of Council's recommendations, most of the campus community supports the positive impacts but that there will always be those who do not support.

## **7. Future Meetings**

- March 2, 2012

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. Prepared by Salena Tepas