

Transportation & Parking Committee Agenda

Standing Monthly Meeting Time: 1:00 pm Tuesday (2nd Tuesday of the Month)

Meeting Date: September 14, 2021

AGENDA

In attendance: Diane Agud, Sandra Gabbert, David Tribble, Nick Quint, Haley Michel, Jenny McCoy, Eric Martin, Kirk Felton, Jeri Baker, Pam Tate, Kristin Link

Excused: Paul Avery, Jaden Ringley

1. Introductions of new and returning members
 - a. Jeri Baker called the meeting to order and asked attendees to introduce themselves. She explained the makeup of the committee and noted that all committee members have been given access to the Google drive where documents will be shared and stored.
 - b. Jeri reviewed the Charge of the committee and its line of reporting, as well as the difference between its role in governance and operational aspects.
2. Appointment of Chair/Vice-Chair for next year
 - a. Jeri announced that the committee needed to elect a chair and a vice-chair. No nominations were immediately forthcoming and the matter will be revisited at the next meeting. Jeri is amenable to a flexible sharing of duties.
3. Discussion of Resolution to add ADA Representation to the Committee
 - a. Jeri had shared a draft of the resolution to add a standing member from the ADA community to the committee due to the impact of parking on mobility.
 - b. Joseph Cooley, ADA campus accessibility architect, attended the meeting to discuss his role and responsibilities and to give updates on parking that had been affected by construction projects.
 - c. A motion to accept the resolution was made by Jenny McCoy, seconded by Eric Martin, and approved unanimously. Jeri will polish up the draft and send it to the Commission on University Support for consideration.
4. Diane Agud: questions for discussion
 - a. Diane Agud had posed several questions that Jeri shared with the group:

Q: What happened to the ADA spaces in front of Major Williams that have been lost due to construction?

A: Three spaces in front of the CLAHS building were relocated one block north. They will not be returning soon due to the demolition of Femoyer Hall and construction of the new residence hall. There have been reports of construction vehicles parking in ADA spaces in that area but it appears that the violations are because contractors and delivery services are stopping in short term. Jeri works with the construction managers to increase awareness of the need to leave these spaces open. The citations for parking in ADA spaces are considerably more expensive than they are for other violations (\$40 v. \$175)

Q: Parking is an issue at Lavery Hall, with people going in to pick up food.

A: Seven 15-minute “grab and go” spaces have been added on the other side of Lavery.

Q: How is communication of closures being handled?

A: Jeri commended the way communications departments and Facilities are making these updates, working with Waze and Google maps to make daily updates, even on short-term changes.

Q: What is being done to address congestion in the Perry Street area?

A: The facility does have electronic signage but that had to be disengaged due to construction. The garage is not oversold, with 200 – 400 spaces routinely empty each day. Parking Services will not sell additional student permits because of issues exiting the facility. Several measures have been enacted to address the congestion, such as restricting left turns onto Prices Fork Road between 3 – 6 PM and opening a temporary second exit onto West Campus Drive (that will be phased out as the multi-modal facility project progresses). All of the old signage which appeared contradictory has been removed and/or replaced. Faculty/staff spaces lost to construction were moved to the garage and those permit holders can park anywhere in the facility. PC permit holders can park on levels 3 – 5, and there are spaces on the second level reserved for graduate students. Jeri has done several lot counts and found an average of 300 spaces open at all times. If not for the problem of exiting the garage at the end of the day, 400 additional student permits could have been sold.

5. Other topics for discussion

- a. There were no additional topics to discuss and the meeting was adjourned at 1:45. The meeting day and time work well for committee members, so recurring meetings will be set for 1 – 2 PM the second Tuesday of each month.