

Annual Hearing on 2008-09 Parking Policies, Budget, & Capital Improvements

(Proposals in Column # 3 endorsed by PAC following testimony taken at 2/14/08 Public Hearing on Parking Policies, Budget and Capital Improvements.)

Parking Advisory Committee Pre-Hearing Recommendations (1)	Changes to Original Plan Due to Feb. 14 th Hearing Testimony (2)	Parking Advisory Committee Recommendations Post-Hearing – 2/14/08 (3)	Administration Action – 3/28/08 (4)																																				
<p>1. The Parking Advisory Committee placed on the Hearing Docket this proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve Capital Improvement Plan for Summer 2008 - \$75,900. Plan includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$16,500 for Bituminous Patching for Lot 18 by Wiecking Center ○ \$16,700 to eliminate standing water problem in the center of Lot 20 and Lot 21. ○ \$34,200 to connect Dark Green Permit Lot 20a and south part of Orange Permit Lot 21. ○ \$ 3,000 for miscellaneous crack filling. ○ \$ 5,500 for engineering. 	<u>No Change</u>	<p>1. Based on the public testimony of Larry Kohanek, MSU Planning & Construction Director, the Parking Advisory Committee recommends to the Administration that it adopt and implement the estimated \$75,900 plan.</p>	<p><u>Approved</u></p> <p>The Planning & Construction Department should proceed to ensure that all the planned parking lot improvements for May and June occur according to schedule.</p>																																				
<p>2. The Parking Advisory Committee placed on the Hearing Docket this proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the existing parking permit prices to address wage and other inflationary pressures. (The last permit price increase occurred in the Fall of 2006.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$230 Gold to \$236 ○ \$130 Purple to \$134 ○ \$94 Orange to \$96 ○ \$166 Green Residence Hall to \$170 ○ \$70 Dark Green Discount Residence Hall to \$72 ○ \$40 Overnight Red to \$42 ○ \$94 Handicap to \$96 ○ \$40 Motorcycle/Scooter to \$42 	<u>No Change</u>	<p>2. No testimony was received either in favor or against the proposed across-the-board increase. The Parking Advisory Committee recommends to the Administration that it adopt and implement the plan which is estimated to bring in an additional \$24,750 on top of the \$825,000 forecast in FY'09 parking permit revenue.</p>	<p><u>Approved</u></p> <p>Increases for the various permit types are authorized. To avoid a major hike in any one year, it is prudent to rely instead on smaller incremental increases annually.</p>																																				
<p>3. Recommend approval of the Parking Program's \$ 1,469,770 projected income and \$1,114,800 spending plans for 2008-09. Includes funding to pay for 2008 summer capital improvements including, wage increases, and other inflationary increases. Excess receipts planned for by June 30, 2009, needed for 2009-10 major capital improvement outlays in Lot 1, for example.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Budget Categories</th> <th>2007-08 Forecast</th> <th>2008-09 Proposed</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Income</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parking Permit Revenue</td> <td>\$ 846,700</td> <td>\$ 825,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Proposed 3% Rate Increase</td> <td>0</td> <td>24,750</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citation Collections</td> <td>270,050</td> <td>235,020</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parking Meter Income</td> <td>20,000</td> <td>25,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Visitors Paylot – 200 stalls</td> <td>300,000</td> <td>330,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vikings Summer Camp</td> <td>30,000</td> <td>25,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Traffic Control – Events</td> <td>0</td> <td>5,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Income Totals</td> <td>\$1,466,750</td> <td>\$1,469,770</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less Spending</td> <td>\$1,436,913</td> <td>\$1,114,800</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Totals</td> <td>\$ 29,837</td> <td>\$ 354,970</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Budget Categories	2007-08 Forecast	2008-09 Proposed	Income			Parking Permit Revenue	\$ 846,700	\$ 825,000	Proposed 3% Rate Increase	0	24,750	Citation Collections	270,050	235,020	Parking Meter Income	20,000	25,000	Visitors Paylot – 200 stalls	300,000	330,000	Vikings Summer Camp	30,000	25,000	Traffic Control – Events	0	5,000	Income Totals	\$1,466,750	\$1,469,770	Less Spending	\$1,436,913	\$1,114,800	Totals	\$ 29,837	\$ 354,970	<u>No Change</u>	<p>3. Income and spending proposals were reviewed at the public hearing and testimony was taken. No amendments were made by the Parking Advisory Committee in the special meeting which immediately followed the Public Hearing.</p> <p><i>PAC recommendations do not include any charge for Lot 23 (a.k.a. "Free Lot") for 2008-09; nor any increase in the existing 50¢ per ride charged for cash customers riding the Student Senate's Campus Express Route 1 Bus or the Parking Funded Route 8 Bus.</i></p>	<p><u>Approved</u></p> <p>The income and spending estimates are approved. The Parking Advisory Committee reviewed the matter of whether the "Free Lot" should be converted into a paid permit lot. The fact that the PAC elected not to recommend a Lot 23 permit for 2008-09 does not mean that the issue is dead. There are costs associated with the repair and upkeep of Lot 23, all of which are being covered by other permit holders. The PAC is instructed to re-visit the Lot 23 issue next fall as it develops recommendations for 2009-10.</p>
