

Transportation & Parking Committee (TPC)
December 7, 2011 Minutes
Parking Services (PS) Satellite Office Perry Street Parking Garage

Members Present:

Ladd Brown, Angelo Colon, Dennis Gehrt, Bruce Harper, Spencer Joslin, Achla Marathe, Steve Mouras, Emily Satterwhite, Patricia Williams

Members Absent:

Wendell Flinchum, Richard McCoy, Lyndsay McKeever, David Russell

Attendees:

Vince Houston (for Flinchum), Bo Frazier (guest / for McCoy)

Agenda:

Report from the Commission on University Support (CUS):

The CUS had not met since the November 16, 2011 TPC meeting, so there was no update.

Minutes approval:

In the review of the November minutes, Steve Mouras expanded on the Alternative Transportation (AT) notes:

- the [date] bike light giveaway, in conjunction with East Coasters Bike Shop, was funded by SGA
- a second bike light giveaway is tentatively scheduled to take place during Earth Week 2012
- the advantages of combining the future bike light giveaways with bicycle registration during student check-in was also mentioned.

The November minutes were approved as amended.

PAHC bylaws review:

Guest attendee Bo Frazier, Parking Services Assistant Manager, gave the committee an overview of the PAHC proceedings and answered initial questions and comments:

- the PAHC meets twice per month, alternating on Wednesday and Thursday, from 3:00 pm. until 4:30 or 5:00, depending on the docket; typical PAHC attendance is six committee members
- PAHC applicants are cleared / admitted through the PAHC chair
- the current operational model was working well; there was a good flow to the overall process (scheduling, hearing proceedings); adverse feedback appears to be minimal
- the PAHC needed more student members; the student members' perspective was positive and enlightening
- student members are recruited through the PAHC, through SGA, and by word of mouth

- it was suggested that there could be a PAHC recruitment poster during student parking permit purchase
- it was explained that the benefit to student members (if they fulfill the 50%-or-more attendance requirement) is a permit good for the following semester or reimbursement for the current semester if the student is no longer going to park on campus
- it was agreed that the mechanics of the incentives for membership needs clarification.

There were questions concerning who can present the case (the ticketholder) and who can appear to present a second appeal (the permit holder, if applicable). It was pointed out that appellants may use presentation aids, but not employ witnesses.

A goal of the PAHC bylaws review is to codify the appellant's permissions and restrictions.

There was a question about the representation on the PAHC from the various permit populations (e.g., an AT rep on the PAHC) and Frazier explained that he was present on the PAHC as a PS resource person who could supply history / fill in background info for the committee and the appellant as well as cite regulations and explain / clarify the verdict of the first (unsuccessful) appeal for both the committee and the appellant.

Frazier also explained the three verdicts: Uphold, Dismiss, and Reduce (similar in some ways to a plea bargain). A tied PAHC vote goes in favor of the appellant.

There are no minutes of the PAHC proceedings, but there are notes / comments on the docket for post-judgment feedback (useful for justifying Uphold verdicts to unsuccessful appellants). There was some discussion about how the verdict and proceedings information could be made anonymous and available to interested parties via the PS website.

Mouras added that the PAHC was a much-needed instrument: designed to move traffic offense petitions out of the hands of administrators and into the realm of peer judgment where the PAHC is the final court of appeals.

The topic of PAHC term limits was debated at length with the "2-2-2" proposal gathering strength:

- term limits for non-student PAHC membership will be two years of service, followed by a mandatory (subject to exceptions) two year caesura, then eligibility for another two years of service. Any two-year term of service shall be followed by two years off.
- it was mentioned that there would probably not be a need to institute term limits for student members.

Please send any comments / suggestions to Bruce Harper by January 20, 2012. He will be compiling this input into a master draft document.

Preliminary Spring 2012 Semester Schedule Availability:

Joslin will create a doodle poll in order to find the most-convenient time slot for the Spring semester TPC meetings.