MINUTES FROM THE
PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
March 18, 2022

Members Present:  David Balai, Cindy Cobetto, Ryan Fries, John Foster, Nicole Robinson, Michelle Shatto, Collin Van Meter, Nicole Burbach, and Olufunke Mercy Ayegbidun

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

Members Absent: Jennifer Rosselli-Lynch (excused), George Pelekanos and Alexia Burnett

Ex-Officio Members Absent:  Marissa Steimel (No longer a member. Her replacement will be Daris Hicks and will be added to our committee members for the April meeting.)

The monthly Parking and Traffic Committee Meeting convened on Friday, March 18, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Chair, David Balai, presided over the meeting.

Minutes from the meeting of February 11, 2022, were presented for approval. A Motion was made to approve the Minutes by Cindy Cobetto and seconded by Olufunke Mercy Ayegbidun. Requesting a vote and hearing no objections, the Minutes stand approved as written.

COMMITTEES

A. Appeals Committee: There were no Appeals to discuss.

B. Policy Committee: Ryan Fries reported the Policy Committee met on March 4, 2022, to discuss Citation Rates. Our citation rates have not increased since 2015. Other Universities were checked to determine their citation rates. Three proposals were presented and discussed. We voted and decided to go with the second option of keeping meters/short term violations at $20 and raising permit/no parking violations to $30. This would be in line with other universities and increase our revenues, keeping our parking permits at a lower rate.

C. Senate Reports:

1. Faculty Senate: No report.
2. Staff Senate: David Balai reported that Ann Hunter is leaving the University.

CORRESPONDENCE

Keith Becherer – Proposal for July, 2022, parking in Lot B for no additional cost: Bob Vanzo stated we discussed this request in the Policy meeting. Tony Langendorf stated that we are trying to increase revenue, and this would just cancel out our efforts. Also, this lot is primarily for event parking. We have revised our policy for parking during break periods. We will let the community know our
revision for open parking in all lots excepting Lots B & C during break week and maybe that will help to address the situation.

OLD BUSINESS

A. **Initiatives Assigned to Facilities Management or Telecommunications:** Craig reported no initiatives have been assigned to either department. No issues to discuss.

B. **Motorist Assistance, Citation, Towing Monthly Report, and Moving Violation Statistics, and EV Charging Data:** Dave stated that it appears we are still somewhat behind, but it appears we are getting more aligned to where we were before COVID. We have an EV station in Alton and one in Lot A. The one in Alton is not being used very much. The one in Lot A has been used fairly frequently. We are planning on placing another one in Lot E. It costs Parking $1,500 per year to support each one. Tony indicated that each time we are planning construction, we are adding a station.

C. **Campus Construction Update:** Craig Holan stated the Health Sciences Building is being released today. The CDB will be repaving and upgrading lighting in the existing Woodland Hall Lot and repaving Lot 7. Parking Services will be paying for the construction for the new Woodland Hall Lot. Plan is to build a new Woodland Hall Lot between Prairie and Woodland Halls, eliminating the need for students to cross University Drive. The summer of 23 we will be doing the other portion of Lot A that was not completed. Lot E will be done with a redesign to help with pedestrian traffic and vehicular traffic. Lot 9 will be resurfaced, and roadways between the fan lots will be redone. As an alternate we are planning to build a lot between Metcalf and Circle Drive to give students more parking on the West side of campus. Construction costs has increased 40 percent across the board.

D. **LED Sign Update:** Tony reported two new ones were installed on University Drive.

E. **AY 22-23 Citation Rates – Proposal from Policy Committee:** Discussed in Policy Committee Report. Dave asked to have a Motion on the proposal for citation rate increases presented earlier. Collin Van Meter so moved. John Foster seconded. Dave stated we have a Motion to approve this proposal and a second. What does the body say in regard to this proposal? No comments. Motion passed unanimously. Tony added that this new structure would bring in about $75,000 revenue annually. Bob stated we will have to publicize the new rates, which will go into effect Fall, 2022.

F. **FY23 Parking Construction Plans:** Discussed in Campus Construction Update.

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Nomination of Vice Chair:** Marcus Kwasa is no longer on the committee. He must have graduated. He was our Vice Chair of the Committee. So, we need someone to replace that position. Ryan Fries said he would be happy to help. Hearing no opposition, Bob thanked Ryan for volunteering and welcomed him as our new Vice Chair of the Committee.

B. **Payroll Deduction for Parking Permits – Proposal to be Developed:** Bob received this request from Student Affairs. We are talking about doing a per check deduction for parking permits. It
would be an option. You always have the option to pay up front. And if you pay up front, you would receive a discount. Details need to be worked out as there would need to be some type of agreement if you leave the University, you would have to pay the balance. Bob spoke with our Bond Counsel in Carbondale to make sure we could do this and also with Rich Hampton. If we get all the money upfront, we invest. So, there would be some interest lost. We will need to talk to Payroll to determine if they would have a problem with it. Details will need to be worked out and it will take some time to get things in order. This would be something that would be ready for implementation next year, not this year. The pre-tax payroll deduction would still be in place. Instead of six draws it would come out per check.

C. April Meeting – In Person with Zoom Option: The Magnolia Room is reserved. Bob added that anyone who does not wish to drive may also Zoom instead of attending. Nicole Robinson questioned if she needed something from Parking Services to let her Supervisor know she would be attending the meetings in person. Bob added he would send an email to Nicole’s Supervisor.

D. Student Appointments to Committee: Bob stated he spoke with the Representative from Student Government, and they will make their appointments to the Parking Committee in the Fall. Currently, we have one vacancy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ryan Fries announced his students will begin transportation studies later this semester. If anyone has suggestions for things on campus that may not be working well, feel free to let him know.

ADJOURNMENT

John Foster made a Motion to Adjourn the meeting. Ryan Fries seconded the Motion. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m. The next meeting will be on Friday, April 22, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in person and via Zoom.