

Parking Advisory Council Meeting

October 28, 2011

1:30pm

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

MINUTES

Members Present: Everett Malcolm (Chair), Dominic Beard, Diane Tanner, Carol Woodson, Glenda Kelsey, Cammy Pucci, Matthew Yost, Anthony Hendricks, Carlo Fassi

Members Absent: Mike Biagini, Cathy Johnson

Others Present: Matthew Brockelman (SGA President), Vince Smyth (Auxiliary Services), Mark Richardson (UPD), Dargan Thompson (Spinnaker)

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 October 21st meeting minutes. Hearing none, minutes were approved as written.

3. Appointment of new members to Council

- Everett Malcolm asked new members to introduce themselves as well as the current members as two student members had been replaced. After introductions, Everett Malcolm stated he and Matt Yost spent time bringing the new members up to date on dialogue had prior to prepare for this meeting.

4. Approval of recommendation forwarded to VP Shuman

- The Council's recommended change in ByLaws have been approved by the President and are now posted on the Council website. Everett Malcolm stated any changes for 2012-2013 would be addressed at the first meeting of the academic year in September.

5. Types of permit categories, number of spaces for each category, sales ratio for each category.

- Everett Malcolm stated any changes made to these items would have a positive or negative impact and asked the Council to bare this in mind when discussing faculty, staff and student concerns regarding parking. He stated there was positive discussion last Friday regarding changing the categories within parking specifically First Floor and Designated. Discussion led to eliminating those, combining them to be called Faculty/Staff parking that would then allow those permit holders to park in First Floor, Designated, Premium and Discounted spaces. In theory, this change could provide 100 Premium spaces now available to students or staff who purchased Premium parking. Additionally, anyone coming as a guest can also park in Premium with their day pass.
- Carol Woodson stated she was able to speak to those (faculty) she represents. She stated, across the board, First Floor permit holders buy that permit because they want to be in the garage. Combining it with Designated, they are not interested in parking on the lots. They want to be in the garage. Their suggestion was if you want to combine to make a Faculty/Staff permit is that, we would have to open the first two floors of the garages and the inner core. The First Floor permit holders fear the Designated permit holders would begin parking in First Floor and they would have to park out in the lots. Cammi Pucci asked if we could just rename them. However, Everett Malcolm clarified students already cannot purchase Designated or First Floor and they can only buy Premium or Discount. Renaming them would not actually make a change to the current purchase. Glenda Kelsey stated she received the same feedback.
- Matthew Brockelman stated combining the First Floor and Designated permits opens up Premium spaces to students. Students already have a limited amount of spaces available to them. Making the first two floors of the garages Faculty and Staff would take away too many spaces. He suggests finding a middle ground. Carol Woodson stated Council discussed prior the gravel part of Lot 18 would be vacant soon and could be returned for student parking. Everett Malcolm stated that is only a possibility if no additional funding for construction is given but it could be paved and provide approximately 200 spaces if it is no longer needed. Carol Woodson stated the new group of freshmen will be getting dorm permits opening up more Premium spaces to students. Everett Malcolm stated it's almost a wash because we are not growing our Freshmen Class.
- Dominic Beard stated students pay a lot of money to go to college and it's not fair for faculty to say they want to park in garages. Everyone wants to park in garages. He specified that just because a handful of faculty want to park in the garage does not mean we should vote against the merger. Students feel the same way. If they want to park in the garage, they get here early. If not, they go to the discount lot. Combining the two permit types still allows those holders to park in the other lots. Combining them does not take away parking ability. Dominic Beard said wanting to be in the garage is not a valid excuse for limiting the

