

Parking & Traffic Standing Committee Meeting
Lyceum 100 – 3:00 p.m.
Monday – April 8, 2019

Attended:

Dr. Robert Barnard, Linda Christian, Dean Hansen, Mike Harris, LeTosha James,
Dr. George McClellan, Steven Ridout, and Camille Toles

Discussion:

- Mike distributed copies of the meeting agenda packet. He asked if anyone had anything they wanted to add to the agenda. Dr. McClellan advised he wanted to add an item dealing with the Guyton Hall Circle. Mike stated we would add “c. Guyton Circle” under Old Business on the printed agenda. The agenda as amended was then approved after a motion by Dean and a second by Dr. McClellan.
- The minutes of the previous meeting (February 11, 2019) were approved after a motion by Dr. McClellan and a second by Dean.
- Following the agenda, Mike began with *Old Business*:
 - *LPR Information* – Mike stated that DPT parking enforcement officers are currently involved in the training and testing of the LPR system. He stated that for now the system will only be used as an enforcement mechanism through the use of a couple LPR-vehicles along with a couple parking enforcement officers on foot for the coming school year. Mike said during the coming school year DPT will evaluate the LPR system. If the system proves satisfactory, DPT may thereafter go to a complete LPR operational system where there would be virtual permits in that the license plate would operate as the permit on a vehicle.
 - *Fraternity/Sorority Construction* – Mike made reference to a campus map in the meeting packet that depicted locations of various construction projects to be initiated this summer:
 - Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority – 75% of the house is to be renovated. This is expected to be an 18-month project starting in May 2019 and completed in Fall 2020.
 - Kappa Delta Sorority – this project is pending. However, this project will involve the demolition of the entire house. It is possible this project will start in May 2019.
 - Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity – this involves a roofing project which should be completed by December 2019.
 - Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity – they are to build a new wing on the back of this house. Work should begin soon and be completed by Spring 2020.
 - Kappa Sigma Fraternity – this project will involve correcting a drainage issue. Work should be completed by December 2019.

- Pi Beta Phi Sorority – they will be reworking the entry sidewalk from the curb to the front doors of the house. This work will be completed before the start of Fall 2019.
- *Guyton Circle* – Mike asked Dr. McClellan to discuss this item he had requested be put on the agenda. Dr. McClellan stated he still sees violators not driving on the Guyton Circle in the correct direction (he brought this up in the February 11, 2019 meeting). He inquired whether something like a one-way sign could be posted along with possible UPD enforcement. Dean said it seems a one-way sign with an arrow could be positioned in the middle of the circle. This concern will be passed on to UPD.
- Following the agenda, Mike then moved to *New Business*:
- *Save-the-Date* – Mike explained that Save-the-Date references when faculty/staff/students are to go online this summer for 2019-2020 vehicle registration. He said DPT will send out 3 emails in June as a reminder to faculty/staff/students.
- *Meters Manning Center* – Mike referenced a handout in the meeting packet that depicted the East Manning Center Parking Lot. He explained that some parking meters in this “open” designated parking lot are to be removed this summer. On the handout it was depicted where some meters would be removed and others would remain in this lot. The meters that are removed will be relocated to the Upper Women’s Terrace Parking Lot this summer. Mike said one reason some of the meters can now be removed relates to the reduced hours of operation of the Grill-at-1810 in the Manning Center.
- *All American Drive* – Mike referenced a map in the meeting packet that depicts the present one-lane traffic pattern on All American Drive with a traffic arm at University Avenue on the east end and another traffic arm at Hill Drive on the west end. He explained that this section of All American Drive is to be temporarily opened for two-lane traffic while Gertrude Ford Boulevard is temporarily closed during the work on a retaining wall this summer. Mike said that once the retaining wall project is completed All American Drive will be closed to through-traffic from 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday but would open for through-traffic after 5:00 p.m. weekdays and weekends.

Dr. McClellan asked about the purpose of the traffic gates. Mike explained that currently there is only one-lane of traffic possible on this stretch of All American Drive due to the STEM Building construction fence that protrudes onto All American Drive thus negating the possibility of two-lane traffic. He also stated that limiting through-traffic during regular business hours on weekdays allows the OUT buses quick passage so as to stay on their schedule and helps with the overall traffic flow in this area of campus.

- *Student Union Drive* – Mike referenced a map in the meeting packet that showed Student Union Drive between Rebel Drive to the west and Grove Loop to the east that

will repaved this summer. He said the work is to start July 8 and will be an approximate 6-week project. During this project the Student/Employee Health Center patient-only parking spaces will be temporarily located in the northwest corner of the nearby Meek Parking Lot.

- *Chucky Mullins* – Mike referenced a couple site plan drawings in the meeting packet that depicted the plans for a “Chucky Mullins Drive Connection” in relation to Chucky Mullins Drive and the new South Campus Recreation Center. Two routes were depicted on the drawings: one will run along the north side of the SCRC complex to intersect with Kitchen Aid Drive, and the other along the south border of the SCRC complex which will be Chucky Mullins Drive (rerouted slightly from the current path of Chucky Mullins Drive) to intersect with Old Taylor Road. It is hoped both routes will be completed by Fall 2019.
- *Hill and All American* – Dean explained a concern related to vehicles frequently being staged in the right turn lane on Hill Drive at the intersection with All American Drive. These motorists (mostly students) park in this lane with the vehicle flashers on while they wait to pick up their friends who are getting out of class or they run into the Pavilion to one of the eating establishments while buses are in the middle lane of Hill Drive. DPT parking enforcement officers are to give this area increased attention to address this problem. They are to approach the motorists and give them an opportunity to move on or advise them they will be cited for obstructing traffic. UPD will be apprised of this troublesome situation as well for their officers to help address this obstructing of traffic.
- Mike then advised he wanted to give the committee members “heads up” on some new anticipated services to be available with the start of Fall 2019:
 - E-Bikes – Mike said DPT has entered into a new contract with a company that will provide electric bicycles to replace the current Gotcha bikes that involve the docking stations strategically located around campus. The company will take care of everything related to the operation and leasing of these electric bicycles.
 - E-Scooters – Mike explained that there is a possibility that we might offer electric scooters as a pilot program. This is currently being reviewed by the University’s general counsel. If legal approves, DPT will pursue with a private company to provide a turnkey operation for electric scooters that will involve a docked-scooter system.
- The meeting was adjourned after a motion by Mike and a second by Dean.