

Parking & Traffic Standing Committee Meeting
Lyceum 110 – 3:00 p.m.
Monday – October 14, 2019

Attended:

Dr. Robert Barnard, Linda Christian, Mike Harris, Dr. Mary Hayes, Laura Hill, Jane Mahan,
Dr. George McClellan, Steven Ridout, and Opulence Venton

Discussion:

- Mike welcomed the committee members and asked that they once again introduce themselves since there are new members to the committee.
- 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 “b. Guyton Circle” under Old Business on the printed agenda. The agenda as amended was then approved after a motion by Dr. McClellan and a second by Steven.
- The minutes of the previous meeting (September 9, 2019) were approved after a motion by Dr. McClellan and a second by Jane.
- Following the agenda, Mike began with *Old Business*:
 - *a. Fraternity/Sorority Construction*

Chi Omega – Mike referenced a handout in the meeting packet that described a project involving the Chi Omega Sorority House on Rebel Drive. The project includes demolition of the oldest portion of the existing house and demolition of the one-story chapter room; new construction is to replace these elements of the house. Some portions of the existing house that are adjacent to the demo/new construction will require renovation. Specific initiatives of the project include more dining space, a new kitchen and a new chapter room. Mike stated this project has been officially approved and is to run from May 2020 through July 2021. He also stated that no one would be living in the house during the Fall and Spring Semesters of the 2020-2021 academic year.

- *b. Guyton Circle*

Mike asked Dr. McClellan to discuss this item he had requested be put on the agenda. Dr. McClellan stated he wanted to express his thanks for the follow up on this location. In previous meetings he had expressed concern of some motorists who did not drive in the correct direction on the Guyton Circle. Dean Hansen, a committee member, had sent an email to the committee members last Friday since he was not going to be able

to attend today's meeting. Dean explained in his email the actions his department (Facilities Management) had taken to address this concern. These included reconfiguring the striping on the approach to the circle and painting directional arrows on the road surface of the circle to clearly indicate the traffic flow direction. A traffic circle road sign is to be added as well. With the addition of these traffic flow indicators, violators driving in the wrong direction or taking shortcuts on the Circle should be addressed by UPD patrol officers. Dr. McClellan reiterated his thanks and added that others in Guyton Hall have shared his concerns and all appreciate these enhancements (to include specifically Dr. David Rock, Dean of the School of Education).

- Following the agenda, Mike then moved to *New Business*:

- *a. Track Building Construction*

Mike referenced a handout in the meeting packet that depicted an aerial view of the Track Building on Hill Drive. He explained that an extension will be constructed on this building. The work is to begin in January 2020. He pointed out that a red line drawn on the handout is where the construction fence will be positioned when the project starts. He said this will involve the loss of access to 25 commuter parking spaces during this project. He added that there are more than an adequate number of commuter designated parking spaces nearby in the Jeanette Phillips Lot that routinely go unused on a daily basis to make up for these 25 spaces.

- *b. Distribute Parking and Transportation Information*

Mike referenced a bag of items in the meeting agenda packet. Mike explained that he wanted to share these brochures and pamphlets to give committee members a better idea of the myriad services offered through the Department of Parking and Transportation.

- The meeting was adjourned after a motion by Dr. Barnard and a second by Opulence.