

PARKING COMMISSION MINUTES

March 3, 2014

Attendees: Steve Schrock, Glen White, John Staniunas, Margaret Mahoney, Barb Menke, Miranda Wagner, Paul Graves (DCM), Drew Humphreys, Donna Hultine, Danny Kaiser, and Margretta de Vries.

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. White made a motion to approve the minutes from October 31 and December 5, which was seconded by Wagner. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Reports

Permit Sales

Hultine reported that permit sales are still down, but only -0.3% if you remove Park & Ride from the calculation.

Transit

Kaiser reported that ridership has rebounded a bit this year on all routes except 41, but this route's ridership has not declined as much as permit sales in Park & Ride. A new contract was signed for a 5-year period, with a very good situation financially. There was a significant difference between the two proposals. The city and university selected the same vendor as before, MV Transportation, and this was the first contract with KU having our own facility.

New Business

Color Zone Changes

Kansas Geological Survey – lot 211

There was discussion about the impact of 400 new students parking in this area for the School of Pharmacy, with lot 211 being the next closest parking lot where yellow spaces are available. There are enough staff at KGS that would change to red permits if the spaces were red, and having no yellow spaces will stop the excessive traffic in the parking lot. There was discussion about signage, and that color zone rules would go into effect in August. Staniunas made motion to approve the change of lot 211 from yellow to red, which was seconded by Menke. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

JRP – lot 50/52

DCM will be moving out of Carruth this summer, with approximately 36 people moving to offices at Continuing Education, while at the same time the admin/operations service center will be moving in, bringing 69 employees. Last year we changed some to red due to the loss of parking spaces on the Boulevard. What staff proposes is to change the whole east-facing row, which is approximately 33 spaces. Hultine said that because the master plan is encouraging us to assign parking instead of hunting license, student parking will probably move a little bit further out. Staniunas made a motion to approve the change, which was seconded by Wagner. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Garage Permit Restrictions – lots 6/7

There have been complaints about people with garage permits taking up spaces in these two very small parking lots, which are as close in proximity to the garage as other parking lots on the restricted list for Allen Fieldhouse Garage permits. Staff requests that these two parking lots be added to the list of restricted lots. Staniunas made a motion to approve, which was seconded by White. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Housing Construction – lots 300/206

Construction is about to begin on Daisy Hill, with the closing of lots 102 and 103 over Spring Break. Housing is offering a buy back on permits, encouraging people to leave cars at home after the break, but there have only been two takers so far. Hultine said that there is a need to protect the Lied Center parking, other than Section E, which was always a DF parking lot before Lied was built. Staff proposes to extend the same rule as applies to lot 50, no overnight parking, effective Monday, March 24. The message for next year will be that sales of DF permits are limited, and everyone with DF permit will get a message from us. There was discussion about the number of parking spaces and permits sold, compared to the loss of 600 parking spaces, and also about parking at Lied Center events. Schrock suggested the same rule should be applied in lot 222, where there is also nearby yellow parking. There was additional discussion about the need to change the culture of parking at Housing, and how the department plans to proceed. Hultine added that Student Housing will do whatever we need to do to help get the message out there. Staniunas made a motion to approve rule change of no overnight parking for lots 300 A-D, 206 and 222, which was seconded by Humphreys. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Permit Request

Request was tabled for further information.

Master Plan

Hultine let the commission know that the master plan presentation would be held on Friday, March 14, in Spooner Commons, and encouraged everyone to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.