

Parking & Traffic Standing Committee Meeting

Lyceum 1:00 -3:00 p.m.

Monday- September 9, 2019

Attended:

Mike Harris, Dr. Robert Barnard, Johnny Price, Cameron Buss, Andrew Herren, Lolita Gregory, Dr. George McClellan, Dean Hansen, Jane Mahan, Opulence Venton, Nequel Burwell, and Laura Hill

Discussion:

- Mike Harris asked the committee members to introduce themselves and state who they were representing. Mike Harris then distributed copies of the meeting agenda packet. He asked if anyone had anything they wanted to add to the agenda. George McClellan stated that he would like to add again the item dealing with Guyton Hall Circle. Mike Harris stated that he would add this item under Old Business on the printed agenda. The agenda as amended was then approved after a motion by George McClellan and a second by Robert Barnard.
- The minutes of the previous meeting (April 8, 2019) were approved after a motion by Robert Barnard and a second by George McClellan.
- Following the agenda, Mike Harris began with *Old Business*:

LPR Information- Mike Harris explained about the LPR system being used to issue citations. He stated that the LPR system is very efficient. He said the two LPR vehicles can cover areas that would take 8 to 10 parking officers to enforce. He explained how the LPR system reads the license plates to know if the vehicle is registered which will make it not necessary to have permits in the future when this system goes fully into effect.

Fraternity/Sorority Construction- Mike Harris stated there is a lot of construction work taking place on campus.

Chi Omega Sorority - The work includes demolition of the oldest part of the house and the one story chapter room. The new construction will replace these elements of the

house with renovations to the existing part of the house. Time frame May 2020 - July 2021.

Pi Beta Phi Sorority- Plans to add a wing to the rear of the house along with existing dormitory bathrooms being renovated. Estimated time frame May 2020 – March 2021.

Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity – Completion and opening of the new wing will be in the Fall 2020.

Kappa Delta Fraternity – Completion of new house to be Fall 2020.

Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority – Completion of renovations to be Fall 2020

Guyton Hall Circle- Mike Harris asked Dr. George McClellan to discuss the item he had requested to be put on the agenda. Dr. McClellan stated that vehicles were still going the wrong way on the roundabout in front of Guyton. He stated vehicles will go to the left instead of going to the right in the correct direction. He believes this to be dangerous and will end up with someone being hurt. Dean Hansen stated he was sending an email to one of his staff to help address this problem and will be following up on this. Dr. McClellan stated that the passing of time has not helped, that people still don't understand.

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

Permit Sales: Mike Harris referred to the charts in the agenda packet. The charts showed the total number of 2019-2020 permit sales for all types of permits. They also included a breakdown of Faculty/Staff and Commuter students who bought permits for the Pavilion Garage, Park-N-Ride lots, and for the SOC lots. Also, included were the numbers for the Residential Garage, Residential lots, and Reserved Spaces. The charts included dates the permits went on sale and when they sold out. He explained how the online sales of permits, per one's classification, would give the person all of their options for a permit until a permit type was sold out.

Mike Harris discussed Residential parking in the lots at night compared to the Residential Garage parking. Residential students could have trouble finding parking in some lots at night but if their residence on campus was close to the Residential Garage that permit might be better for them as there would be plenty of parking available. He stated that the residential permits are not oversold. Mike Harris said there would be discussion in the future of commuters being able to purchase Residential Garage permits at the same cost as the residential students have to pay. Dean Hansen stated that since commuters don't park overnight that maybe that could justify them paying a lower price for the Residential Garage permit. Mike Harris stated that policies would have to be put in place before any of this would happen.

New POF Metered Stations- Mike Harris informed the committee of two new pay-on-foot metered locations which are in the East Turner lot and in the Upper Women's Terrace lot

by the Student Union. The entire East Turner lot is now metered parking except for handicapped spaces. One aisle in the Upper Women's Terrace lot involving 22 parking spaces is now metered parking.

Satellite Offices-The South Oxford Center is located where the old hospital used to be. Mike Harris stated that the department will be hiring a replacement for the employee that worked at the SOC assisting the Faculty, Staff, Students, and visitors with parking permits and to serve the needs of the SOC. These services will be provided Monday-Friday. The other satellite site will be located on the main campus on the lowest level of the Student Union. There will be a self-serve kiosk to buy permits online and DPT staff there to assist with answering questions concerning citations, appeals, and general information. These services will be provided Monday-Friday, also.

New O.U.T. Routes- Mike Harris talked about the 2 new O.U.T. connectors. One is the Silver Line PNR which runs from Kennon Observatory to the South Campus Recreation Center. This shuttle runs Monday-Friday, 7am-7pm. He stated this is a quick connector. The other O.U.T. connector is the SOC Connector. This connector runs from the SOC to Kennon Observatory, Monday-Friday, 7am-7pm. This connector runs every 15 minutes from the location it is at. The time to run this route is between 7 to 10 minutes from location to location depending on vehicular traffic and pedestrian traffic. There was a question about the red and white buses being the new buses but they are temporary only until the new buses arrive. There are 5 new buses ordered that have lower floors, are smaller in length, and hold 30-32 passengers. All the buses have GPS and Wi-Fi. Mike Harris explained about the grant used to fund the cost of the buses and said it is a real plus for the University.

- Mike Harris stated that people want to know how we make our decisions and that the Parking and Transportation Department wants to share with others so that we are transparent with our decisions.
- The meeting was adjourned after a motion by Dean Hansen and a second by Johnny Price.