

Parking Advisory Council Meeting

October 24, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Business Services Conference Room

Building 8, Room 1106

Minutes

Members Present: Everett Malcolm (Chair), Diane Tanner, Paul Mason, Barbara Dupuis, Celeste Watkins, Kellie Woodle, Daniel Koker, Daniel Powers, Joseph Turner, Collin Waychoff

Members Absent: Casey Knowles

Others Present: George Androuin (Business and Parking Services), Neal Fisher (Parking Services), Virginia Smith (Parking Services), Bill Strudel (UPD), John White (Associate Professor of COEHS), Joe Flowers (English), 2 UNF Guests

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

1.) Approval to Audio Record Meeting

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

1.) Update on approval of minutes from September 26th, 2014

- Everett Malcolm thanked the Council for their electronic approval of the minutes from the last meeting.

2.) Updates on recommendations forwarded to VP Shari Shuman

- Everett Malcolm stated VP Shari Shuman approved all 3 recommendations submitted by the council.

3.) Discussion and vote on types of permit categories, number of spaces for each category, and sales ratio for each category for 2015/2016

- Everett Malcolm explained the voting for permit categories, number of spaces and sales ratios was tabled at the last meeting so that council members could discuss with their peers and consider all items before voting. Everett stated student leadership on the council held a "town hall" style meeting which provided lunch for the students to encourage their feedback on the parking issues on campus.
- Joseph Turner explained the turnout for the meeting was about 200 students and lasted about an hour and a half. Many students were interested in information regarding policies pertaining to parking. Joseph stated there were many suggestions submitted that he would like the council to consider. Joseph stated Pregnancy spaces were suggested to allow for closer parking. Joseph also stated students desire to purchase multi day, daily passes at the drive thru windows. Joseph added there has been

confusion about the Blue spaces in Lot 55 not being clearly marked. Students also suggested a Summer Term parking permit.

- Neal Fisher and George Androuin stated the annual parking permits are reduced in price for the summer term and an additional term permit would not be needed.
- George Androuin explained there is construction going on in front of the arena garage for installation of a counter to monitor parking spaces. George stated the sign will show spaces available or not available to avoid vehicles driving around looking for spaces that are not open. George stated the sensor will be at the beginning of the ramp and will count each car that drives up the first level. George added if the project works well, parking will expand the signage to the entrances of campus so that people entering the campus will know right away if there are spaces available in the garage or if they should park somewhere else. George also stated the first 3 floors in the new garage behind garage 44 will be specifically for Housing and the 4th floor will be for Blue parking.
- Everett Malcolm asked George Androuin if there will be a net increase in Blue permit sales due to the additional spaces that will be open on the 4th floor of the new garage. George stated it will increase the Blue permits and should also relieve the faculty and staff parking permit wait list because students will now have more spaces. George stated Physical Facilities will be moving into their new building in January which will open many faculty and staff permits usually purchased by them because their parking will be Gray Lot. George stated there are many moving parts right now and the council should wait to determine ratios until all the new changes are in place.
- Everett Malcolm asked about the Blue permits being over sold to employees. George Androuin stated that employees are able to continually purchase Blue parking permits even when the Blue category is sold out but if the faculty and staff parking permit need is met, then the Blue parking permits over sell should decrease. Everett asked about Daily parking permit amounts that allow parking in any Blue spaces and if that is something that should also have a set ratio. George stated his team is calculating a 3 year average of employees that have purchased Blue permits after faculty and staff permits had sold out. George also stated the team is calculating an average of daily permit sales which has never been calculated before.
- Paul Mason stated he had a request sent from the Leadership of the Faculty and Staff Association which would provide a grace period for those trying to renew their faculty and staff parking permit before it sells out. George Androuin stated by doing that, new faculty and staff wouldn't have the chance to get the faculty and staff parking permit but that his proposed solution to the faculty and staff wait list might eliminate the issue all together.
- George Androuin stated one idea to solve the faculty and staff parking issue would be to take the first ramp in the Arena Garage and convert the approximately 50 spaces to faculty and staff parking. George stated another idea would be doing the same thing in the Fine Arts Garage. George stated the final idea would be converting the Blue spaces in Lot 2 to Faculty and Staff spaces and would easily eliminate the wait list and Lot 2 is

