

Parking Advisory Council

Meeting

February 3rd, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Business Services Conference

Room Building 8, Room 1106

Minutes

Members Present: Everett Malcolm (Chair), William Mewborne (Vice Chair), Elisabeth Avilla (Student Government), William Godwin (Student Government), Cole Poppell (Student Government), Ashley Faulkner (Faculty Association), Diana Tanner (Faculty Association), and Patrick Moore (A&P Association)

Members Absent: Glenda Kelsey (USPS Association), Katrina Willis (USPS Association), and Decato Burke (A&P Association)

Others Present: George Androuin (Business and Parking Services), Neal Fisher (Parking Services), Courtney Manns (Parking Services) and Charles Strudel (UPD)

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

1) Approval to Audio Record Meeting

- Everett Malcolm greets and informs the council that the meeting is to be audio recorded and asks if there are any objections to having the meeting audio recorded. There were no objections.

2) Approval of minutes from January 20th, 2017

- Everett Malcolm asks the council if there are any changes that need to be made to the minutes that were recorded for January 20th, 2017. No comments were made.

3) Update on recommendations forwarded to VP Shuman from Nov. 4th and Jan. 20th PAC meeting

Everett Malcolm- We have two sets of recommendations. Our recommendation to VP Shuman on Nov 4th was to lower gray permits from \$95 to \$75 and then to raise blue permits from \$165 to \$185. The president has reviewed that information and though he is highly supportive and understands what we want to do and why we want to do it, at this point, he is not comfortable in approving the change in the pricing even though parking on our campus is not a mandatory requirement. If you chose to bring a vehicle you have to buy a permit. There are more people who bring their car to campus rather than not. So it is more like a mandatory fee even though it's not. He is not comfortable in raising that fee unless we provide him with more data. He would like us to create a survey. For faculty and staff, if we were to lower the gray permit and raise the blue permit, would faculty/staff be more inclined to purchase a gray

permit? And from the student side, do we know exactly which students bought blue permits for this current academic year or the fall 2017 year. Are students more likely to purchase a gray over the blue? He would like to ask these questions to people so that we may have data to support our claims. He's not saying no to this but he also isn't saying yes to this. This item will carry over to the 2017/2018 parking advisory council and it will be a priority on that agenda.

Ashley Faulkner- is there a place that already exists for a parking survey of that kind?

Neal Fisher- we did a survey probably 10 years ago.

George Androuin- but we use other resources such as emails.

Neal Fisher- we can pull reports of students who purchased blue this year.

Everett Malcolm- from the student perspective would you all be comfortable with having a survey hosted by parking services or would you rather have one that you came up with?

William Godwin- there would have to be both. I believe we will get more students from the way we present our survey but as far as faculty and staff goes I think it might work better for them to do it from parking.

Everett Malcolm- and keep in mind that every year we can have new people and leadership for the parking advisory council. This item will be one of the charge items for VP Shuman regardless if I am on this council next year or not. We can also record the purchases during the spring semester that way we will have recorded data from two semesters.

Cole Poppell- what is the deadline to have the fees changed for fall 2017. If we get the survey done this spring could we implement these changes for the fall?

Everett Malcolm- all fees have to go through the BOT for their approval.

George Androuin- this usually occurs in January.

Everett Malcolm- When do they go, June?

George Androuin- They are needed in June, but I believe from previous years PAC has submitted something in December so then it gets to BOT in January.

Elisabeth Avilla- so we are already late?

Everett Malcolm- yes

William Mewborne- for this upcoming year.

Everett Malcolm- Getting fall and spring data gives us more data to move forward with this. But then this would not take effect until 2018/2019. If we were to do one now and do a fall one, we don't change parking rates mid-stream, so it would be applied for the next academic year. That is how parking rates are set up.

Cole Poppell- so we aren't looking for changes until the fall of 2018?

Everett Malcolm- Correct.

George Androuin- the only way I can see this going is, what if you did the survey in the spring and it's just overwhelming obvious that-

Everett Malcolm- you mean this current spring?

George Androuin- yes. What if that evidence came back to where everyone wanted a gray? Would you wait until fall to record that data as well?

Everett Malcolm- no. if we want to look at the survey now, and we can look into that.

George Androuin- You may not just want to target blue you may want to ask others too.

Elisabeth Avilla- I know that most of the people in housing aren't planning on living in housing their entire 4 years at UNF. So when I lived at housing I was already thinking, "Do I want to purchase a gray or do I want to pay for blue for next year?"

William Godwin- the question should be where do you plan on parking for the 2017 year?

Everett Malcolm- we know that being required to live in housing your first year for next year is going away so we know that will have a large impact on this. So we know half of the population will not be living on campus. You could ask questions based on that sense. When we come back on February 24th you can bring questions that you would like to ask to student and faculty/staff. I will let VP Shuman know that we are going to be exploring this and we may come back to you with a recommendation based on this data or we may wait.

Ashley Faulkner- it's a great point on the housing change because we don't know how much it will switch the load.

Everett Malcolm- If you are going to survey you should survey before spring break.

George Androuin- I'm worried about the timing because of when the sale for permits for faculty and staff begin.

