

TSAC Minutes March 1, 2017

Present:

Dr. Fuller Bazer
Mr. Mike Caruso
Mr. Ja' Cory Clark
Mr. Ralph Davila
Mr. Joe Dillard
Mr. David Glockzin
Dr. Zachary Grasley
Dr. Eleanor Green (Ms. Misty Skaggs)
Dr. Angie Hill Price
Mr. Peter Lange
Dr. Clint Magill
Mr. Robert Pottberg

Ms. Flora Reeves
Dr. CJ Woods
Mr. Landon Woods
Ms. Deborah Wright (Ms. Tracy Foster)

Guests:

Mr. Christian Trevino

Absent:

Dr. Jonathan Coopersmith
Ms. Susan Edmisson
Dr. Rajesh Miranda
Mr. Chris Nygren

1. Mr. Peter Lange opened the meeting at 11:45 am, and asked for a review of the minutes from the February 1, 2017 meeting. Dr. Angie Price moved to approve the minutes as presented, Mr. Landon Woods seconded; minutes approved.

2. Mr. Ron Steedly presented "Bike District Plan Registration Recommendations," which can be found here: <http://www.transport.tamu.edu/About/tsac.aspx#presentations>.

He mentioned that since our university was awarded a Bicycle Friendly designation from the League of American Bicyclists and since our 2015 Bicycle District Strategic Plan was published, it is time to consider implementing mandatory bicycle registration, in keeping with the proposals put forth in the strategic plan. Mr. Steedly presented the benefits of bicycle registration.

2.1. Mr. Landon Woods asked if we always notify bike owner if we are removing a bike.

2.1.1. Mr. Steedly said when bikes need to be removed, we give one business weeks' notice (Monday through Friday). It is communicated by sectioning off an area on Monday, and placing A-Frame signs. He made the point that mandatory bike registration would help us communicate more effectively with registered owners.

2.2. Dr. Zachary Grasley asked if we capture data of how bikes are used on campus. For example, are students riding to and from class, or driving to campus and using a bike they've stored?

2.2.1. Mr. Steedly said that 7,000 bicycles remain on campus overnight for campus mobility.

2.3. Dr. Grasley asked if we had considered a University-wide bike program, such as the bike share programs offered in European cities.

2.3.1. Ms. Debbie Hoffmann said we did have a "Yellow Bike" program that wasn't very successful. We have had bike share programs in the past. We just launched our "Zagster" bicycle share program last week. See website:

<http://bike.zagster.com/tamu/>

2.4. Mr. Ralph Davila asked who moves bike racks during construction projects.

2.4.1. Mr. Steedly said that we move the racks, per agreements with contractors.

2.5. Mr. Steedly suggested that mandatory bicycle registration would start in the fall semester, 2017.

2.5.1. Mr. Mike Caruso asked if registration would be transferrable to a new bike.

2.5.1.1. Mr. Steedly said the registration would not belong to the person, but to the bike, so it would not be transferrable.

2.6. Mr. Clint Magill asked if stickers would be issued when bikes are registered.

2.6.1. Mr. Steedly replied that in 2006, we started issuing stickers with registrations, and since then roughly 9,000 stickers have been issued. However, students do not put the stickers on their bikes. Mr. Lange mentioned that the current process has them take a picture of the registered bike and record the serial number for our database.

2.7. Mr. Steedly suggested using a bike registry vendor, such as the National Bike Registry. The benefits would be:

- A one-time fee of \$10 that would be transferrable upon moving to another jurisdiction.
- Ability to affiliate the bike no matter what university one works at or attends. (this was also in response to a question by Dr. Price concerning short-term faculty bike registration)
- Provide us a way to communicate with our registrants.
- Provide theft deterrent.
- Stay abreast with industry best practices.

2.8. Dr. Price suggested that we grandfather in anyone who already registered a bike with us, and could show evidence of a sticker. It was generally agreed that we offer this until the end of October. After that, everyone would have to pay a one-time, \$10 fee.

