

March 5, 2014

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 5, 2014

As you were aware the Annual Hearing on Parking & Transportation Policies, Budget & Capital Improvements was held 12 Noon today, March 5. Testimony was taken and the hearing concluded at 1:10 PM. The volunteers serving on the Parking Advisory Committee were impressed with the comments from the 13 present at the hearing, as well as from 3 written suggestions received via email by the 11 AM, March 5th deadline. [The proposals contained herein were also aired at two separate meetings of the Budget Sub-Meet and Confer Committee.] The following have been "endorsed" and are submitted for consideration to the Administration and are offered up for review at appropriate Meet & Confers.

1. Post-Hearing Recommendation - \$1.6 M Income/\$1.2 M Spending Plans; Year One of 7 Year Capital Parking Lot Improvement Plan

In its "post-hearing" recommendation the PAC endorsed a \$1,555,516 overall income plan (permits, fine collections, Visitor Paylot receipts, etc.) and a \$1,223,616 spending plan for FY'15. 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. \$230,384 shortfall showing June 30, 2013, is now eliminated but more needs to be done to ensure a healthy balance when the Lot 1 repairs (\$1 M) are put in place (summer 2016).

2. Post-Hearing Recommendation - \$24,015 from 3% Permit Rate Increases; \$15,000 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 477 stall Lot 1 (\$1 million).

Parking Permit & Citation Areas	Existing	Proposed for Public Hearing held on March 5, 2014	"Post Hearing" Recommendations of Parking Advisory Committee – Approved 5 to 1	
			Recommended Rate	Advisory Committee Rationale
Gold – 913 Stalls – 1,004 Permit Sales Ceiling (12 Month)	\$282	\$290	\$290	Represents a \$24.17 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)	\$180	\$186	\$186	Represents a \$23.25 monthly investment for relatively close-in parking. St. Cloud rate at \$185 for "K & Q" lots.
Orange (Academic Year)	\$128	\$132	\$132	Represents \$16.50 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)	\$232	\$240	\$240	Represents a \$30 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)	\$180	\$186	\$186	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)	\$128	\$132	\$132	Represents a \$11 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)	\$52 or \$26 with Regular Permit	\$54 or \$27 with the purchase of a regular permit for a 4 wheeled vehicle.	\$54 or \$27 with the purchase of a regular permit for a 4 wheeled vehicle.	Represents a \$6.75 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 – 85¢ now folded into the overall Student Activity Fee of \$6.65 (\$79.80 banded 12-18 credit hrs.)	\$264,350 [85¢ per credit hour Yield]	\$15,000 (roughly 5¢ per credit hour). Student Allocations Committee to Review.	\$279,350 [90¢ per credit hour Yield] Pending SAC and Student Senate Review	Green Transportation Fee, set in motion Fall 2012, needs to be raised by 5¢ per credit hour (from 85¢ to 90¢) to generate an additional \$15,000, which, together with hoped for funding from Residential Life, will be used to cover the \$25,000 in added costs for moving up to 7 AM the current 7:30 AM start of morning bus routes. Earlier start will help spread out the demand that now hits at 7:30 AM. Student riders with 7:30 AM classes will be better served.

3. Post Hearing Recommendation – Parking Permit Mix of New Lot 2 (410 Stalls) and nearby Ellis Avenue Curbside Parking

Lot or Parking Area	Current Color	PAC "Post Hearing" Recommendation	PAC Rationale
Lot 2 (on top of old Gage Towers "footprint")	Formerly Lot 2 Gold and Lot 3 Light Green permit stalls.	New Lot 2: 47 Gold permit stalls (North Curb) and 363 Dark Green Discount permit stalls.	More Gold permit stalls are needed to address off-campus demand for "guaranteed" permit stall parking. 90 Residence hall stalls in Lot 13 in front of Crawford may soon be lost as the Carkoski Commons Dining Facility is expanded.
Ellis Street South by old Gage Towers	Formerly Dark Green Residence Hall Discount Parking	West curb of Ellis Avenue South near new lot would lose 15 stalls, east side would be turned into Gold Permit parking.	West curbside parking would be eliminated allowing for better snow removal and traffic flow. Converting 15 Dark Green stalls to Gold stalls would better address Gold permit demand. (Gold permit holders must vacate Gold permit areas by 2 AM which allows for better snow removal.)