

Parking and Traffic Regulations Committee Meeting
September 19, 2012
12:00 p.m. – Room 101F – Student Services Center

Members Present: Dr. Stacy Jones, Chair, Carol Boshell, Steven Burch, Jack Jecen, Susan Kinard, Erica Luby, Ed Stephenson, Reuben Cook, Naomi Powell, Alfred Mitchell, Morgan Smith, Ernest Wayde, Will Pylant, Sydney Page, Matt Calderone, Judy Thorpe, Virginia Johnson, Ronnie Robertson, Chris D’Esposito, Ralph Clayton, Nick Frenz, Stuart Glaeser and Pam Mallon

Dr. Jones called the meeting to order and welcomed the new members. The minutes from the May 3, 2012 meeting were distributed and approved as written.

Old Business:

- Dr. Jones stated that, as the campus has become more pedestrian friendly, bicyclists and skateboarders are creating safety issues for pedestrians. As a result, a sub-committee was formed at the May 3rd meeting to discuss ways to enforce safety regulations. Dr. Jones distributed the minutes from the May 30th sub-committee meeting and the July 2nd meeting held with Dr. Lynda Gilbert and Gina Johnson. The bicycle safety theme decided by the sub-committee will be “Education, Environment and Enforcement.”

The recommendations of the committee were to implement a two phase approach:

Phase 1: Education through a comprehensive marketing campaign.

Phase 2: A pilot program called “Wheels Up” making the Quad a “wheels up” area for bicycles, skateboards, etc.

Issues that were addressed relating to the campaign are listed below:

1. First time offenders would receive a SNAM and be required to attend a bicycle safety class.
2. The SGA would coordinate marketing and provide incentives to students.
3. Facilities and other companies delivering goods to campus will be notified, via mail, that parking in the bicycle lanes is prohibited.
4. The placement of bicycle racks will be re-evaluated.
5. Judicial Affairs will be contacted to update the Student Code of Conduct regarding bicycle rules and regulations as well as creating appropriate educational sanctions for violators.

Dr. Jones will update the committee on the status of this new program as it progresses.

New Business:

- Ralph Clayton presented an overview of the Crimson Ride.
 - August ridership for the Crimson Ride buses set a new daily average record of 15,000. This total includes ridership from the apartment routes.

- Crimson Ride now provides some form of transportation 24 hours a day, except on UA holidays.
 - After hours service provided by 348-Ride transports an average of 1,500 students per night.
 - The Downtown Shuttle operates from 6:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m., Thursday through Saturday.
 - The Sunday Shopping Shuttle operates from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. with stops at Mid-Town Village, University Mall and Target
- Chris D'Esposito presented an overview of Parking
 - The new 524 space Northeast Commuter Lot behind the Child Development Center is open.
 - The Science-Engineering Complex Reserved Lot is open and all faculty and staff on the wait list have been contacted. Due to the future expansion of the Ferguson Center, the South Ferguson Reserved Lot is now zoned for faculty and staff, State, and Accessible parking until construction begins. The South Ferguson Reserve permit holders received first priority to relocate to the SEC Reserved Lot. The remaining spaces will be filled using the student wait list.
 - Only 12 faculty and staff purchased reserve permits for the Beville Reserved Lot. The remaining spaces will be filled using the student wait list.
 - The Board of Trustees has approved a new 554 space parking deck, scheduled for completion in 2014, to be located near Presidential Village. There is ample parking in the Ferguson Parking Deck to handle any displacements during construction.
 - Since the beginning of the fall semester, the student parking zones have not reached capacity.
 - Chris was asked to contact the City of Tuscaloosa to determine if a sidewalk could be added along Hackberry Drive between the Aquatic Center and the railroad tracks.
 - Gina Johnson encouraged the Committee members to email any complaints, issues, or concerns to Dr. Jones as soon as they are received. Solutions may be expedited without having to wait until the next meeting.
 - Naomi Powell agreed to chair the Faculty and Staff Appeals Committee. Other volunteers were Jack Jecen, Carol Boshell, Susan Kinard and Gordon MacNeil.

Since there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.