

**HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER PARKING TASK FORCE MEETING**

Thursday, May 22, 2003, 3:30 P.M.

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Members Present:	Miles Albertson, Presiding	UF FP&C	ama@ufl.edu
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	Michael Nyland		mnyland@ufl.edu
	Dee Williams	College of Nursing	willimd@nursing.ufl.edu
	Dr. Ronald Gronwall	Vet. Med.	gronwall@ufl.edu
	Linda Dixon	UF FP&C	ldixon@admin.ufl.edu

Members Absent: Dr. Laszlo Prokai  
Dr. Samuel Low

Others Present:	Ragan Al-Agely	UF FP&C	ralagely@admin.ufl.edu
	Scott Fox	TAPS	sefox@ufl.edu

Chairman Miles Albertson calls the meeting to order at 3:35 P.M.

I. Approval of minutes of March 20, 2003

**Motion: Robert Miller moved for the approval of minutes for March 20, 2003.**

**Second: Steve Truluck**

**Motion carried.**

## II. Paving and Gating the Lime Rock State Vehicle Lot (Agenda I):

Greg DuBois relayed to the committee the request that the deans of Health Professions, Pharmacy, and Nursing have in regards to paving and gating the lime rock parking for their state vehicles located next to the new Health Professions, Nursing, and Pharmacy Building. Robert Miller brought up the concern that if the lot is paved and gated by the three colleges, how will other non-HPNP state vehicles be accommodated in this area.

Dee Williams, representing the College of Nursing inquired of the committee what the cost of paving the lot would be to help the three deans in their budgeting process. Mr. DuBois and Mr. Miller elaborated upon the process of the potential project and that the deans need to be aware that the parking lot will someday become the site of a future building. By paving the site there is no guaranty that the lot will be there in the future. Ms. Williams asked if, instead of paving the current parking lot there could be only partial paving of the site to accommodate the amount of vehicles currently in use by the three colleges. Miles Albertson proposed to the committee that Mr. DuBois of Transportation and Parking Services could take an aerial site plan of the lot and estimate the cost of paving the site as a whole and partial paving. Mr. DuBois replied that he would provide this information to the colleges within a couple of weeks.

**Motion: Robert Miller moved for cost estimates to be prepared by Greg DuBois of Transportation and Parking Services.**

**Second: Steve Truluck**

**Motion moved.**

Greg DuBois is in agreement to have the estimates done within a couple of weeks. Miles Albertson brought up a location as another option for parking state vehicles. The site brought to the table is the parking spaces behind Building 062 – Health Center Annex No. 2 because of the partial parking currently located there it would not become a vast cost problem. DuBois will look into the second option as well. Mr. Albertson brought up Agenda VI and VII also concerning Nursing:

- Agenda VI: State Vehicle Parking – Nursing Request:

Albertson informed the committee that the College of Nursing has requested that their state vehicle remain in the East Parking Garage. At a prior committee meeting it was agreed that all state vehicle be removed from the East Parking Garage. Dee Williams of the College of Nursing told the committee that there was a miscommunication between the college's representative who was at the last meeting and the Dean of Nursing. The concern of the vehicle's condition if housed outside the garage initiated the request for having the vehicle remain in the garage. The college did not realize at the time, that all state vehicles were to be removed from the East Parking Garage to accommodate more patient and visitor parking. With that information clarified and

understood Williams revoked the college's request for having their state vehicle remain in the East Parking Garage.

- Agenda VI: Nursing Representative on the Parking Task Force:

Dee Williams informed the committee that the College of Nursing will have a new representative present at future meetings.

III. Reducing Pharmacy's Parking by three spaces (Agenda: III):

Miles Albertson opens the new matter, and asks for Greg DuBois to notify the committee of the College of Pharmacy's request to reduce their reserved parking spaces by three. There are four reserved parking spaces by the old Pharmacy trailers. Mike Brodeur, Assistant Dean of Pharmacy, notified Transportation and Parking Services that those spaces are no longer in use and could do away with at least three of those spaces, as a result increasing the employee/student parking space. Greg DuBois lets the committee know that it can be done.

IV. Off – Hours Parking Near ARB (Agenda V):

Greg DuBois addressed the committee regarding Dr. Bates' request to have the reserved parking spaces for disabled staff and faculty north of the Academic Research Building be lifted in the evenings and on the weekends since the current reserved disabled parking spaces are often unused during those times.

Miles Albertson advised the committee that the Academic Research Building is undergoing a security reconfiguration initiative and that the doors have been locked at night. If a person parks in the area in question, they would still have to walk around the building to the doors that are unlocked. Building 0059 – Brain Institute is also locked at night leaving the purpose of those parking spaces ineffective to the needs of the staff and faculty in question. Opinions arise that those parking spaces would be still be convenient for the staff and faculty. They could use the parking spaces at night and on the weekends to check on their research and experiments; these spaces would still be closer and well located for them.

Mr. Albertson suggested an alternative to the matter; the parking spaces in garage ten, which is adjacent to the Academic Research Building, is safer and equally as convenient as the parking spaces in question. Garage ten has been modified for security reasons with advances in lighting and the offer of an escort service. If the ban were lifted on the reserved parking spaces, there would need to be a modification of security in that area because right now there is no significant lighting.

