

PARKING COMMISSION MINUTES

October 31, 2013

Attendees: Steve Schrock, John Staniunas, Glen White, Margaret Mahoney, Robin Merritt, Barb Menke, Miranda Wagner, Mackenzie Oatman, Erin Howard (for Preston Brown), Jim Modig, Peg Livingood, Justin Kohlbeck, Drew Humphreys, Donna Hultine, Danny Kaiser, and Margretta de Vries.

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. Everyone introduced themselves.

White made a motion to elect Schrock as the chair, which was seconded by Staniunas. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Menke nominated Mahoney as Vice Chair, which was seconded by Staniunas. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Hultine described the duties of each subcommittee of the Parking Commission: Budget, Rules, Long Range Planning, and Joint Parking & Transit commissions and a signup sheet was passed around.

Oatman made a motion to approve the minutes from May 7, 2013, which was seconded by Howard. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Reports

Permit Sales

Hultine pointed out that Park & Ride permit sales are down, and added that the master planners report fewer students are bringing cars to campus nationwide. Enrollment is down only 0.5%, and the overall decrease in permit sales is similar to the drop in transit ridership.

Transit

Kaiser reported that it is a busy year already for transit: the service provider contract expires 12/31, and university and city in midst of negotiating the contract; working with the master plan, and with the city to find location for a new transit center – the location for majority of transfers has historically been downtown, but it has been pushed around so much that it is simply going to be removed from downtown. This became an opportunity for the university to get involved and have the transit center located on campus; the city task force included KU staff, and the two finalists are 9th & Centennial (near 9th & Iowa) and Stewart Ave south of the fire station (property owned by the Endowment Association), with Stewart likely to be the final choice. Once the location is finalized, it will be a very fast process because transit needs to be moved out of downtown by August 1, 2014. Ridership numbers are coming up to where we expect them to be, with the exception of Park & Ride, but permit sales are also down significantly.

Master Plan

Livingood reported that the master plan process has been ongoing since last December, and is now in the integration and documentation phase, pulling together data collection, analysis and options, and science program needs, in order to make specific recommendations. There will be more detailed information in coming weeks, but giving a broad overview so that the Parking Commission will be aware

of the process, since it will be involved in implementing the plan. She clarified that the executive committee, which includes upper level officials, chancellor, and provost, will approve of the overall plan.

What should KU look like 10-20 years from now? The master plan conducted a space analysis, to find out what facilities we need and how might we develop in the future. The university is running out of room for academics. The proposal includes wrapping around to Stouffer place, which is low density in prime area of campus, and creating the "Jayhawk Trail" – a nearly accessible mixed-use path for bicycles and pedestrians to connect main and west campus – are we one campus or two? And as the needs develop, what happens to the parking? Core areas with parking lots might be needed for future building sites. From the data, there are plenty parking spaces, but not enough convenient parking, and the slopes become a challenge for people. Options include going to a park once program, assigned to a lot, or to a zone. How would that work? How would that impact transit? Also considering surface parking vs. garages? When does it make sense to start considering building more spaces? These are all ideas that are still evolving. There are also options that look at new residence halls on West Campus, as well as recreation fields.

There was discussion about where the “center” of campus is (now closer to the Burge Union), offices currently located on Wakarusa, how to plan for growth in enrollment, and preserving the historic district. There was also discussion about phase two of the Jayhawk Boulevard reconstruction, including options for sustainable stormwater initiatives, and what is being called a “transit garden” – a waiting/seating area off of the main sidewalk. Modig said that in observing how the first stretch of road has worked, the sense is that it is a safer environment: pedestrians are using crosswalks more.

New Business

University Senate Code

Hultine pointed out that some of the changes are minor ‘housekeeping’ items. In the membership, when the Parking Commission was created and the senate code revised, the transportation coordinator was a voting member to make sure transit had representation. Once the coordinator became an employee of this department, it seemed like a conflict of interest. This issue was voted on by the commission in October 2009, but had not been sent for formal approval. Hultine added that last year, she had requested that AbleHawks be represented on the Parking Commission, which we had last year in spite of the language not having been changed. Finally, with the market study in HR, the differences between unclassified and support staff are being reduced, and Hultine recommended merging the two. Mahoney added that SenEx has been discussing merging the two senates, but nothing likely to happen before late spring; current presidents of both senates are considering forming a task force.

Staniunas made a motion to make the changes to the text as shown, which was seconded by Howard. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Howard made a motion to amend the voting members to read as follows: “Voting members. The Provost shall appoint the voting members from lists of persons recommended by the groups named: Three members of the student body, one of whom shall be the Student Senate Transportation Coordinator or including a member of the Transportation Board University Transit Commission and a

representative of AbleHawks, recommended by the Student Senate Executive Committee; three members of the faculty, one of whom may be an emeritus faculty member, recommended by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee; four members of the university staff, recommended by the University Support Staff Senate and the Unclassified Senate. “

Oatman seconded the motion, and the Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

New Violation on Memorial Drive

There was discussion about the current condition of the parking, the un-striped parallel spaces, and the fact that all the parallel parking will be removed when Memorial Drive is reconstructed several years from now. Kohlbeck said that the citation will have an in person hearing because there is no clear definition of what this is, but that a violation would make it simpler, in the future. There was discussion about whether or not existing violations could be used. White made a motion to table the discussion, which was seconded by Staniunas. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

School of Journalism Reserved Stall Request

Hultine explained that the meters behind Stauffer-Flint have been removed, which the School of Journalism has been using for reserved spaces for guests. A permanently reserved space would be less labor intensive for us, but also result in less revenue. There was discussion about the location behind Stauffer-Flint. Livingood commented that there might be future issues as ADA spaces are added or relocated. Mahoney made a motion to approve the reserved space, which was seconded by Howard. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Appeals

Dakota Smith

There was discussion about where Jayhawker Towers parking is located in comparison to the baseball field. White made a motion to deny Smith’s request for a second parking permit, which was seconded by Menke. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Nathan Daniel

Staniunas summarized that Daniel did not print the receipt when his permit did not arrive in the mail. Hultine added that Daniel implies that we would mail second permit, which is incorrect. When a permit is lost in the mail, customers must come into the office to sign a form and are then issued a replacement permit at the same time. There was discussion about making a compromise; Hultine said that our compromise had been to cancel all nine tickets that were issued, seven more than the usual two tickets that we cancel normally. Howard made a motion to deny the request for a refund of towing charges, which was seconded by Wagner. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Open Forum

Hultine explained that the purpose of the forum is to get input, with a second forum in the spring to discuss proposed changes. Much of the feedback is provided via an anonymous online survey, and we will provide explanations later, either on the website or in the spring open forum.

The meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.