

**Parking & Traffic Standing Committee Meeting**  
**Lyceum Room 110 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Monday – March 12, 2018**

**Attended:**

Harriman Abernathy, Linda Christian, Thelma Curry, Mike Harris, Ashton Pearson, Erin Ridout, and Steven Ridout

**Discussion:**

- Minutes from the last two meetings (January 8, 2018 and February 12, 2018) were not approved and will be presented at the April 9, 2018 meeting due to lack of a quorum of committee members present.
  
- Following the meeting agenda – *Old Business – Purple Heart Parking* – Mike advised that the special posted signage for the Purple Heart reserved parking space on the Circle is now up although the sign is bagged (covered) until the program is initiated. The special Purple Heart parking permits have been received. Mike has notified the University's Office of Veteran and Military Services in Martindale Center. A ceremony to commence use of the parking space will likely take place late April 2018.
  
- *Parking Zone Signs* – Mike stated that this agenda item first came up for discussion in last month's meeting, but a vote was not taken due to lack of a quorum. Mike said that he had asked the ASB representative who appeared before the committee last month, Drew Perry, to provide the committee with some samples of signage used on other campuses. Mike mentioned that a change in signage would be very costly – this would involve 500-600 signs across campus which can cost \$30-50 per sign not including installation costs – but he said he didn't want this factor alone to defer consideration by the committee of a change in signage. Mike did caution committee members that if the committee ultimately recommends a change in signage, such a change must be approved by other University committees and University administration officials.
  
- Following the meeting agenda – *New Business – Old Hospital Progress* – Mike made reference to a copy of a drawing in the meeting agenda packet that depicted a planned roundabout that is to be developed at South Lamar and Belk Boulevard. Mike noted that the parking garage at the old hospital is positioned very close to the roundabout in this drawing. He stated that originally it had been announced the roundabout would be a 90-day project but now it is expected to be a 210-day project to start March 19, 2018 and be completed October 15, 2018. Mike pointed out this means this project will be ongoing through 4 home football game days this fall. Mike said he has been told the University will have access to the surface parking lots and garage of the old hospital complex throughout this project with the exception of a few days. Mike said he has emailed the proper parties and asked for this to be acknowledged in writing.

- *Save the Date* – Mike referenced a copy of the 2018-2019 Save the Date card in the meeting agenda packet. These cards are distributed during all the summer Orientation sessions hosted by the Admissions Department. The Department of Parking and Transportation (DPT) also sends a few email notices in early summer months to all permit classifications to apprise them of these important dates. Dates are assigned to different classifications of students as well as faculty/staff as to when they may go online to order their parking permits for the coming school year. A limited number of decals are made available for sale to students for the East Residential, Central Residential, West Residential, South Residential and Commuter zones. They tend to sell out quickly. When the number of residential decals for surface parking are sold out, the residential student's only option then is a Residential Garage decal. Later during the course of the school year as students drop out of school and free up a residential surface lot decal, DPT will contact students on respective waiting lists to swap out the garage permit for a surface lot.

Erin asked how those with a special reserved faculty/staff parking space would register for the coming school year. Mike explained that an email would be sent by DPT to those currently assigned to these spaces. They are to reply to DPT to advise whether they desire to keep their space. If so, they do not go online to register and will not have to go to the DPT office because they will continue to use the same hangtag they have now. DPT will process their payment of the permit fee by payroll deduction.

Mike then explained that faculty/staff who currently have a Pavilion Garage Permit will receive an email from DPT to inquire if they want to retain their reserved parking space in the garage for the coming school year. If so, they must then come to DPT office in Lester Hall to be issued a new hangtag. Following the dates on the Save the Date card notice - once faculty/staff have an opportunity to advise DPT of their desire for a Pavilion parking space, senior commuter students will then have the first option among non-residential students at the remaining spaces in the garage.

- *Guyton Loop* – Mike referenced a copy of a drawing in the meeting agenda packet of the redevelopment of the intersection of Guyton Drive and Magnolia Drive. This involves the circular area in front of Guyton Hall where there are some handicap designated parking spaces. The purpose of this project is to align the circular front of Guyton with Magnolia Drive. A green construction fence has been set up that eliminates use of the West Magnolia Parking Lot; the fence also took in some of the handicap spaces in front of Guyton. Once the project is completed there will be no parking in front of Guyton. Mike mentioned that the west end of Magnolia Drive is blocked to vehicular traffic this week due to construction work. Mike said the completion date of this project is June 2018.
- *Carpool Spaces* – Mike referenced a couple campus maps in the meeting agenda packet. One depicts the Ford Center Parking Lot that is designated for Commuter Decals, and the other a parking lot at Alumni Drive and Gertrude Ford Boulevard that is designated

for East Residential Decals. Mike said that Harriman had recently emailed him with 4 potential locations for additional carpool parking spaces to be added. The only carpool designated spaces currently are in a faculty/staff designated lot behind the Turner Center off Hill Drive. Of the 4 suggested locations, Mike focused on the Ford Center Lot and the East Residential Lot primarily because DPT has camera-coverage of these areas. In his email to Mike, Harriman had also indicated the desire for carpool spaces to be close to Lamar Hall. Ford Center and East Residential are close to Lamar Hall. Because of the lack of a quorum, no vote was taken on this request.

- *Loading/Unloading Space* – Mike referenced a map in the meeting agenda packet that depicted the front of the Insight Park building. Mike explained that William Nicholas, the assistant director of the UM Research Park located at Insight Park, had recently requested that one parking space be developed on the front circular drive to allow short-term loading and unloading. No parking is to be allowed on the remainder of the circular drive. No vote was taken due to lack of a quorum.

Thelma mentioned that the 2 recently created short-term loading/unloading parking spaces at RH2 and RH3 (new, unnamed residence halls) off Rebel Drive appear to be working in addressing the problematic situation of motorists double-parking behind the handicap parking spaces in this small area. Mike concurred and said the use of these new spaces prevents the motorists who otherwise would double-park behind the handicap parking spaces from receiving a parking ticket with a \$200 fine.

- Mike mentioned that speed bumps are being installed in the Pavilion Garage this week. He said we will see how these work in this garage; if it is believed they are effective, speed bumps likely will be installed in the Residential Garage by the start of the fall semester 2018.
- Ashton and Mike briefly discussed the University's purchase of the old hospital complex (referred to for now as "The Facility") and its eventual use. Ashton explained that it has not yet been decided which University offices and departments will relocate to that site. He said there are currently no funds to renovate per the needs of these offices and departments. Mike mentioned that the purchase price was around \$23 million. This involved the University obtaining use of 1,100 parking spaces. Mike estimated that it would take approximately \$11.5 million to develop that many new parking spaces.
- The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Monday, April 9, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 110 of the Lyceum.