MINUTES FROM THE
PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
November 10, 2023

Members Present:  David Balai, Ryan Fries, John Foster, Cindy Cobetto, Collin Van Meter, Shane Kessinger, Michelle Shatto, Logan MacDonald, Ericka Johnson, Moayad Abuzaneh, and Leah Foster

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

Members Absent:  Jennifer Rosselli-Lynch, excused, Cheyenne Carpenter, excused and George Pelekanos

Ex-Officio Members Absent:  Mallory Sidarous, excused, and Daina Wertman, excused

Chairman, David Balai presided over the monthly Parking and Traffic Committee Meeting on Friday, November 10, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in person and via Zoom. Minutes from the meeting of October 13, 2023, were presented. Ryan Fries made a Motion to approve the Minutes. Shane Kessinger seconded the Motion. Hearing no objections, Minutes stand approved as written.

The committee welcomed a new student member, Leah Foster. The present members introduced themselves to the new student member.

COMMITTEES

A. Appeals Committee:  David Balai reported no Appeals were presented 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

A. None.
OLD BUSINESS

A. Initiatives Assigned to Facilities Management:

No initiatives assigned to Facilities Management at this time. Tony added that ADA spaces were lacking in Lot A. A third ADA spot was added. Also, it was noticed there were two stop signs missing in Lots A and Lot E. Those were added. Regarding motorcycle spaces, signage posts were installed for those spaces. A census was completed, and, it showed there was a need for more pay by space parking spaces. We will be adding 15 more pay-by-space parking spaces in Lot A next week. There will also be space set up for testing “pay-by-text” in the Woodland Hall Circle. Signage will be added stating it is a test area. If “pay-by-text” is a success, then we will add more areas in Lots A, E and F to help eliminate the cost of the “Pay-by-space” machines.

Landscaping in Lot E has been completed. The landscaping matches Lot A. We also added decorative stones in an area where rocks are washed out onto the lot.

B. Motorist Assistance, Citation, Towing Monthly Report, and Moving Violation Statistics, and EV Charging Data:

Tony stated that scofflaws have increased and citations are up a little, but still down 300 for same time as last year. There was an issue in Lots A & E with the machines. If a credit card expired in 2028, or later, the machine would not take the card. We tested it and found it to be true. It will be corrected.

Two new EV stations will be added. One will be in Lot E and the other in Lot B. They should be installed by next month’s meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Parking Lot Census: Tony reported that due to the Census, we are able to sell more green permits this year. We received complaints from Cougar Village that there were no spaces left to park. After completion of the census, it shows that the lots are not totally full on a regular basis.

Tony stated they were waiting for the pay-by-space spots to be added in Lot A and then will decide on whether to offer 75 additional green permits in Lot A and 100 green permits in Lot E.

B. 2024 Meeting Dates: Diane was asked to check to see if we could travel to Wyvetter H. Younge Higher Education Campus or the Alton School of Dental Medicine for our meeting on Friday, March 15, 2024, and report back to the committee. The 2nd Friday of that month is “Spring Break”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tony announced that Parking will be busy again next year with several construction projects. Most parking lots will be sealed with reclamite. The others will be cold-tarred.

Tony stated that there are 80 ADA spaces required by law on campus; and, we currently have 140.

Craig stated that we are still looking at adding more roundabouts on North and South University Drive. Ryan Fries mentioned that he has students that would be willing to do a study on adding roundabouts in certain locations, such as in front of the Early Childhood Center. Craig added that he has a drawing showing some potential roundabouts and will bring it to the December meeting.

Moayad stated the timing is off at the North University Drive stop lights. Craig has previously contacted the company to take a look at the area and reset the timing on the lights.

Moayad added that one of the speed meter poles was taken down last year from an accident and has not been replaced.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Shane Kessinger. Cindy Cobetto seconded the Motion. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. The next meeting will be on Friday, December 8, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Room at the Morris University Center and on Zoom.