

Transportation Services Advisory Committee

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF MEETING

September 13, 2007

ATTENDEES: Sheila Amos
Cheryl Hanks
Cindy Havner
Dr. Dave Parrott
Lauren Barron designee for Tyler Koch
Ruth Mullins
Dr. Joe Newton
Rich Pontious
Robert Pottberg
Dr. Angie Hill Price
John Summers
Rod Weis
Dr. Mike Messina
Mike Caruso

ABSENT: Dr. Alan Love
member of General Faculty
member of General Faculty
Dr. Howard Kaplan
John Summers

GUESTS: Lallah Howard
Peter Lange
Kenny Kimball
Doug Williams
June Broughton
Debbie Hoffmann
Lana Wolken

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

- 1.1 Angie Hill Price called to order
- 1.2 Lallah Howard and Joobin Choobineh visited
- 1.3 Minutes approved from July 13, 2007

2.0 Business

- 2.1 Review of football game day parking from last two weeks
- 2.2 Review of financial data for parking permit pricing and FY09 prices
- 2.3 Discuss development of permit price change processes. Could include meeting with full faculty senate, new staff council, plus open forum(s) for faculty, staff and students. Forums should be included in the beginning of the process. Needs to be apparent that it is a communicative process and not a mandate. Start in the late summertime. Encourage supervisors to allow staff to attend. Ability to submit questions in advance. Focus will have to be maintained. May need a mediator.
 - 2.3.1.1 Lallah Howard suggested the process follow a similar timeline and format, substituting appropriate groups, as is used for student fee proposals
 - 2.3.1.2 Dr. Dave Parrott seconded Lallah's motion to develop a process
 - 2.3.1.3 All voted in favor.

3.0 Discussions

- 3.1 Mike Caruso shared that an independent company evaluated the game day experience and he will share a copy of the portion of the report that reviews parking. As an overview, Mr. Caruso indicated that the parking scores were very high.
- 3.2 Mike Caruso and Peter Lange responded to Dr. Price's request to explain 12th Man parking. Mr. Caruso reported that for the first time, 12th Man charged an additional fee for parking to their donors: \$50/season. Mr. Lange reports the average price to 12th Man for game day parking is \$6/space, for a total of about \$450,000 for the season, for 8-9000 spaces
- 3.3 Mr. Weis suggested a discussion at a future meeting to determine the best way to manage reserved numbered spaces on game days
- 3.4 The use and reason for construction of the West Campus Garage and pedestrian passageway
- 3.5 Ruth Mullins suggested communication to graduate students regarding game day parking availability for those needing to work or conduct research. Lauren Barron suggested article in the Battalion regarding game day parking for all students.
- 3.6 Discussion about groups through who permit price proposals should be vetted. Student executive committee members, graduate student council executive staff, full student senate, full graduate student senate, faculty senate executive committee then full faculty senate, dean's council, staff council, international student council, residence hall associate. Start with an open forum then intermix open forums with the small group meetings. Firm up plan then vet through the senates and staff council. Ideal to share permit prices projections for 2-3 years in the future.
- 3.7 Dr. Price opened discussion regarding the use of Business Permits and reported the \$25 fee has had very little impact on the number of permits issued. Mr. Weis suggested a discussion at future meetings to discuss the options for Business Permits. Dr. Price mentioned safety issues regarding vehicles driving on sidewalks.
- 3.8 Dr. Price suggested a subcommittee to discuss bicycles and asked that those interested in serving let her know.

Other Topic(s):

****Take aways**

Transportation Services will draft process and timeline for permit price proposals.

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