

Parking & Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes – February 16, 2017

The Parking & Transportation Advisory Committee was convened at 12:06 PM on Thursday, February 16, 2017, by Chair David Cowan. A quorum was present with 6 out of the 6 voting members in attendance.

PAC Member	Attendance	Constituency	Voting Status
David Cowan	Present	Administration Representative	Voting Member
Nancy Rolfsrud	Present	Faculty Association Representative	Voting Member
Mohammed Bin Hamsa and Alternate Frederick de Ruiters	Both Present	Student Association Off-Campus Representative	Voting Member
Alysia Przbilla	Present	Student Association On-Campus Res. Hall Rep.	Voting Member
Julie Dornack as alternate for Mike Cofield who was at a funeral.	Present	Classified Employee Representative – Patrick Pearce (Alternate) or Julie Dornack (Alternate)	Voting Member
Shirley Piepho as alternate for Julie Snow	Present	MSU Association of Admin. & Svc. Faculty (MSUAASF)	Voting Member
Jodi Orchard	Present	University Head Cashier	Ex-officio, Nonvoting
Sue Edstrom	Present	Parking Services .Coordinator and Citation Appeals Board Liaison	Ex-officio, Nonvoting
Nathan Huettl	Absent	Facilities Mgmt. 's Planning & Construction Depart.	Ex-officio, Nonvoting
Alysia Przbilla (now a voting member above)	Present	Residence Hall Association President	Ex-officio-Nonvoting
Cynthia Janney (or alternate)	Excused Absence	Residential Life Office	Ex-officio-Nonvoting
Shirley Piepho	See Above	University Scheduling	Ex-officio-Nonvoting

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Frederick de Ruiters moved that the meeting minutes of Thursday, February 9, 2016, be approved. Motion Approved.

Review of Proposal to Set Aside Lot 11a Gold Stalls for Overnight Sears Residents with Nighttime Jobs

Advisory Committee Members noted that re-purposing 13 west curb stalls in Gold Lot 11a for use by Light Green Sears residents with off-campus nighttime jobs, would probably create “fairness” questions if more than 13 applied, enforcement problems because of the mix of Gold and Light Green permit areas, snow removal issues with overnight parkers in Lot 11a, and become a “trap” for Light Green permit holders tempted to illegally park. Without objection the proposal was dropped from further consideration.

Review of Current Policy Allowing Free and Open Parking in Residence Light Green Lots Friday Noon to Sunday 6 PM

Complaints continue to be received from Lot 14 Light Green (\$256) permit holders who are upset that on weekends “their” choice stalls are not protected from Dark Green Discount (\$198) permit holders and guests and visitors. It was noted that the free and open policy now in effect is decades old and was adopted when there were over 300 Green parking stalls in Lot 13 – Preska Hall and the University Dining Center are now located where old Lot 13 was.

The expansion of Lot 14, the loss of Gage Towers’ old Lot 2 and 3, the subsequent creation of over 400 stalls in a new Lot 2, all had the effect of forcing a lot of residence hall permit holders to buy Dark Green permits in the new Lot 2 and Lot 1. Relying on the Daytime Maverick Shuttle and the Nighttime Red Eye Shuttle is problematic for many.

To restructure the existing free and open weekend policy would be an issue to many who invite significant others to visit them from Friday Noon thru Sunday 6 PM.

Without objection, Advisory Committee Members formally requested input from the Residence Hall Association as to what action, if any, should be taken in the future.

Future Status of Lot 23 (a.k.a. “Free Lot” or “Subsidized Lot”)

Mohammed Bin Hamsa moved that the Advisory Committee endorse keeping the Free Lot free for 2017-18. Motion Passed Unanimously. It was pointed out that the student leaders of the Minnesota State Student Association and its Student Senate were strongly in support of ensuring that Lot 23 would not become a permit lot. Advisory Committee Members noted that costs associated with the lot, including snow removal, lighting, pothole repairs, stall painting, etc., would continue to be picked up by the Parking & Transportation Fund, a significant portion of its revenues are from the sale of permits to Orange, Purple, and Gold permit holders.

Proposed Amendment to Parking & Traffic Guidelines Handbook Article IV-B-2 Visitors Paylot Passes

Shirley Piepho moved that the Advisory Committee approved changing the price of the “All Day” Pass to \$8 and the “Four Hour” Paylot Pass to \$5. Motion Carried. It was understood that major buyers of discounted Paylot passes in the past included Dental Education which is now located in the new Clinical Sciences Building and no longer a customer.

Lot 4 Visitor Paylot Passes	Existing Rate	Proposed Rates
‘All Day” Paylot Pass	\$5.00	\$8.00
“Four Hour” Paylot Pass	\$2,50	\$5.00
“Perforated Come & Go Conference Workshop” Pass	\$6.00	\$8.00

Advisory Committee members agreed that Affinity Plus, because of the large numbers of Paylot passes customized for their use, would continue to receive a “quantity discount” though a new higher price would be subject to negotiation with the Facilities Services Director. Since most, if not all, of the workshops and conferences rely on registration fees, it is assumed that the proposed increased rates can be absorbed by the workshop or conference participants through their registration charges. The existing printed Paylot pass rates have not be changed for years while the current Visitor Paylot gate rate is now at \$4 for the first hour and \$2 per hour thereafter.

The 2016-17 Parking & Transportation handbook policy also states: “Departments can buy up to 25 paylot passes at a time from the Cashier’s Office if the passes are not for a single event. Departments are advised to secure such inventory to ensure that the paylot passes don’t end up in the wrong hands.” University Scheduling may issue special passes to its contract customers - passes are to be considered for a single event of 18 vehicles and under (Monday-Thursday) or 35 vehicles and under if the event is on Friday.

Annual Public Hearing on Parking Policies, Budget, and Capital Improvements – Thursday, March 2, 2017

Advisory Committee Members were reminded that the Annual Public Hearing on Parking Policies, Budget, and Capital Improvements will be held March 2, 2017 from Noon to 1:30 PM in the Student Union’s room 201.

Adjournment - Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM.