

Parking & Traffic Standing Committee Meeting
Lyceum 110 – 3:00 p.m.
Monday – February 11, 2019

Attended:

Nequel Burwell, Linda Christian, Sarah Doty, Dean Hansen, Mike Harris, Claire Hausman, Dr. George McClellan, and Steven Ridout

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 Circle. Mike stated we would add “c. Guyton Circle” under New Business on the printed agenda. The agenda as amended was then approved after a motion by Sarah and a second by Dean.
- The minutes of the previous meeting (January 14, 2019) were approved after a motion by Dr. McClellan and a second by Dean.
- Following the agenda, Mike began with *Old Business*:
 - *Meeting Schedules* – Mike stated he had checked on this since the last meeting, and he has been advised he has a “blank check” as to how he wants to convene committee meetings. Mike said that based upon this going forward the committee would not schedule monthly meetings when UM classes are not in session unless there is something pressing that needs timely attention. This practice will afford the opportunity for student committee members to attend all meetings.
 - *SOC Parking Information* – Mike repeated some information covered in last month’s meeting that a parking permit would be required at SOC starting with the fall semester 2019. The permit cost will be \$55 and will be valid only to park at SOC. Mike also announced that since the SOC will operate as its own campus in a sense, the Department of Parking and Transportation (DPT) plans to establish an office at SOC in March 2019 and assign a staff member to this office from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. weekdays. This staff member will be available on-site to issue visitor parking passes, provide parking and transportation information, and address any questions or concerns people might have related to SOC. Mike stated that in July 2019 the UM parking permits for 2019-2020 will go on sale, and parking permits would be required to be displayed on vehicles parked at SOC starting August 16, 2019.
 - *LPR Information* – Mike referenced some printed information in the meeting packet related to the LPR system DPT plans to initiate starting with the fall semester 2019. He

said the information gives a general overview of the actual LPR system that DPT will use, and that this could be discussed at the next committee meeting. He encouraged committee members to share this information with their peers. He repeated that to start with DPT will only use the LPR system for enforcement purposes and that we would still issue parking permits that are to be displayed on vehicles. He said DPT wanted to see how well the system works before a possible move to a permitless (virtual permit) system.

- *Fraternity/Sorority Construction* – Mike reviewed information that the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority project will increase the number of beds from 58 to 70. The project is to commence in May 2019 and end in July 2020.

The Kappa Delta sorority project will be more extensive in that they will tear down the current house and construct a new house. The current bed number is 68 and will increase to 84 with this project. Work should begin around May 2020.

Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity project will add 18-20 additional beds. They are basically adding a wing to the current house. The work was to have already started and may start anytime now; they are waiting on the approval of the fire marshal.

Mike stated that a sublease agreement is being worked out where it appears the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority will utilize the vacated Kappa Alpha Theta sorority house while the Kappa Kappa Gamma house is under construction.

Pi Beta Phi sorority is starting plans to add a wing to their current structure. The project likely will not start until the summer of 2020 at the earliest.

- Following the agenda, Mike then moved to *New Business*:
 - *Parking Permit Prices* – Mike referenced a handout in the meeting packet that listed the various parking permit types and the related permit fees for 2019-2020. He stated that only the Pavilion Garage permit would have a fee increase; it will increase from \$450 to \$500. There will be no increase for the other parking permit types. He also pointed out the new permit for SOC that will be \$55. Parking permits are valid from August 15 of the current year to August 15 of the following year.

Mike announced that starting with 2019-2020 permits the low-option faculty/staff permit would be based upon \$30,000 and below salary rather than the current \$25,000 and below.

- *Temporary Permits for Students* – Mike then asked Dr. McClellan to discuss this item he had brought to Mike's attention recently via email. Dr. McClellan said that there are many graduate students who only have one class and it is usually late in the day at 4:00 p.m., and they are required to get a parking permit at the same rate as other students.

Mike replied that the class schedule for students will change each semester – while they only have a 4:00 p.m. class this semester, this might not hold true for the spring semester. However, Mike advised that if these students contact DPT via email, DPT would attempt to work something out with them based upon their situation. Mike also mentioned the concern Dr. McClellan had indicated about dissertation students who may only need to come to campus infrequently for a brief meeting with their advisor. Mike stated that the student should go to the DPT office so a time-limited parking pass could be issued. Mike emphasized that students are not eligible for visitor passes since they are not visitors to campus but could be issued time-limited parking passes.

- *Guyton Circle* – Mike asked Dr. McClellan to discuss this item he had requested be put on the agenda. Dr. McClellan stated that he has observed some motorists going the wrong way around the circle and someone is going to get hurt. Other committee members voiced they had observed errant drivers on this circle as well. Dean advised he would confer with some of his staff (Facilities Management) to see what can be done (i.e., signage, paint, etc.).
- Nequel mentioned the 30-minute load/unload posted parking spaces in front of Martin and Stockard Residence Halls. She inquired about certain Housing staff members being allowed to park in these spaces. Mike stated that the posted signage indicates that the spaces are reserved for resident students only so they can load/unload personal items closer to their residence hall. Linda mentioned that in previous years certain Housing staff members requested greater parking access to some Housing areas but DPT relies on an annual memo sent to DPT from Housing each summer to indicate which staff members are to have reserved parking spaces and which staff members are to be scofflawed to allow greater parking access to Housing facilities. In the past when requests were made for additional Housing staff for additional Housing parking access beyond what was indicated in the summer memo the Director of Housing, declined these requests from his perspective. DPT concurred with him. Nequel indicated she would discuss this with The Director of Housing.
- Mike stated there would be no March meeting since the second Tuesday in March is during Spring Break. The next scheduled meeting will be Monday, April 8, 2019.
- The meeting was adjourned.