easily located in between both garages. One of the meeting guests stated the Faculty and Staff spaces in Lot 2 are always empty and the Blue spaces are always full, on average. Paul Mason stated the conversion of those spaces would affect the current vendor spaces and those delivery materials to or around the library building. George stated he would not be changing the vendor spaces in Lot 2, only the Blue spaces. One of the guests stated their students wanted to start an anti-parking club or social website vowing to never donate to UNF because they have paid so much in parking fines. George stated his proposal of the lot conversion should solve all these issues of concern for faculty and staff parking. Diane Tanner proposed an alternative to George's conversion of lot 2 and instead converting the first ramps in Garages 38 & 44 to faculty and staff spaces. George stated there may also need to be a change made in the ratio. Dianne Tanner stated taking the ramp to arena garage which is 50 spaces and taking 30 spaces in Lot 2 and converting all those to faculty and staff spaces would satisfy the wait list. Joseph Turner stated converting the entire ramp and the second side of the second floor on the student union side would provide the 80 spaces needed for faculty and staff spaces. Joseph explained the lot counts show the demand for faculty and staff parking in that area compared to other areas on campus and that the library spaces are heavily utilized by students. George Androuin added the new sensor that will count spaces would have to be changed and signage clearly marked.

- Joseph Turner asked what the current faculty and staff sales ratio is. George Androuin stated it is 1.6 and total permits sold are 938. By adding 80 spaces it would make 1066 permits available. Diane Tanner stated there are about 600 faculty and staff members, not including adjuncts and there are about 1130 staff members. Joseph asked if a ratio modification should be made now or later based on this information. George stated lot counts would need to be done to base a ratio change.
- Joseph Turner motioned to make no change to the Faculty and Staff ratio and reclassify 50 spaces on the first ramp to the Arena Garage and 30 spaces on the student union side of the second floor from their current Blue classification to Faculty and Staff parking. Paul Mason seconded with all in favor.
- Joseph Turner asked about reclassifying the Housing permits into 1 general parking permit. George Androuin explained students from the other housing areas outside of Housing A parking in the new garage and taking away spaces from Housing A. Joseph Turner stated students most likely will not drive from the other housing areas just to park closer on campus versus walking. George also stated the Flats would not be included in the Housing Parking Permit lots and will be most likely a Gray Lot.
- Joseph Turner motioned to make no changes for the permit categories with all in favor.
- Everett Malcolm stated council will make any changes needed to sales ratios in the fall 2015.

4.) Discussion on permit fees and citation fees for 2015/2016

- Everett Malcolm recommended no changes for permit and citation fees for 2015/2016 with all in favor.

5.) Other issues of concern

- Joseph Turner asked the number of disability parking spaces in Blue parking areas. Neal Fisher stated there are 270 Disability spaces on campus. Neal explained there are 25 disability spaces in the Gray parking areas, 33 in Housing parking areas, 150 in Blue parking areas and 62 in Faculty and Staff parking areas. Neal stated that Disability parking with a Blue permit is valid in both Blue parking areas as well as Faculty and Staff parking areas. Joseph asked what the minimum number of disability spaces required by law on campus with Neal responding there were about 170 spaces required. Joseph explained that disability permits are currently sold as a 2.3 ratio and recommended a change that involves selling disability Blue permits as needed or a 1:1 ratio and not including them in the Blue permit ratio. Joseph Turner motioned to move 150 disability spaces out of the Blue Permit ratio with council all in favor.
- Joseph Turner asked about the price differential for Housing students who have purchased Gray parking permit but are now upgrading to a Housing permit with the opening of the new garage. George Androuin explained the price has been pro-rated and adjusted accordingly.

6.) Next PAC meeting is November 7th, 2014

- Everett Malcolm proposed cancelling the November 7th meeting due to completion of required items by the council.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. Prepared by Virginia Smith