

(Via Zoom)

MINUTES FROM THE
PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

April 9, 2021

Members Present: Bill Dusenbery, David Balai, Ryan Fries, Lisa Green, Mark Ferrell, Kristin Magee, Kim Olson, Isabella Pruitt, Shawn Gilles, Augustus Hawkins, and Alexia Burnett

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

Members Absent: George Pelekanos (excused), Junvie Pailden (excused), Marcus Kwasa, Julia Goren, and Christopher Heaton

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

Ex-Officio Members Absent: No one.

The monthly Parking and Traffic Committee Meeting convened on Friday, April 9, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Bill Dusenbery presided as Chair.

Bill Dusenbery, along with other committee members, welcomed David Balai back as a returning committee member. He will be replacing Mark Ferrell.

Minutes from the meeting of March 12, 2021, were presented for approval. Kris Magee made a Motion to Approve the Minutes. Lori Anderson seconded the Motion. All were in favor. The March 12, 2021, Minutes were approved as written.

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: No report.
 - 3. Student Senate: 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 Langendorf reported a normal trend for the current situation during the Pandemic. He did note that Citations have increased slightly.
- C. Campus Construction Update: – Craig Holan reported the tract house on North University Drive is being demolished along with the parking spaces. There are no immediate plans for the area, and it will all be returned to green space. Craig also reported that several of the joints along University Drive have been ground down so travel will be somewhat smoother. Northbound and Southbound lanes on University Drive will be repaved in the future. On the Alton Campus, the parking lot for the new building will be completed in late May or early June, 2021, providing more available parking spaces. Tony Langendorf will add the signage for the lot. Tony asked if the conduit had been installed. Craig Holan will check on that question and respond to Tony.
- D. Bond Model Update: Tony stated there was not much new information to report. The Bond Model is still showing the increase to parking permits this year will remain at the pre-determined increase of \$6.00 per permit. Parking is waiting to see what amount of the “Cares” money they will receive from the Pandemic. Any monies received will help with the loss of revenue due to the Pandemic this past year. Tony also stated that everything that was projected previously will be kept the same, at least that’s the plan at this time, despite a \$2 million loss from the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- E. Revenue Loss Summary: Tony reported Parking Revenue was down by \$1.3 million for FY21 as a direct result of COVID -19.
- F. Membership Update: Bill Dusenbery announced that he is planning retirement after the August 13, 2021, meeting. He will be dropping off the Staff Senate earlier to allow someone new to fill his position. As far as Parking & Traffic Committee, someone will need to be appointed as Chair of the Committee and Chair of the Appeals Committee. If someone would like to step forward for these two positions, please let Bob know.
- Bob Vanzo announced that today is Kris Magee’s last meeting. She will be retiring May 1, 2021. Bob stated we are losing a lot of experience on this committee with Laura Scaturro leaving, Bill Dusenbery, and Kris Magee. Kris has been on the committee 16 years and has provided important information and suggestions for us from the Alton Dental School campus. Kris Magee stated she was happy to serve. It provided a great experience for her to be able to connect to the main campus and gave her a better understanding of the total operation of the University. She believes she has made a difference over the past 16 years providing much needed information on the operation and parking

issues on the Alton campus. Bob stated he has spoken with Ken Holbert and requested a replacement for Kris Magee. He has also talked with the Faculty Senate and Tim Staples on the East St. Louis Campus to fill vacant positions. Bill added he will try to help with the East St. Louis vacancy.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Housing Hangtags: Residence Hall students were not allowed to park in residential spaces at Cougar Village, but, Cougar Village residents were allowed to parking in the residence hall lots. Lately, we are experiencing fewer issues of overcrowding with the demand for parking spaces down significantly. We recommend using one “yellow” permit for all the housing lots on campus and Cougar Village. This will make sales, and enforcement easier. This will be in effect for one year and then revisited next year to determine if we want the new policy to continue. Mallory Sidarous added that having different yellow permits has been confusing and believes this will relieve the confusion and allow students to visit students by allowing them to park in any of the housing lots with one yellow permit.

B. Parking for Persons with Disabilities: Bob Vanzo reported that Julia Goren sent an email inquiring whether there are enough parking spaces for persons with disabilities and also referring to someone complaining about snow being piled in a handicap space. In summary, we have many more dedicated handicap spaces than we are required to have by State law. Tony Langendorf provided a spread sheet with the list of ADA spaces for each lot on campus including East St. Louis and Alton campuses. The ADA requires us to have so many spaces in each lot including the “fan” lots. Having those spaces in the fan lots is not practical, so we have added those spaces in the lots closer to the core areas. We are required to have 85 spaces, and have 163. We also have 21 handicap spaces for people who do not necessarily need a wheelchair space. Bob stated that disabled individuals may also park in any space in any lot if no handicap space is available.

C. Emergency Phones Update: Tony reported there is a cable problem on the bike path that runs from Lot A through The Gardens. An e-lert was sent out as a precaution for anyone using that bike trail. Bill Dusenbery added that individuals could also use the Rave Guardian APP on their phones for added security. The 86 phones located on 3 campuses are a huge selling point for prospective students and their parents. Bob Vanzo stated it is a liability if the phones are not working.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn was made by David Bali. Ryan Fries seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The next meeting will be on Friday, May 14, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held by Zoom due to COVID-19.