- combining of the permits. Carol Woodson stated the ratio will change. Currently, First Floor garage is a 1-1.4 ratio. If we combine First Floor and Designated, it will be sold at 1-1.6 ratio. So it does go up. So there is less chance of getting ground floor and faculty is not willing to give that up.
- Matthew Yost expressed he understands the concern but not the relevance of the ratio change. He stated it seems like we are trying to make things comfortable for right now but do we really want to look down the road and still have 10-15 parking categories and still debating on these things. He stated he sees the benefits for faculty/staff and students for the merger. The students do benefit from this merger. The faculty benefit from this merger. This idea wouldn't 100% fix it but it would help the availability of spaces. Carol Woodson stated what about just the ramp going to the second floor. Just adding it to the First Floor permit. Matthew Yost stated that is a win/lose situation. Carol Woodson indicated that as students, you are here for four years, faculty are here for career lifetimes. Faculty is looking down the road, far beyond and how it impacts faculty being able to do their jobs. She also stated many faculty members have never worked at a University where there is not a designated lot for faculty and staff parking. UNF is the first to mix with students. Carol Woodson applauds students for getting to their classes on time but for faculty, they do have to show up. If they do not show up in time for their class, there is no class. Dominic Beard stated from a student standpoint, we cannot use that excuse.
 - Matthew Yost stated he believes eventually all of core parking will be faculty and staff in the future. The merger takes this change to the future without being too dramatic. Combining the permit and having that "faculty/staff" established permit helps to build on that down the road. We need to take the steps to get to that point. He believes it is win/win for right now and for the future.
 - Dominic Beard stated a study showed that at any given time there were 20 designated spaces open. The goal of the merger allows those 20 spaces to be used by faculty/staff and not take up Premium for students. To get those Designated spots used so Premium are open. Carol Woodson stated she does not know how much it will open because a great amount of faculty/staff still buy Premium and do not want to pay the price of First Floor or Designated. Dominic Beard stated the point of the merger is to get Designated used. Carol Woodson reiterated First Floor permit holders are not interested in parking in the lots, she represents them and they do not want the merger. Dominic Beard stated students complain that Lot 2 Designated is empty but they cannot find a spot in the garage.
 - Glenda Kelsey stated if Designated Lot 2 spaces are empty, why not adjust the number of Designated assigned. Matthew Yost stated students proposed this last year and Council voted against converting those to Premium spaces. Matthew Yost stated, just like faculty say they pay for First Floor but have to park in Premium, students say they bought a Premium permit but have to park in Discount. It is about utilizing the spaces and the merger might only help a little for the students but it does benefit them and addresses a number of the complaints they receive daily.

- Diane Tanner stated she spoke to a number of faculty who do not have a problem with moving to new system. There were a couple First Floor permit holders and they were concerned that Designated permit holders would begin taking their spaces in the garage but most of them come in at 8:00. She also spoke to Faculty Association Officers who also support the proposal assuming that the price decreases and the ratio is 1.6. Vince Smyth stated Council would be the group recommending the ratio on up for approval to senior administration. He recommends 1.6 and it would create a cost of \$250.00 for the new permit at this ratio. Matthew Yost stated the merger benefits greatly and at what point to we say no because faculty members want to park in the shade. Anthony Hendricks supports the merger because it allows faculty/staff to remain in the close spots to campus buildings and areas that they need to be.
- Dominic Beard stated he spoke to faculty he is in contact with and they did not have a problem with the merger based on where their office is located or that they were buying the Discount permit anyway. Anthony Hendricks stated Council should focus on not being concerned about our personal preferences but what is best as a University and not for one side or the other.
- Matthew Yost stated he would not support a decision that would take away from faculty and give to students. This merger is a win/win and strongly supports the merger. Carol Woodson stated win/win is perspective and that she has many constituents that will consider the merger a big loss.
- Dominic Beard moved, Matthew Yost seconded to make the change to a faculty / staff permit. Everett Malcolm detailed the motion as to do away with the category of Designated and First Floor parking to a new designation called Faculty/Staff parking which will enable faculty and staff, at a 1.6 ratio, to purchase a permit at the rate of \$250 dollars based on \$400 per space and enable Faculty/Staff to park in either bottom floor spaces in Garage 38, 44, and any Designated space throughout campus as well as Lot 18 and Lot 53. Motion passed, 6 for (Beard, Yost, Hendricks, Fassi, Tanner, Pucci) and 2 against (Woodson, Kelsey).

6. Other Business

- Diane Tanner asked if there would be an update on auto renewal of permits. Everett Malcolm stated it is still being researched but may be ready for December or January's meeting.
- Diane Tanner asked about the spaces for motorcycles. Do we need that many spaces? Could they be converted? Vince Smyth stated those spaces are in areas where cars cannot fit except in Lot 3 and the reason is that there would be a large distance between motorcycle spaces if these spaces in Lot 3 were given back to cars. Physically, that would be only space that could be considered. There is also no cap but if it became a problem, we could add in a ratio consideration.

7. Future Meetings

- December 2, 2011
- January 20, 2012
- February 10, 2012
- March 2, 2012

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. Prepared by Salena Tepas