

Parking and Traffic Regulations Committee Meeting
October 17, 2012
11:00 a.m. – Room 101F – Student Services Center

Members Present: Dr. Stacy Jones, Chairperson, Lynn Hamric, Jack Jecen, Susan Kinard, Erica Luby, Gordon MacNeil, Ed Stephenson, Heath Nails, Alfred Mitchell, Morgan Smith, Ernest Wayde, Rod Roth, Gina Johnson, Chris D’Esposito, Ralph Clayton, Nick Frenz, Stuart Glaeser, and Pam Mallon

Guests: Dr. Lynda Gilbert, Vice President of Financial Affairs
Chris Holland, Director of Residential Communities
Andrew Hester, Community Director

Dr. Jones called the meeting to order and introduced Dr. Lynda Gilbert, Vice President of Financial Affairs. Dr. Gilbert thanked everyone for serving on this committee. She stated how much she appreciated the committee’s input and recommendations concerning parking and traffic issues. As the campus becomes more pedestrian friendly, Dr. Gilbert asked for the committee’s continued support in the areas of bicycle and pedestrian safety.

The minutes from the September 22nd meeting were distributed and approved as written.

New Business:

- Dr. Jones introduced Chris Holland, Director of Residential Communities and Andrew Hester, Community Director at Presidential Residential Community. They presented a proposal requesting that the current ten Community Director parking spaces be reduced to six, relocated to a more accessible area, and enforced in the same manner as a *Faculty in Residence* parking space.

Mr. Holland explained that Community Directors must be first responders to after-hours campus emergency situations, so the designated spaces should be located in areas allowing them easy access to their vehicles. The proposed designated areas are Tutwiler Hall, Harris Hall, Lakeside East, Bryant Hall, Ridgecrest South and Presidential I. Designated signage is requested stating that the spaces will be enforced at all times, vehicles will be towed and a \$250.00 citation will be issued.

A motion was made to support the Housing and Residential Communities proposal by designating six parking spaces, in the requested areas, for use by Community Directors only. Enforcement will be 24/7 with vehicles being subject to impoundment and a \$250.00 fine. The motion passed unanimously.

- Stuart Glaeser presented an update on the bicycle program.
 - There are approximately 340 bicycle racks on campus with a maximum capacity of ten bicycles each.
 - Dr. Gilbert has approved purchasing an additional 75 bicycle racks.

- Parking Services is working with the Campus Master Planning Committee to prioritize the locations.
- The SGA will assist with the marketing program.
- Directional signage for bicycle rack locations will be added.
- Dr. Reuben Cook was unable to attend the meeting today. He submitted several issues from his colleagues that were addressed.
 - There is a need for more bicycle racks at Russell Hall. Stuart Glaeser stated that bicycle racks for Russell Hall have been approved and should be installed soon.
 - Add signage to roadways where cars and bicycles share the road. Chris D'Esposito will evaluate these areas and order additional signage.
 - Issue a set number of free permits, preferably ten, to individuals that usually bike to campus for use on inclement weather days. Chris D'Esposito stated that there are approximately 33,000 students and 5,000 faculty and staff at UA. It will be difficult to distinguish between individuals who walk and those who bike to campus. Daily parking permits may be purchased at the Transportation Services Office for \$5.00 each. There are also several decks that will allow individuals to pay to park on entrance or exit.

Dr. Jones will forward this information to Dr. Cook.

- Chris D'Esposito presented a construction update that may result in potential parking changes in the future. The construction projects discussed have not been approved by the Campus Master Planning Committee or the Board of Trustees at this time.
- It was reported that the token machine in the Campus Drive Parking Deck is not working properly. Chris will ask a maintenance employee to have it repaired.
- Susan Kinard reported that the drivers of the large vans belonging to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions experience space issues when backing out of their designated spaces on the ramp of the Ferguson Deck. Chris stated that Transportation Services Office is moving to their new location in the Campus Drive Deck in December. The designated spaces for these vans can then be moved to the current State Parking spaces that will be vacated by the Transportation Services' state trucks.
- Erica Luby stated that the crosswalk leading from Coleman Coliseum to the Bryant Conference Center is not being observed and is difficult to see at night. Chris will report this to the City of Tuscaloosa and suggest installing reflective lighting.

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