Neal Fisher- April 10th.

Elisabeth Avilla- we still want to do the survey,

George Androuin- my only worry is just the time is so condensed. But we should still do the survey.

Everett Malcolm- if we can crack a question on both sides, if a daily permit costs X, if we are successful in lowering gray, how many gray permits can you sell before it sells out? We need to make sure to capture as much real data as we can. Everyone can bring their ideas for our next meeting on February 24th. Any questions in regards to the November 4th recommendations?

-Silence-

Everett Malcolm- the good news is for our January 20th recommendation of reserving specific groups to specific areas for 2017/2018 has been approved.

-Silence-

4) Updates on lot counts

Neal Fisher- on the first page this is our current inventory for UNF.

Patrick Moore- how is lot 53 counted here? Is that the total lot count here?

Neal Fisher- correct.

-Neal continues to describe more of the data charts provided by parking services-

Neal Fisher- Anything less than 10% is considered a full lot. We can also tell during the academic schedule. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am- 1pm it's packed.

Elisabeth Avilla- I have a question. We get a lot of complaints from students about the Flats not having any parking available. And they are parking illegally due to at night when they don't feel safe, they try to park closer. These totals make a lot of sense because students are probably at work or on campus, I there anyway to get a lot count at night? I know that you stop enforcing at 7PM.

Neal Fisher- We can do a lot count for that. I've done a lot count at 1AM before.

George Androuin- is there a concern that there's no spaces during that time?

Elisabeth Avilla- it's always at night.

George Androuin- also we need to know about how many guests are there too.

Everett Malcolm- the Flats has 477 parking spaces and it's almost a space per bed because there is 500 beds. Has Bob talked about having a restriction on those spots?

George Androuin- I haven't done a study on the Flats but on housing A I have done a study to where I found out that all the students in housing a, only about 60-70 percent actually get a permit.

William Mewborne- I live in housing and I just get a gray permit because it's cheaper.

Elisabeth Avilla- so there are 30% housing a students who don't buy a permit at all?

George Androuin- that was a study from two years ago.

Cole Poppell- how much does a housing permit cost?

Elisabeth Avilla- like \$205.

Neal Fisher- but the flats is a gray lot. So it's only \$95.

Patrick Moore- is there a plan to change it and make it a housing lot?

William Mewborne- we looked at it before and we decided to give the students an option of parking there.

George Androuin- it became a gray because during spring break it's an easy way of parking there in order to get to the dining areas. Plus lot 53 is an entire gray lot.

Everett Malcolm- making it a gray lot was more of an advantage to the university. Is there any other questions on lot counts?

-Silence-

5) Discussion on Hierarchy of permit sales to specific groups for 2017/2018

Everett Malcolm- this is not an item we have to vote on today, it's an item of discussion. Should we change when individuals should be able to buy their permits? It first starts with our faculty and staff, then it's our graduate students, the form there its credit hour students.

Neal Fisher- 90+ credit hours start first, then its 60, 20, and then its opened for everyone.

Everett Malcolm- we haven't had any negative feedback in regards to this. When new faculty and staff are hired right before classes start we usually put them on the waiting list and we give them a blue permit. It's a good system and works well. Would anyone like to change anything with it? If not, I will accept a motion.

Patrick Moore- I'd like to keep it the same.

William Mewborne- second.

Everett Malcolm- All those in favor in keeping everything the same please raise your hand and say I.

-All raise their hand and say, "I."

6.) Issues of concern

Ashley Faulkner- One of my colleagues wanted to know why there isn't a stipend for faculty/staff.

Everett Malcolm- they do. They get it on term to term basis. That change came about 4-5 years ago.

George Androuin- Yes, they are getting it. It would show up on theirs. And they can pay paycheck to paycheck.

Ashley Faulkner- okay so they just need to be educated better on this. Thank you.

Everett Malcolm- any other questions?

Neal Fisher- I had a student bring to my attention about how to deal with our issues on fire lane areas. Our current way of dealing with that is using it as a NO PARKING area. Instead of having it at \$30 we need to raise the cost on that. We have issues at the fountains and at other areas on campus that the fire marshals are concerned with and we need to get it under control before we have to face serious consequences. I wanted to bring this to the council's attention.

Everett Malcolm-when parking closes down at 7pm enforcement falls on UPD and if people are parking in fire lanes, and disability spaces, UPD will issue citations.

George Androuin- I wanted to add that about a years ago we were having problems at the loading dock near the fine arts area. The police told us that they could not issue citations unless that lane was red. What I'm trying to figure out as with ADA spaces is to charge what the city charges, we charge \$250.00 for ADA. I couldn't find out how much a fire violation was but its \$25 for blocking a fire plug, so I asked Frank what the charge would be if I parked in a fire lane for my citation. I am currently waiting on his reply. But whatever that amount is, I propose that it would be our amount as well.

Diana Tanner- yes I think that's good. Unless it's less.

Everett Malcolm- as you further research that please bring this back to council so that we may put that on our 2017/2018 charge. Any other questions?

-Silence-

7) Next PAC meeting is February 24th at 10:00 AM

-Everett concludes the meeting-

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Minutes prepared by: Courtney Manns

