

(In Person and Zoom)

MINUTES FROM THE
PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
March 8, 2024

Members Present: Ryan Fries, John Foster, Cindy Cobetto, Michelle Shatto, Ericka Johnson, Jennifer Rosselli-Lynch, Moayad Abuzaneh, and Cheyenne Carpenter

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

Members Absent: George Pelekanos (excused), Shane Kessinger and Alexis Allen

Ex-Officio Members Absent: None

Chairman, Ryan Fries presided over the monthly Parking and Traffic Committee Meeting on Friday, March 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in person and via Zoom. Minutes from the meeting of January 12, 2024, were presented. Michelle Shatto made a Motion to approve the Minutes. Cindy Cobetto seconded the Motion. Hearing no objections, Minutes stand approved as written. The February 9, 2024, Meeting was cancelled.

COMMITTEES

- A. Appeals Committee: Michelle Shatto, reported one Appeal was heard.
- 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:

There are no initiatives assigned to Facilities Management. Tony did report on the Emergency Phone situation. He stated that the construction on the new Health Science Building took out power to

several of the Emergency Phones on campus. But as of today, the majority of the 88 phones are back up and functioning.

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

Tony reported that we will notice 12 handicap violations were written in Bluff Hall and Woodland Hall. Individuals are parking in these handicap spaces all the time in the Circle Drives. It makes it difficult for Emergency Vehicles to get through. That is why more tickets are being written in that area.

Our pay-by-text is now operating. This allows for people to pay by text for parking in pay lots. Sixty percent of individuals are currently using the Flowbird App. We may reduce the number of pay machines, as they are expensive and high maintenance.

NEW BUSINESS

A. EV Charging Stations – Lots B and E: On numerous occasions we have four or six EV stations being used. Ryan Fries suggested adding more EV charging stations to Lot E as he has noticed more electric vehicles in that lot. Tony stated the lots will be redone in 2030, and we will look at adding more at that time. We currently have eight total between the Edwardsville campus and Alton School of Dental Medicine.

B. Student Green Lottery Results: Tony reported offering 100 Green permits in Lot A and 75 more Green permits in Lot E. Nineteen were not picked up for Lot E, and 15 not picked up for Lot A.

Mallory Sidarous added that Woodland Hall Parking Lot is almost full. However, some of the students in Prairie Hall are parking in the new Woodland Hall Lot. Housing is requesting that the students park in the lot serving the hall they live in.

C. Summer Lot Construction: Tony reported that most parking lots will be resealed. The pre-bid is scheduled for March 12, 2024, with the bid opening on March 26, 2024. When construction begins, it usually is a 4-day closure for each lot including Lots A, B, C, E and F. Woodland Hall Circle will be redesigned to provide more room for Emergency vehicles to navigate through that area.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tony announced that permit sales have declined since COVID. We were selling 13,500 prior, and this year we sold 10,500. So, we have dropped 3,000 permits. We sold 7,000 red permits in 2020 and this year only 4,000 permits. We offer students a number of options including semester permits, pay by machine apps, text to pay, and Flowbird app, plus we have increased the number of green permits offered through lotteries.

Moayad had questions for Tony about the hours for ticketing of certain lots. He questioned whether ticketing could stop in residence hall lots as it does in other lots. Tony responded that if we were to do that, residents and their guests may not be able to park in lots closest to their hall or apartment.

Tony and Mike Reed are working on the Bond Model to move Prairie Hall and Lot B up to 2026, while adding an addition onto the Simmons Field Parking Lot. We are currently seeking Board approval to add that lot to the revenue bond system so that parking funds can be used to maintain it.

Ryan Fries announced that he has a Grad Student who is currently working on the intersection of Circle and Northwest University Drives to see what traffic patterns look like if we increase to 14, 500 students by 2025. He was asked to share the Grad Student's Report with the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Mallory Sidarous. Cindy Cobetto seconded the Motion. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. The next meeting will be on Friday, April 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Room at the Morris University Center and on Zoom.