

PARKING COMMISSION MINUTES

November 5, 2014

Attendees: Steve Schrock, Eva Horn, Chris Wallace, Robin Merritt, Adam Moon, Abigail Schletzbaum, Carlos Patino, Donna Hultine, Danny Kaiser, and Margretta de Vries.

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m.

Wallace made a motion to approve the minutes from both September 17 and October 15, which was seconded by Hundelt. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Reports

Permit Sales

Hultine reported that there is nothing significant to report; sales are approximately what we would expect. DF permits are up to 870 permits, but there is still a lot of space in 300E, so she is not sure where they are parking. There are 60 new spaces along the newly constructed Engel Road.

Transit

Ridership is slightly lower in the month of October, but generally slightly higher overall. Route 43, the red circulator, has been significantly impacted by construction, and it is no longer convenient to go to/from dining between Lewis Hall and McCollum/Ellsworth with only one way buses.

Old Business

Reimagining Parking

Hultine reported that the timeline for all of the changes proposed in the report was very ambitious, but may not be technically possible by next year. Moving to license plate recognition (LPR), which is necessary for an allocation system to be successful, will be a huge effort in and of itself. She recommends planning a transition year to acquire LPR, learn how to use it, while at the same time beginning to improve parking. With the five-year plan for permit prices to go up, Hultine is suggesting to make it a better hunting license by changing some yellow to red, moving capacity to yellow zones that are further away, beef up transit, provide a way for students on Daisy Hill to get to their cars 24/7, develop 'how to ride the bus' training, change meeting culture to quarter hours, start TDM programs, and get people to choose other choices. Consider asking again to stop letting people age into gold, and the possibility of waiting lists for other residence halls. Hultine asked commission members to mull these over, and that staff will work to develop a formal proposal for voting. There was additional discussion about the rule changes necessary to make LPR work, such as no backing into parking spaces.

Hundelt asked if there is any push for more parking garages? Swanson answered that the university is looking at public private partnership, which is being shopped out to investors, and added that there is a lot of tiered parking involved in that scenario.

There was also discussion about how full lot 90 is this year, and how late night access to parking lots might work with transit; there are only 4 hours of the day when there is no service of any kind, at this time.

New Business

Reserved Stall Request - Forbush Clinic

There was discussion about the request, including concerns about whether or not the interviews have to happen in Fraser, and the potential for the spaces to be empty when not in use when that is one of the complaints we get every year. There was also discussion about whether or not this would open us up to other requests. The commission asked staff to discuss alternate options with clinic director, and table this issue to the next meeting, but generally supported the visitor permit option, subject to annual review.

Open Forum

Hultine reported that a discussion with Marketing Communications led to not having the public forum for public comment until we have more information about the transition plan in the spring. We plan to do surveys. Horn asked that we include questions about transit. There was discussion about having a meeting on a bus, and what is stopping people from getting on the bus?

UDK Editorial

Hultine summarized, and then de Vries read the editorial aloud. There was discussion about the fact that a ticket was issued to the Kansan editor.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.