



PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 14, 2008, Regular Meeting
Student Senate Conference Room, Minnesota State University

David Cowan	Attended	Administration Representative - Voting Member
Autumn Benner	Excused	Faculty Association Representative - Voting Member
Abby Knott	Attended	Off-Campus Student Assn. Representative - Voting Member
Ryan Patrick Johnson	Attended	On-Campus Student Assn. Representative - Voting Member
Roberta Spangenberg	Attended	Classified Employee Representative - Voting Member
Mike Lagerquist	Attended	MSU. Assn. of Admin. & Svc. Faculty (MSUAASF) - Voting Member
Sue Edstrom	Excused	Parking Services Coordinator/Parking Citation Appeals Board Liaison - Non-Voting
Marty Rost	Attended	Planning & Construction - Ex-officio, Nonvoting Member
Jodi Orchard	Attended	Business Services - Ex-officio, Nonvoting Member
David Schlosser	Attended	Residence Hall Association President - Ex-officio, Nonvoting Member
Cynthia Janney	Absent	Residential Life Office - Ex-officio, Nonvoting Member
Shirley Piepho	Absent	University Scheduling - Ex-officio, Nonvoting Member
(Vacant)		MN. Assn. of Professional Employees (MAPE) - Ex-officio, Nonvoting Member
(Vacant)		MN. Management Association (MMA) - Ex-officio, Nonvoting Member

- Meeting was convened at 12:30pm. 5 of 6 voting members were in attendance.
- Marty Rost reported that last summer approximately \$200,000 was spent on campus facilities repairs/upgrades. (Parking covered approximately \$130,000-150,000 & Capital Funding covered approximately \$50,000-70,000) Including over 24,000 ft. of crack filling. Proposed Capital Improvements budget needed for next summer: Approx. \$150,000. Repaving "Lot 1" (behind Gage) is no longer planned for next year (Speculating 2010-11). Plans for next summer *do* include the following; Rugby Field where radio tower stands now, (2x) Baseball/Flag Football Fields, New Track to replace existing track, Cricket Field, etc. Lighting of any/all of these fields is currently under consideration but with no decisions yet. (No real impact on parking budget.) Proposed removal of Gage towers has been pushed back until approximately 2013-15. Gage zone parking becomes the default lot for overflow of those willing to pay \$170 but don't want to park in \$72 lot 20a Dark Green Discount Lot.
- Jodi Orchard noted "uncollectable" fines last year amounted to approximately \$60,000. This represents a successful collection rate of approximately 75%; \$225,184 in fine collections deposited in FY '08. Reminder that un-collected fines remain in the system for 2 years, in case identification is achieved in that time, and unpaid parking fines can & will "hold" a diploma from a graduating student.
- Affinity Plus Credit Union: Concerns regarding their procedures for giving out their Pay-Lot free passes. The concern is with who, how and why they are giving so many

of them out. [Dave Cowan met with Affinity to inquire about their policies regarding these passes & this issue. They will be charged \$2.50 per pass when their *current* inventory runs out.]

- A swap of some green for gold spaces in Lot 16 was considered/discussed. It was proposed to swap the row of green spaces along the curb facing the main lawn for a row of gold elsewhere in Lot 16. An even number of spots is to be assumed in the swap, preventing any changes in stall numbers. This topic died from lack of motion, but remains under continued development/consideration.
- The outdoor stairway (leading up to Lot 2) between each of the Gage Towers was brought to the table and was of much concern to many. The stairway is described as being “treacherous”, “concrete & steep”, “covered with ice/snow”, & “extremely dangerous” during the winter months. Further, concern regarding “herds of cigarette smokers” who *are* following policy, yet “make avoiding their clouds of smoke impossible” was also expressed. Changing 6-10 stalls from Green to Gold in the far west end of Lot 3, near the FYE entrance to Gage was proposed as a solution, with switching 6-10 of *their* Lot 2 Gold stalls to Green of course. Solving the problem remains on hold while further consideration is given.
- Proposed extension of Bus Route #1 by 4 hours, by pushing back it’s “end” time from 6pm until 10pm. This is estimated to be at a cost of approximately [\$18,648] with [\$10,000] coming from Student Senate’s previously budgeted bus allotment for Route #1. This was presented by the Student Association President Ryan Anderson. He said it would “expand the use” of the following areas; students with night classes, Otto Arena, Memorial Library, on campus events & performances, international students, & [fewer cars on campus overall], etc. [In regards to personal safety; potential crime and effects of cold weather were both identified as benefits as well.] The downsides to this proposal were identified as being the following; a depletion in the use of the Stomper Express & depletion in the use of the pay-lot. Motion was made to provide parking funds as part of partnership arrangement for this “experimental” Spring Semester only project. Motion Passed. [Student Senate action as of Wed, Dec. 3rd, was final piece of funding plan – the okayed \$10,000 already set aside for Route #1 bus.]
- Between parking permits, event parking, pay lot & meters; last year’s receipts (07-08) brought in \$1,405,533. Compared to last year’s expenditure totals of \$1,527,378; equaled a shortfall of \$121,845, depleting the cash reserve to \$212,000. This year’s projections forecast a \$350,000 surplus. This will be accomplished in large part by a \$300,000 cut in “Lot Maintenance” spending.
- Discussion of what’s known as the “sock lot” was addressed; the area between Crawford “B Hall” and the water tank along Val Imm Drive, has been proposed to be turned into a “mini” parking lot (possibly 90 spaces). Ideas of; adding meters & having some spaces with a 3-hour time limit for parking were suggested. This topic remains under continued development & consideration. Developing the “sock lot’s” 90 stalls was dependent on the building of a new residence hall structure on Lot 13, basically eliminating the 360 stalls in Lot 13 as a parking area.
- Adjourned: 3pm.