

March 25, 2013

TO: Ron Fields, Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management

FROM: David Cowan, Parking Advisory Committee Chairperson

RE: "Post-Hearing" Recommendations from Parking Advisory Committee – Endorsed March 25, 2013

As you were aware participants were heard "loud and clear" at the March 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Hearing on Parking & Transportation Policies, Budget, and Capital Improvements. The volunteers serving on the Parking Advisory Committee were impressed with the comments from 11 individuals who spoke (out of 22) at the hearing, as well as from some 25 written suggestions received via email by the 11 AM, March 20<sup>th</sup> deadline. The Parking Advisory Committee met today, March 25<sup>th</sup>, reviewed March 20<sup>th</sup> hearing testimony as well as written comments submitted prior to the hearing. The following have been "endorsed" and are submitted for consideration by the Administration offered up for review at appropriate Meet & Confers and Sub-Meet & Confers.

**1. Post-Hearing Recommendation - \$1.5 M Income/\$1.4 M Spending Plans; 1<sup>st</sup> Year of 7 Year Capital Parking Lot Improvement Plan**

In its "post-hearing" recommendation the PAC endorsed a \$1,513,662 overall income plan (permits, fine collections, Visitor Paylot receipts, etc.) and a \$1,438,813 spending plan for FY'14. The first year (2013-14) of the 7 Year Capital Improvement Program is also forwarded to the Administration for its review and it includes \$314,000 in lot repairs for May/June of 2014. The PAC understands that the 7 year plan will be examined each year, and our effort will be to try to finance as much of these repairs as possible using parking permit revenues, Visitor Paylot receipts, meter income, and revenue from parking citations.

**2. Post-Hearing Recommendation - \$26,850 from 3% Permit Rate Increases; \$30,203 Tied to Green Transportation Fee Change**

The major factor driving the recommended permit rate hikes were projected parking lot repairs looming for both the 600 stall Performing Arts Lot 16 (\$1.3 million) and Gage's 500 stall Lot 1 (\$1 million). If income and spending estimates hold buy June 30, 2017, the reserves should be at \$357,886 before being hit with the Gage bill and the first of three installments associated with the Performing Arts lot 16 improvement.

Parking Permit & Citation Areas	Existing	Proposed for Public Hearing	<b>"Post Hearing" Recommendations of Parking Advisory Committee – Approved 4 to 0 (IFO Rep. wrote in opposition to 3% across the board permit</b>
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		held on March 20, 2013	price increases.)	
			Recommended Rate	Advisory Committee Rationale
Gold – 913 Stalls – 1,004 Permit Sales Ceiling (12 Month)	\$274	\$282	<b>\$282</b>	Represents a \$23.50 monthly investment for premium close-in parking. Rate needed for looming parking lot repairs. St. Cloud State has \$300-\$500; Southwest \$274-\$390, Bemidji \$361, Winona \$195, Moorhead \$204.
Purple (Academic Year)	\$174	\$179	<b>\$180</b>	Represents a \$22.50 monthly investment for relatively close-in parking. St. Cloud rate at \$185 for “K & Q” lots.
Orange (Academic Year)	\$124	\$128	<b>\$128</b>	Represents \$16 monthly investment for more distant parking in Lots 21 South and 22. Bemidji at \$105, Moorhead \$110, St. Cloud \$185, Winona \$90, Southwest \$73-\$153.
Residence Hall Light Green – Close-in (Academic Year)	\$224	\$231	<b>\$232</b>	Represents a \$29 monthly investment for premium close-in 24 hour parking near renter’s residence hall. St. Cloud \$285 to \$500 (ramp), Southwest \$249.
Res. Hall Discount Dark Green (Academic Year)	\$174	\$179	<b>\$180</b>	Represents a \$22.50 monthly investment to park over at the parking areas around the “decommissioned” Gage Towers. Discount Green is relatively close to the campus core and but a short ride using the buses and/or shuttles, or a ten minute walk from Crawford, McElroy, or Sears.
Blue Handicap Parking Permit (12 Month)	\$124	\$128	<b>\$128</b>	Represents a \$10.67 monthly investment for premium close-in parking for 12 month permit. Rate tied to nine-month Orange permit charge in the past. Continues to be the least expensive of all four-wheeled vehicle permits.
Silver Motorcycle/Scooter Permit (Academic Year)	\$50 or \$25 with Regular Permit	\$52 or \$26 with the purchase of a regular permit for a 4 wheeled vehicle.	<b>\$52 or \$26 with the purchase of a regular permit for a 4 wheeled vehicle.</b>	Represents a \$6.50 monthly investment for zoned two-wheeled vehicle parking in Lot 5 (by Taylor Center), Lot 7 (by Tennis Court), Lot 16 (Performing Arts lot), Lot 13 (Crawford), and Lot 15 (front of McElroy). \$3.13 monthly

				investments if owner already has regular permit for a 4 wheeled vehicle. PAC believes that existing rate is low enough to support growth in the use of such energy efficient 2-wheeled vehicles.
Green Transportation Fee	75¢ per credit hour	85¢ per credit hour	<b>85¢ per credit hour</b>	Initial Green Transportation Fee, set in motion Fall 2012, needs to be raised by at least 10¢ per credit hour (from 75¢ to 85¢) to generate an additional \$32,203, which will allow the Parking & Transportation Fund to reduce its planned contribution of \$89,606 (FY'13) to a lower investment of \$57,589.

**3. Post Hearing Recommendation – 75 Purple Permit Stalls Converted to Gold (Lot 17 and Malin Curbside)**

Similar to the position it recommended last year, the Parking Advisory Committee recommends the following:

<b>Lot or Parking Area</b>	<b>Current Color</b>	<b>PAC “Post Hearing” Recommendation</b>	<b>PAC Rationale</b>
Lot 17, Malin Curbside	Purple	Gold	75 Purple stalls would be converted into Gold parking spaces to reflect the close-in location. (Lot 17 has 42 Gold permit stalls and 63 Purple permit stalls.)

**4. Post Hearing Recommendation – Free Lot (Lot 23) to Remain Free if \$25,792 is Provided by General Fund**

PAC recommends to the Administration that free parking in Lot 23 continue to be allowed only if the \$25,792 from the General Fund be provided to support the Parking & Transportation Program. [The \$25,792 figure stems from projected Lot 23 permit sales which would not be available should Lot 23 remain a non-permit lot.] If no General Fund support is forthcoming the PAC recommends creation of a \$62 permit for Lot 23.

**5. Post Hearing Recommendation – 1<sup>st</sup> Year of 7 Year Capital Improvement Program**

Of the seven year capital improvement plan, the PAC recommends implementation of \$314,000 worth of improvements during the 2013-14 (summer of 2014).