2.9. Mr. Woods wasn't sure that students would agree to register their bikes if they had to pay a fee. Mr. Christian Trevino responded that if they were told that we were passing on the National Bike Registry fee and that it was transferrable to another jurisdiction, that it might be more palatable.

2.10. Mr. Trevino suggested that the bike registration be bundled with spring registration.

2.10.1. Ms. Therese Kucera responded that most students wouldn't have bikes yet; and it was too late to do so this year. It could be a consideration in the future.

2.11. Dr. Price asked if we had considered registering long board skateboards.

2.11.1. Mr. Steedly said we may look at it in the future. Theft of the boards hasn't been a problem. We are looking at ways to store them safely.

2.12. Mr. Steedly said he still needs to look at the logistics of registration, grandfathering previously registered bikes, and which national registration vendor to use. He asked if the committee could vote to approve a mandatory bike registration concept.

2.12.1. Dr. Price made a motion that the committee approve a mandatory bike registration concept. Mr. Woods seconded, motion passed.

3. Ms. Kucera gave a presentation, "Lot and Wait List Changes Fall 2017," which can be found here: <http://www.transport.tamu.edu/About/tsac.aspx#presentations>

3.1. Ms. Kucera said that in keeping with the information she presented at the past two TSAC meetings, her team has been looking at lot usage changes. One of the lots looked at is Lot 48. Effective this fall, Lot 48 will no longer be a selectable lot for graduate students. Instead, it will be a staff and faculty lot only.

3.2. Mr. Joe Dillard asked if we know how many staff and graduate students are on the waitlist for Lot 111.

3.2.1. Ms. Kucera said there are only 5 staff on the wait list for Lot 111.

3.3. Ms. Kucera gave some background on Lot 49. See presentation, slide 5.

3.3.1. Mr. Trevino asked if people would use Lot 49 for overnight parking while visiting the Northgate district.

3.3.1.1. Ms. Kucera said that people can already use those lots overnight on the weekends. It has not been a problem in the past.

3.4. Ms. Kucera discussed changing the Lot 38 Business Parking Rule to get more faculty and staff in that lot.

4. The next presentation was “Northside Garage Football Parking Fall 2017,” (see slide 8 of Ms. Kucera’s presentation). Ms. Lynn Wiggs gave this presentation.

4.1 Ms. Wiggs said we are making Gameday parking changes to Northside Garage (NSG) to bring it in conformity with other garage parking on Gameday. The proposed NSG Gameday parking suggestions are on slide 13 of the presentation. Ms. Wiggs mentioned that this will not displace our Any Valid Permit (AVP) holders or where they can park, as there are plenty of AVP lots available to them on Gameday.

4.1.1. Dr. Grasley asked if this change would push faculty and staff to outer lots.

4.1.1.1. Ms. Kucera said it would not; they would have plenty of choices. She emphasized that when we consolidated RV Parking that we gained more Gameday parking over a more spread out area.

4.1.2. Mr. Dillard asked how many more years we can use Fan Field.

4.1.2.1. Mr. Lange responded that we will probably lose about 25% of it in a few years for the new research building.

4.1.3. Mr. Woods asked if we fill reserved numbered spaces on Gameday.

4.1.3.1. Ms. Kucera said we do, but we keep some reserved spaces available. Those with reserved numbered spaces need to show their id and permit on Gameday, and they will be directed to the spaces reserved.

5. Ms. Kucera gave a presentation on “Donations for Citations,” which can be found here: <http://www.transport.tamu.edu/About/tsac.aspx#presentations>.

5.1. Mr. Lange mentioned that several peer universities around the country have successfully implemented this idea in the past few years. The goal is to put a plan together for the spring and possibly make it an annual event.

5.2. There was some general discussion about the timing of the campaign and how to target communications.

5.3. Ms. Kucera mentioned that food drop off parking would be at the Customer Service office in Koldus, and parking was across the street in the parking area in front of Rudder.

5.4. The committee agreed that it was a good idea and to run it for two weeks would probably be a long enough time.

6. Mr. Lange concluded the meeting at 1:05 pm.

Next TSAC Meeting: Wednesday, April 12, 2017, Rudder Tower 701