

## **PARKING COMMISSION MINUTES**

*April 2, 2013*

*Attendees: Steve Schrock, Eddie Munoz, Margaret Mahoney, Barb Menke, Andrew Shoemaker, Mackenzie Oatman, Mary LeGresley, Jim Modig, Peg Livingood, Callie Long, Sarah Jean Coughlan, Donna Hultine, Danny Kaiser, and Margretta de Vries.*

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. Shoemaker made a motion to approve the minutes from March 5, which was seconded by Mahoney. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **Reports**

#### *Transit*

Kaiser reported that ridership is down a bit this year, which can be attributed to a slight decline in enrollment, and some major changes to routes. Student Senate approved only 50 cents of the requested \$1.55 inflationary increase, which the Transit Commission is meeting tomorrow to discuss.

### **Old Business**

#### *Remove 4-6 a.m. Restriction in Lot 50*

Zach George presented Student Senate proposal to reduce the 4-6 a.m. restriction in lot 50 to apply to only 50 parking spaces and allow remainder to be "open" rest of the day, to allow overnight parking. Students who live close by have to get up to move their cars somewhere else, and possibly have to get up again to move car back. Hultine explained the process that happened before the rule was created, including petitions from the School of Education, and numerous counts to show how many cars were not moving from the parking lot, and clarified that 90-120 cars were in the lot every day. She added that the University is not the landlord of these houses, and that in all other cases the landlord is responsible for providing parking. There was discussion about the master planning process, lighting and safety issues, and the lack of nearby street parking. The issue was tabled until later in the agenda.

#### *Budget – permit pricing options*

Hultine explained that 2% across the board increase each year for the next ten years is needed to maintain the \$1M annual commitment to capital projects, which are not all necessarily Parking- initiated projects, but to balance urgent needs in parking lot repairs, and other commitments, 2% is what we need. There was discussion about the last general increase, which was in 2007, with targeted increases in the garages, Park & Ride, motorcycle/moped, and departmental passes since then. Hultine pointed out that this would be a more gradual, predictable increase that people can plan on. There was discussion about the master planning, which is also looking at assigned parking and a sustainable model for funding for parking & transit. The master planning is expected to be completed by end of 2013, but some of the additional scope for Parking & Transit could possibly take a little longer, with a report by late winter/early spring next year! Livingood reminded the commission that not everything in the plan would necessarily be immediately implementable.

Mahoney made a motion for 2% increase across the board for one year, which was seconded by Menke. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

### *Rules changes*

#### Color zone reallocation (lots 2, 4, 36, and 50/52) – see map

Hultine reminded the commission that lot 2 is being reconfigured with primarily ADA spaces and the first section of Jayhawk Boulevard will be reconstructed with no parking this summer, for a loss of eighteen blue and gold parking spaces. There was discussion about how long it takes for the blue section of lot 39 to fill up on the other end of Memorial Drive each day. There was discussion about the high number of reserved parking spaces in lot 3.

Munoz made a motion to change westernmost section of eighteen parking spaces in lot 36 to blue, and convert the same number of spaces from yellow to red in lot 50, which was seconded by Mahoney. The Commission voted in favor of the motion with 5 in favor, and 1 against.

#### Student proposal for lot 50

There was discussion about lighting and safety concerns, and the CSAB fee which helps provide safety improvements as a 50/50 match with the university. Modig said that DCM can do readings and see what can be done to generally improve this area. There was also discussion about how the fraternity and sorority on 15<sup>th</sup> Street handle the same issue, and commuter student access to JRP. Shoemaker pointed out that the red zone is always full by 8 a.m. and the yellow zone soon after that, requiring more than 20 minutes wait time for a space to open up around lunch time. There was some discussion about the upcoming study that will be conducted in the Oread Neighborhood. The issue was tabled for more information at the May meeting.

#### Park & Ride – change price or color zone

There was a lengthy discussion about Park & Ride being a service that is fully funded by parking fees. At \$100 per permit, the revenue is a very small portion of the cost, which is becoming a large drain on the budget. Options for changes include changing the lots to a yellow zone, because so many people are parking in the lots to walk to a building. The higher permit price would increase revenue and decrease demand on shuttle. There was discussion about how Park & Ride might fit into the master planning effort, and whether or not it would be difficult to change back to a Park & Ride zone after changing to yellow. There was also discussion about the additional buildings that are planned for inside the circle, and the minimal amount of parking that is planned with those projects.

Mahoney made a motion to increase the price of a Park & Ride permit to \$180, which was seconded by Shoemaker. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mahoney made a motion to remove one bus from the Park & Ride schedule, changing the schedule to every 7-8 minutes between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., which was seconded by Shoemaker. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

#### Charge for accessible parking in ADA spaces

Hultine said that although General Counsel discouraged this idea in years past, Jamie Simpson, in the new Office for Institutional Opportunity and Access advocates we implement a charge for ADA parking, making it equal, not free. There was discussion about continuing to register placards, how to handle

temporary situations, and how the requirement would be communicated to visitors. Mahoney made a motion to require a valid (paid) parking permit in ADA spaces, which was seconded by Munoz. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **New Business**

#### *Garage toll – increase first hour (NEW)*

Hultine explained that the new gateway for credit card payments will charge \$20/month per location (including each gate or pay station in the garages) plus six cents per transaction when the card is present, and ten cents for online payments. These additional fees will be approximately \$15,000 per year. Long has calculated that this charge for all transactions could be offset that with an additional quarter on the first hour of the garage toll. There was discussion about thirteen cents being sufficient. Mahoney made a motion to increase toll for the first hour of parking to \$1.75/hour, which was seconded by Shoemaker. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

#### *Jacqui Masterson Appeal*

There was discussion about the proximity of the yellow zones to Oliver Hall, which is a well-lit area, compared to other locations on campus. Mahoney made a motion to deny the request, which was seconded by Munoz. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

#### *Open Forum*

The spring open forum will be held on Wednesday, April 24, at 3 p.m. in the Relays Room of the Burge Union.

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.