

Parking & Traffic Standing Committee Meeting
Lyceum Room 110 – 3:00 p.m.
Monday – July 9, 2018

Attended:

Paul Caffera, Linda Christian, Mike Harris, Erica McKinley, and Steven Ridout

Discussion:

- Due to the lack of a quorum, the minutes of the previous meeting were not introduced. They will be taken up at the next committee meeting in August.
- Ms. McKinley, the recently hired University general counsel, introduced herself to the committee. She stated it has not yet been determined who from her office will officially replace Donna Gurley on the committee. Mike explained to her the essence of the committee to include its makeup, purpose, and monthly meetings.
- Following the meeting agenda – **Old Business – Construction & Parking/Transit Updates**
 - **GHM Project**

This is the renovation of Garland-Hedleston-Mayes Halls (old residence halls which have been closed for several years). Completion of this project is near. It is anticipated that move-in could be late in the Fall 2018 semester.
 - **Delta Delta Delta Sorority House (Tri-Delt House)**

The construction work is wrapping up. The project has increased the number of residents the house can accommodate. When they open for the coming school year, they will house 109 residents in the house.
 - **Johnson Commons East**

It is estimated this project will be completed in November 2018.
 - **Union Building**

This date seems to change from time to time but most recently it has been said the work will be completed and move in will occur in early spring 2019.
 - **Old Whirlpool – the South Campus Recreation Facility and Transportation Hub** (to include new offices of the Department of Parking and Transportation currently in Lester Hall)

The completion date of this project also changes from time to time. Most recently it was said substantial completion is estimated to be February 19, 2019. Mike speculated it will likely be after Spring Break. He also mentioned that DPT will have a presence in the Union Building after the move to the new location. It likely will be a kiosk that offers an on-site staff member to interact with people and answer questions along with a computer where one can go online to purchase a parking permit, make an appeal of a citation, etc. Mike also said that once this new building

is occupied, a new dedicated bus shuttle service will be established to link it directly with main campus.

- **Additional Carpool Spaces**
Ten new carpool spaces will be established at the Ford Center/Depot area by the start of the 2018 fall semester.
 - **Additional Parking Meters**
Six parking meters will be positioned in the Insight Park Parking Lot by the start of the 2018 fall semester. The meters were requested by the economic development director at Insight Park.
 - **JAC Lot Updates (Jackson Avenue Center)**
The re-pavement project at JAC is underway. This work should be completed by the start of the 2018 fall semester. Along with the actual re-pavement of the parking surface, the lot is being reconfigured slightly to provide more definition to the Malco allocated parking area and the addition of islands in the lot.
- Following the meeting agenda – **New Business** –
 - **Parking & Transit Survey Results**
Mike referenced a handout, 2018 DPT Survey Results: Customer Satisfaction Survey Report. The survey was conducted recently. Mike reviewed the findings. He stated DPT intends to conduct a similar survey annually; such a timely survey also ties into the industry-standard accreditation process DPT is involved in.
 - **Vehicle Charging Station Installation**
Mike referenced a handout that depicted what a vehicle charging station unit looks like. He stated a charging station is to be installed soon behind the Turner Center. The charging station will offer charging free but this will be a time-limited space. This will help assure multiple motorists can utilize the charging station during the course of a day.
 - Ms. McKinley then discussed her concerns of Mississippi laws related to guns on campus. She is still researching this and will be conferring with various facets of campus personnel. She mentioned specifically in connection with this committee the possibility of the placement of signage on campus.
 - The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, August 13, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. in Lyceum Room 110.