

PARKING COMMISSION MINUTES

December 5, 2013

Attendees: Margaret Mahoney, Robin Merritt, Miranda Wagner, Erin Howard (for Preston Brown), Peg Livingood, Drew Humphreys, Donna Hultine, Danny Kaiser, and Margretta de Vries.

The meeting was called to order at 2:09 p.m.

Reports

Permit Sales

Hultine explained that the report shows both the overall percentage decline, as well as a secondary calculation that does not include Park & Ride. She added that the master planners say that the trend nationwide is fewer students bringing cars to campus.

Transit

Kaiser reported that KU routes, except 41, are now showing a slight increase, more like what we expect. He also reported that the City has been looking for an alternative for major transfer center outside of downtown. There are two potential locations, at 9th & Centennial and at 21st & Stewart Ave. At a recent public meeting at the Stewart Ave site, concerns from the neighborhood, especially regarding the potential of increased traffic. Although this is not a KU project, the 21st and Stewart location is KU property, which would benefit faculty/staff, with year-round service from all over city coming to/very close to KU.

New Business

University Senate Code

Open Forum

Hultine reported that we solicit anonymous feedback through an online survey each time we host a forum, which usually leads to more comments but fewer attendees at the forum. There was discussion about attendance at forum, game parking, Park & Ride permit price increase. de Vries read the results of actual survey questions.

Brainstorming

Hultine said that this was an opportunity to get preliminary feedback and ideas from the commission for the master plan and the parking component and extra study, especially because potential building locations are on existing parking lots, and needing to think differently about how to allocate parking. The main recommendation is to allocate parking in a lot or group of lots, and change to a "park once" concept, then take bus or walk.

There was discussion about possibilities such as a premium for "flex" permits valid anywhere, converting Park & Ride to a yellow zone, changing to a "market based" price structure, potential locations for a new parking garage, the idea of using gates in some areas, and the importance of providing options.

Livingood stressed that the master plan is very conceptual, but that real decisions will have to be made based on the reality of what is going on at any particular time. Kaiser pointed out that there are

infrastructure issues, and there was additional discussion about the costs involved in each potential construction project or increase in transit service. There was also discussion about different ways to help people learn how to ride the bus.

Livingood added that this is a lot of change, but change has already been happening at KU for a while. It's a major change in culture, advantages and disadvantages can be well thought out, and figure out how to make it easy.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.