

## **PARKING COMMISSION MINUTES**

*April 14, 2014*

*Attendees: Steve Schrock, Miranda Wagner, Robin Merritt, Margaret Mahoney, John Staniunas, Barb Menke, Marcus Tetwiler, Barry Swanson, Callie Long, Drew Humphreys, Donna Hultine, Danny Kaiser, and Margretta de Vries.*

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. Mahoney made a motion to approve the minutes from March 24, which was seconded by Wagner. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **Reports**

#### Open Forum

There was a good turnout, with approximately 60 people in attendance. We expected to hear a lot more about fee increases and Daisy Hill than we did. Daisy Hill issues seem to be working themselves out for the end of this year, and then next year we won't oversell. A summary of comments was sent with the agenda for today.

### **Old Business**

#### Permit Price Increases

Long summarized that using the model we have with "hunting license" permits, it is difficult to justify raising the rates to generate the revenue needed for deferred maintenance. The proposed rates help get us to the needed amount, although they do not reach \$1.8 million until the 5th year. There was discussion about the income generated with event parking and whether or not a larger increase in event parking could lessen the need for such steep increases. There was also discussion about retiree and childcare load permit prices, reserved stalls and departmental passes. Mahoney made a motion to table the issue for one week, there was no second.

Tetwiler said that from a student perspective it seemed reasonable that proximate gold parking prices would increase more than remote yellow parking. Long explained that prices have to get to the dollar amount, and that the increases are not about the percentages. There was discussion about asphalt conditions and upgrading lighting. Schrock suggested that signs be posted in parking lots to show when they will be fixed and updated when they're complete, so that there is visible information to help those parking understand the value.

Merritt motion to accept the rate increases as proposed, which was seconded by Tetwiler. There was additional discussion about retiree permit rates and childcare load permits. Tetwiler made a motion to increase retiree permits by only 10% to \$85, which was seconded by Menke. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Tetwiler made a second motion to increase childcare load permits by only 10% to \$29, which was seconded by Mahoney. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Staniunas called the question, and the Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept permit rates as amended.

### Permit Allocation Ideas - Work Group

Hultine described that a work group would be appointed, inviting faculty, staff and students to work on the problem of how we change parking at KU. Andrew Shoemaker, a former Parking Commission member, has agreed to chair the group, and Jenny Mehmedovic will be the facilitator, with Long as project manager. The work group will make recommendations to the Commission, which will make its recommendations to the Provost.

### **New Business**

#### Rebecca Grube Appeal

There was discussion that while information about returning parking permits is listed in the online information about an exit protocol, the letter Grube received was about benefits. Hultine added that with the potential of LPR enforcement, payments will stop and a tag could be immediately removed from the system as eligible to park, which would make this a short-term problem. Staniunas made a motion to waive the fee, which was seconded by Mahoney. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

#### Park & Ride

Hultine asked the commission whether or not it makes sense to keep Park & Ride as a separate category if the price would be the same as in a yellow zone. Staniunas made motion to change the zone and permit type, which was seconded by Tetwiler. There was discussion about whether or not there are administrative issues relating to federal dollars received to purchase the original Park & Ride buses. Kaiser said there are not. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

#### Lied Center Only

Hultine explained that with the changes to Daisy Hill parking, Section E of the Lied Center parking lot (300) would be part of the count for the DF permit lottery, and the lower price for Lied Center Only parking should be eliminated. The temporary gravel addition will stay until new parking is completed, after McCollum is demolished. There was discussion about the bridge, and that DCM is working on a plan to study how to improve the rails in a way that will also be appropriate if/when the bridge is improved. Tetwiler asked if lighting will also be included, and Graves said yes, lighting is also in the RFP.

Tetwiler made a motion to eliminate the Lied Center Only permit category, which was seconded by Humphreys. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.