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<p>4. Replace existing McElroy/Crawford Zone Green Residence Hall Parking Permit with two lot specific permits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new Lot 13 Green Residence Hall Permit is being proposed along with a Lot 16 Residence Hall Green. • The permits would be sold on a “first come, first served” basis to any resident of Sears, Crawford, or McElroy. • A Lot 13 Green permit would only be good in the 347 Green Permit stalls in the parking lot adjacent to Crawford, Carkoski Commons, and McElroy I-Hall. The Lot 16 Green permit would only be good in the 468 stall Green permit area of Lot 16 across from McElroy Center. Those without a Lot 13 or Lot 16 Green permit would have to buy a Dark Green Discount Permit for Lot 20a, park there 5 nights out of every 7, and ride for “free” buses and shuttles back to the campus core. • Though not a comprehensive solution to the parking stall demand anticipated from the addition of Sears, the PAC believes it will finally end the existing practice of those with McElroy/Crawford Zone Green Permits traveling through Lot 13 late at night hoping for a vacant stall and then finally ending up parking in Lot 16. • The PAC has budgeted for shuttle service to accommodate the addition of the Sears building to the northwest end of the campus because it is anticipated that more McElroy, Crawford, and Sears residents will end up purchasing a Lot 20a Dark Green Discount Permit when the Lot 13 and Lot 16 permits are sold out. 	<p><u>No Change</u></p>	<p>4. Testimony was received in favor of the proposal. The Parking Advisory Committee recommends to the Administration that it adopt and implement the plan.</p>	<p><u>Approved</u></p>
<p>5. Change Lot 15 (in front of McElroy) into a lot reserved just for specialty stalls including but not limited to motorcycles/scooters, parking meters, Health Service Guest stalls, Residential Life Office Visitor Stalls, etc. This would require the elimination of 22 Green permit stalls. These specialty stalls would replace many like stalls converted for Green Permit use in Lot 13.</p>	<p><u>No Change</u></p>	<p>5. The Parking Advisory Committee recommends to the Administration that it adopt and implement the plan.</p>	<p><u>Modified</u> Convert all specialty stalls recommended by the PAC within Lot 13 to Green permit spaces except for parking meters, handicap stalls, and the motorcycle/scooter zone on the extreme southeast corner of Lot 13. Convenient handicap stalls are too few, and with more scooters buying permits, now is not the time to move such stalls elsewhere. Designate McElroy’s small Lot 15 for the exclusive use of specialty stalls.</p>
<p>6. Eliminate Close-in Yellow Residence Hall Guest Permit Stalls in front of three Residence Halls.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The existing 15 close-in Yellow 24 Hour Guest Permit stalls (8–Gage; 5–Crawford; 2–McElroy) are inadequate to serve the over 1,000 yellow hanging permit guests who are served. Overflow now goes to Dark Green Permit Lot 20a across from Blakeslee Stadium. From Friday Noon to Sunday 6 PM guests and visitors can park close-in to the residence halls; the nights of Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, are at issue. • Existing Guest Permit system has inherent weaknesses which result in abuse. Intended customers were thought to be relatives and out-of-town friends but desk logs at McElroy, Crawford, and Gage, contain entries that could well be MSU students. • Converting the 15 stalls to Green permit stalls would mean more premium parking for those actually paying for a Green permit. 	<p><u>No Change</u></p>	<p>6. Despite testimony presented in opposition by the Residential Life Office, the Parking Advisory Committee voted to recommend to the Administration that the 15 stalls in question be converted for Green Residence Hall Permit use. The vote: 3 yes, 1 no, and 1 abstention. With prime visitor days – Friday and Saturday nights – already covered because the close-in Green permit lots are free and open to the public, the PAC believes the bulk of visits by relatives and out-of-town guests to be already addressed.</p>	<p><u>Not Approved</u> Though from 12 noon Friday to 6 PM Sunday no Yellow 24-Hr. Guest permits are needed as close-in residence hall stalls are open and free, it is of value to continue to provide a few Yellow permit stalls close-in for the other five days. It is hoped that parents and relatives of student renters will be able to use these close-in stalls and not find themselves parked out in Lot 20a. Converting these few Yellow permit spaces to Green permit stalls does little to address the increased demand on the north end of campus that will occur when Sears opens. Residential Life should continue to guard against abuse when Yellow Guest permits are being issued at the front desks of each residence hall.</p>