

(Via Zoom)

MINUTES FROM THE
PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

May 14, 2021

Members Present: Ryan Fries, George Pelekanos, Bill Dusenbery, David Balai, Mark Ferrell, Kim Olson, and Jessica McCawley

Ex-Officio Members Present: Robert Vanzo, Lori Anderson, Tony Langendorf, Craig Holan, and Diane Chappel

Members Absent: Marcus Kwasa, Julia Goren, Alexia Burnett, Augustus Hawkins, Christopher Heaton, Isabella Pruitt, and Shawn Gilles

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Mallory Sidarous

The monthly Parking and Traffic Committee Meeting convened on Friday, May 14, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Bill Dusenbery presided as Chair.

Minutes from the meeting of April 9, 2021, were presented for approval. David Balai made a Motion to Correct the Minutes by stating “He will be replacing Laura Scaturro” on the committee, not Mark Ferrell. Motion to Correct is noted and change will be noted. David Balai made a Motion to Approve the Minutes as corrected. Ryan Fries seconded the Motion. All were in favor. The April 9, 2021, Minutes were approved as written and corrected.

COMMITTEES

- A. Appeals Committee: There were no appeals to be heard today.
- B. Policy Committee: No report.
- C. Senate Reports:
 - 1. Faculty Senate: No report.
 - 2. Staff Senate: David Balai reported elections were held. The Staff Senate will be filling the vacancy of Mark Ferrell soon.
 - 3. Student Senate: No students present. No report.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence received.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Initiatives Assigned to Facilities Management or Telecommunications: There are no initiatives assigned at this time.
- B. Motorist Assistance, Citation, Towing Monthly Report, and Moving Violation Statistics, and EV Charging Data: Tony reported that revenue was considerably down year to date.
- C. Campus Construction Update: – Craig Holan reported much work will be completed, i.e., curbs, space for EV parking this coming week at the School of Dental Medicine. The University is preliminarily looking at an option to add on additional space at the Vadalabene Center which will consume approximately 50 parking spaces. This project is a year or two down the road. The addition will be next to the Student Fitness Center to the West of the Vadalabene Center gym. The Service Drive would stay but all other parking in that area would be relocated. Bob suggested Tony limit the number of parking permits sold in Lot F for FY22.

Craig also advised a grant was applied for to do resurfacing of South University Drive in the amount of \$568,000. They will match any amount up to \$200,000. Construction will begin later this summer on the south bound lanes. We will apply for another grant next year to redo the Northbound lanes.

Tony announced the East St. Louis parking lots will be sealed this summer. We have one bid so far. Bob added the next bond funded parking project for Fiscal 2023 is in the initial stages of planning and will be presented at the December Board meeting in 2022. Tony stated that Oates will continue to replace the rest of the old high mount lighting on the Edwardsville Campus.

Bill Dusenbery asked Tony who the Towing Contract was with for the East St. Louis Campus. Tony stated we do not have one. He asked if there was a Towing Contract for the Alton Campus. Tony stated no. If there is an issue, we try to work around it or call Brown Towing to come assist us.

D. Revenue Loss Summary: Tony reported Parking Revenue loss for Citations was \$38,000, for permits about \$1,000, and \$48,000 for pay by space. Total loss for the year is \$87,000.

E. Membership Update: Bob Vanzo announced that Junvie Pailden is leaving the University to take a position in California. Bill Dusenbery is leaving at the end of August, 2021. I have requested Anne Hunter provide us with two faculty members and one staff member. I announced that we would be needing a new Chairperson for the Committee and also a new Chairperson for the Appeals Committee. I have had one person show an interest in these two positions and that is David Balai. Does anyone have any objections to David Balai filling the Chairperson of the Committee and the Chairperson of the Appeals Committee? Hearing no objections, David Balai will be appointed to fill both vacancies in September, 2021. Thank you for volunteering.

Bob Vanzo introduced Jessica McCawley as a new member from the School of Dental Medicine in Alton to replace Kris Magee. We are happy to have her as the Committee needs someone to bring parking issues or concerns from the Alton campus to the Committee for discussion. If she knows of any issues or concerns, she can email Diane or myself to have the issues or concerns added to the Agenda for discussion.

F. Emergency Phones Update: Tony reported the stretch between Lot A and Cougar Village is the area that needs repair. Thanks to Purchasing, a Contract has been awarded Tuesday which means repairs will begin soon. Bob Vanzo asked Tony to send out notices regarding that stretch of area where the Emergency Phones are not working and suggest that Rave Guardian be used.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FY21-FY22 Parking Permit Increase: Bob Vanzo reported that the increase in parking permits for next year was already mentioned to the Committee. However, we need a formal presentation and response to approve the increase to present to the Vice Chancellor for Administration for it to be presented to the various Unions on campus. As was previously mentioned, there will be a \$6.00 increase to parking permits for FY21-FY22, across the board. This was the amount that was recommended in last year's Bond Model before the Pandemic hit. So, it is amazing that we were able to hold to the \$6.00 increase considering all obstacles. Bill Dusenbery asked if there was a Motion. Ryan Fries made a Motion to Approve the \$6.00 increase to parking permits for FY21-FY22. Lori Anderson seconded the Motion. Motion carried. Bill Dusenbery asked Bob Vanzo to please present the increase to the Vice Chancellor for Administration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tony Langendorf stated that employees were concerned about having to purchase a parking permit when they were still unsure of their work status. He suggested individuals could purchase a \$3.00/day parking permit or purchase a Blue/Green Summer permit. A notice will be sent out to all employees providing suggestions.

To purchase a pre-tax parking permit, you must purchase it the weeks of June 14-25, 2021. Permits will not be mailed out until July 12, 2021. We will again offer online purchases only and mail the permits to individuals. Permits will be required by Monday, August 23, 2021.

Ryan Fries reported that some of his students had conducted a speed study on campus. It was established that the electronic speed signs on Stadium Drive were working very well to reduce the speeding on that stretch of road. Poag Road, however, appears to be a bit of a race track. On University Drive there appears to be a speeding issue. The South bound bike path that is at the end of University Drive appears to be nearly invisible. Tony Langendorf stated that is an MCT issue. Craig Holan stated he would contact the Madison County to see if that is part of their road. Ryan stated that drivers are complying and stopping for pedestrians in the Evergreen Hall area. There is still a trickle of students climbing the hill from the Evergreen Hall parking lot and crossing where there is no crosswalk. If anyone would like a copy of the Report, just let Ryan know.

Bob Vanzo stated that exiting Lot C onto Circle Drive is risky. Individuals are rolling through those stop signs quite frequently. Mark Ferrell added that that is one of the most difficult areas to patrol. He would pass the word on to the Department.

Lori Anderson reported that Spring Board will be beginning May 25th and run through June and a couple days in July. There will be approximately 95 prospective students per day plus parents with the total for Springboard around 2,000. We will be using the Library, MUC and other buildings on campus. The number of prospective students is up from 2019. Even with the loss of Ryan Downey and a new employee taking his position, Marissa Steimel, we were able to provide the services needed and bring in 2,000 prospective students for this year.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Mark Ferrell. Ryan Fries seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. The next meeting will be on Friday, June 11, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held by Zoom due to COVID-19.