

(In Person and Zoom)

MINUTES FROM THE
PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
October 13, 2023

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

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

Members Absent: Jennifer Rosselli-Lynch and George Pelekanos

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Mallory Sidarous and Daina Wertman

Chairman, David Balai presided over the monthly Parking and Traffic Committee Meeting on Friday, October 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in person and via Zoom. Minutes from the meeting of September 8, 2023. Hearing no objections, Minutes stand approved as written.

The committee welcomed two new student members, Moayad Abuzaneh, Student Senator, and Cheyenne Carpenter, a student. The present members introduced themselves to the new student members.

Kasey Hoyd, SIUE Police Detective, was present at the meeting and stated the Police Department purchased two RECON Interceptor Power Bicycles with the money provided to them from Parking Services. He presented a signed Thank You card and read a letter from Interim Chief of Police, Justin Lieberman stating his appreciation to assist the Police in their ability to serve SIUE and the community bike trails that run through SIUE's campus.

COMMITTEES

A. Appeals Committee: David Balai reported the Appeals Committee met and discussed five Appeals and approved one Appeal.

B. Policy Committee: No report.

C. Senate Reports:

1. Faculty Senate: No report.

2. Staff Senate: No report.

3. Student Senate: Moayad stated the student government was tasked with helping to bring more and retain more students at the University.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Thomas Jansen – Email suggesting an upgrade from a parking lot to a parking garage – Attachment: David Balai received this email from Thomas Jansen and presented it to the committee. Bob Vanzo explained there is actually a master plan that includes two garages. The idea of a parking garage has been investigated. Costs regarding a parking garage would average around \$40,000 per parking space. Craig added the adopted Master Plan is a building plan and is outdated. A scope was forwarded and a true comprehensive plan for the University was developed including short-, mid-, and long-term goals. A parking garage for Lot A is included and would run from \$10,000 to \$40,000 per space. Upon completion, the parking garage would cost \$40 million. Bob also added our Police are not fond of parking garages as they are more subject to crime. Also paying back the revenue bonds would probably double the cost of parking permits. Bob added that currently the University of Illinois charges \$650/semester for a parking space. St. Louis University charges \$800 per year. Collin added SIUE has no public parking areas and no other parking options. Bob added that every parking lot has to show revenue to sell bonds. Bob Vanzo will respond to the student’s question.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Initiatives Assigned to Facilities Management:

No initiatives assigned to Facilities Management at this time.

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

Tony stated the citations are down somewhat. The last Lottery offered 600 green permits to students. We are working on two additional EV stations. There currently is one EV Station in Alton, Lot A, Lot B and Lot E.

Ryan Fries inquired about landscaping plans for Lot E. Tony stated the Purchase Order has been issued and landscaping should take place this fall, weather permitting.

Tony will share census data at next month’s meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Bike Patrol – Kasey Hoyd, Police Detective: Discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

B. Warnings: A question was asked how enforcement works for EV stations. Tony stated we make attempts to collect or turn over to the Bursar’s Office for collection. There are codes when they do not pay. Tony stated that the first citation that occurs in the first semester will be voided.

C. Student Lotteries: Bob added that more green permits were offered and sold to students. Tony clarified that 125 green permits were sold to students in Lot A and 100 green permits in Lot E. We could possibly offer more. There are a number of open spaces in the Brown Lot also. We need to keep some open for basketball games, etc. Open discussion regarding open parking spaces in the lots and pay by space parking. Tony will take another look at the open spaces and determine if there are enough to offer up more green tickets through the lottery. Map reports show most people pay through the Flowbird App in the pay by space areas. These areas are monitored by a website which space is paid and which ones are not paid. Bob's suggestion was to sell as many green permits as possible.

Cheyenne made a request for additional pay-by-space areas in Lot A. She stated that all the current spaces are full early in the morning. Students then have to relocate and that usually makes them late for class. Tony will take a look at the pay-by-space area and determine if more can be added and how many.

D. FY23 Financial Statement: Tony reported the Financial Statement stems from the Bond Model. He gave an example of last year's Bond Model. Dave Balai added there is no surplus cash. Everything is held within the Bond Model. Parking lots should last for 25 years each lot. Further discussion was held. Tony added that we are projected to lose \$2 million in 2023. Some years we lose and some we gain. It fluctuates. Bob added the University receives no support from the State of Illinois for parking.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Craig announced that the construction fence has been installed to protect the construction site of the Health Science Building. Construction is scheduled to begin within the next two to three weeks. P2 road will be closed. Lot P4 will only be accessible from the back entrance. More handicap spots will be made available in P4 as well as walkways to support them. When the construction is completed, the old Woodland Hall Parking Lot will be resurfaced by the construction company. The P2 Road is being renamed. Tony added that all the roads around the parking P3 and P4 will be renamed. Logan inquired whether the old Woodland Hall lot would be a red or green permit lot. It may be a green lot as it will be close to a building. Employees will park in the P lots.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Michelle Shatto. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. The next meeting will be on Friday, November 10, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Room at the Morris University Center and on Zoom.