

# TRAFFIC & PARKING TASK FORCE QUARTERLY MEETING

MINUTES

MAY 17, 2007

3:00 PM

H-108

MEETING CALLED BY A. Miles Albertson

ATTENDEES

Keyser Enneking, Scott Fox, Ron Fuller, Kelly Kerr, Bob Miller, Rose Nealis, Michele Rollen-Hanson, James Thompson, Steve Truluck

TOPIC

**ANSWERS TO OPEN ITEMS (2/15/07 MEETING)**

**FOX**

**Why can't [students] use the dirt service lot after hours?**

*Service drives are enforced 24/7 campus wide, with no exceptions. Service Drive passes with one hour time limit are distributed on individual bases. This is a more feasible option as opposed to instituting a policy change for a specific lot.*

**Why can't students with no decal or P&R decals use the Visitor's garage after 5:00 in the same manner as commuters?**

*They can. When TAPS originally converted from pay on entrance to pay on exit, it was decided that there needed to be a mechanism by which we could collect the revenue from people leaving the lot at night or risk losing that revenue. In response to student complaints regarding this change, TAPS established the rule that, upon entrance (after 5:30), students with valid parking decals would be issued a same-day parking pass for the visitor's lot. Students who have not purchased decals will NOT be provided free parking; they will have to pay on exit.*

**Why do we allow new buildings but not require parking to be built?**

*UF is limited by the Economic Development Agreement with the City and County, as well as its own 10-year Master Plan, in regards to additional parking. UF also wants to consolidate parking.*

**There are never any spaces after 9:00 am in the Large Commuter Lot and after 7:00 am in the Small Commuter Lot. We keep taking space away from them in the Triangle Lot and we took about 15 spaces from them in the Large Commuter Lot.**

*As the HSC employee population has grown, a shortage of Blue Decal parking has occurred. Therefore, TAPS has recaptured some ALL DECAL parking in the Triangle Lot in the smallest possible space to meet demand, while maintaining some for those with no other parking options. With the construction of the new garage, this trend should be reversed, with student parking being given back. TAPS is striving to recover ALL DECAL in the Triangle Lot as well as in the new garage.*

DISCUSSION

**The Pony Field Lot is mostly empty.**

*There are 60 spots sold with 108 available. Everyone on the E and W Gated waiting lists has been contacted, and there have been no takers to the offer of Pony Field Gated parking. In addition, there is little incentive for others to upgrade to Gated Parking in this lot because TAPS has always provided Blue Parking as needed. The long-term goal is to move this Gated parking to the new lot. It was suggested at the 2/15/07 meeting that this lot should be divided. TAPS has been reluctant to do that because it presents an enforcement challenge. Another suggestion presented at the last meeting was creating a less expensive Gated decal; this would necessitate a rule change that could not be implemented this year.*

**ACTION:** Rose Nealis made the motion that the Pony Field Lot be divided into a clearly-signed virtual gated lot with the gate being changed to accept Orange and Blue ID cards (similar to McCarty Garage). Steve Truluck seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Why can't we park in the circle drive at Cancer-Genetics during the evening?**

*Cancer-Genetics has special needs permits they can give out as necessary should someone need to park in the circle drive. Parking in the Pony Field Lot is also an option.*

**How about coming up with a decal "in-between" an Orange/Blue and Gated in price? This would be the price for the Pony Field and it may populate faster.**

*Would necessitate an official rule change for next year.*

**Can TAPS come up with one sheet "Here are your parking options" flyer that they could distribute?**

*Ron Fuller created a document that can be uploaded to the TAPS website and will be distributed to the T & P Task Force committee via e-mail explaining parking options.*

**VetMed Specific Parking**

*Dr. Thompson is reviewing decal and VetMed Student population to assist in determining the best solution to the parking problem currently and potentially faced by clinical students and staff at the College of Veterinary Medicine.*

TOPIC

***VENDOR PARKING***

***ALBERTSON/HINES***

Vendors are having problems parking due to new construction at the old Communicore loading dock and resulting overflow to the ARB loading dock. Parking enforcement solutions are being sought because short-term vendors (i.e. pizza/flower delivery) are creating problems in this area. Currently, vendors using unmarked vehicles can purchase Commercial decals, which give them access to all non-reserved decal-restricted parking areas except Service Drives.

TOPIC

***HSC PARKING PLAN – NEW PARKING GARAGE***

***ALBERTSON/FOX***

Scott Fox compiled a proposal for changes to existing garages surrounding the HSC to best utilize the new parking garage. (*see attached*) Miles Albertson provided details to the plans for the 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Archer Road area.

DISCUSSION

***ACTION:*** *Dr. Thompson moved to accept the changes as detailed in the spreadsheet. Rose Nealis seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.*