Mr. DuBois noted that there is not a significant request for this change to occur. With the questions of security and the prospect that any one could use the spaces, if the ban is lifted, it may result in a misuse of the spaces.

Robert Miller comments that this is not an approval matter for the Health Science Center Task Force Committee because of the issues of security and lighting in that area of question.

**Motion: Steve Truluck**

**Second: Gerald Kidney**

**Motion carried.**

V. Center Drive Resurfacing Project (Agenda VIII):

Miles Albertson opens the discussion by describing the project location on the west side of the HSC from Archer Road north to the HPNP building. The project includes a bus pullout bay, which will be funded by Greg DuBois, Transportation and Parking Services. The project in which is still in the design and bidding phase. Concerns are the access to Garage II, access to Mowry Road, and entrance to the Dental Science Building. The project scheduled to be done before summer is over.

A meeting is scheduled for next week to go over the Veterinary Medicine lime rock parking lot. The proposal for the project is to pave the lot and provide lighting.

VI. Parking in the Circle Drive West of The Health Professions, Pharmacy and Nursing Building (HPNP, Building 0212) (Agenda IX):

The matter opens with the acknowledgement that the only college represented from the HPNP is the College of Nursing by Dee Williams. Miles Albertson explains that there are five open spaces in the circle drive west of HPNP. There is a space for the emergency vehicles to enter the courtyard dictated by the fire marshal; two spaces are issued for handicap parking, leaving three spaces for discussion on what should be issued for those spaces.

The committee settled upon a thirty-minute visitor and loading-parking sign for each of the three spaces. Ms.

**Motion: Robert Miller**

**Second: Dee Williams**

**Motion carried.**

VII. Miscellaneous Issues (Agenda X):

Gerald Kidney points out a problem with garage ten and the need for more availability of motorcycle parking. The valet floor is full almost everyday as well as the floor above, which is usually full by seven-fifty in the morning. Mr. Kidney

suggests the prospect for additional parking on the southeast corner of the level two in garage ten next the exit stairs. No more than one car space reassigned for motorcycles is sufficient enough to solve the problem.

Scott Fox of Transportation and Parking agrees to observe the parking situation in garage ten with Mr. Kidney. Mr. Fox also suggests that, instead of reassigning a motorcycle space elsewhere in the garage, that the existing motorcycle space could be expanded instead. Mr. Kidney sees that as a possible solution.

The committee also recommends the old entrance of garage one as an ideal parking place for motorcycles because of visibility and access to the buildings.

**Motion: Gerald Kidney moves to have this problem observed by Transportation and Parking and Services.**

**Second: Steve Truluck**

**Motion carried.**

VIII. Health Science Center Crosswalks presentation by Linda Dixon (Agenda IV):

Linda Dixon distributed maps of the “Existing Pedestrian and Traffic Circulation” on Newell Road and also another map of the “Proposed Pedestrian and Traffic Circulation” on Newell.

Ms. Dixon began her presentation by discussing the security issues within this area of the Health Science Center. There are dangers for pedestrians as they cross Newell from the Brain Institute to the Academic Research Building; there is a lack of clarity of where the crosswalks are located and a lack of stop signs for drivers. Ken Solomon, Carol Walker, and Physical Plant have meet with Ms. Dixon regarding this problem and have taken time to observe the site.

Ms. Dixon discussed the maps and the points where they plan to modify the intersection. She also made clear that they have concentrated on the walk areas that exist and where new walk areas need to be made from studying the site, entrances and stop points. She made it clear that not all these modifications have been funded, but would like feed back from the committee in regards to the items.

(Ronald Gronwall excuses himself from the meeting at four p.m.)

Items:

1. A bus stop on Newell Drive: create a bus pullout bay with a shelter. Funding has been provided for this project.
2. Removal of existing crosswalk, stop sign and stop bar.
3. Sign and stripe as one-way eastbound with short-term designated vendor load and unload spaces adjacent to the south curb line. For this item it would require that

- angled parking be utilized and as a result, there will be a loss of parking spaces or the need to move the south curb line. This project does not have funding.
4. Install mid-block crosswalk aligned with existing curb ramp and delineated with raised pavement markers.
  5. Install a sign and markings to create a 3-way stop with crosswalks. Extend the crosswalk along the side of the Academic Research Building so that the pedestrians do not have to cross Newell Drive.
  6. Extend raised landscape planter. Not funded.
  7. Install sidewalk on east side of the Academic Research Building. Not funded.
  8. Install standard crosswalk.
  9. Remove existing westbound stop and install a horizontal alignment sign for turning westbound and southbound traffic. Repaint existing crosswalk.
  10. Construct sidewalk bulb-outs to provide more pedestrian space, shorten pedestrian crossing distance to channel traffic. Not funded.
  11. Extend existing bicycle lanes to south of the bus stop.

Committee seeks the action to approve the concepts brought up in the presentation and recommendation for funding. Item number seven will be studied again, observation of lighting needs to be studied, and further study the intersection of item nine and eight.

**Motion: Robert Miller moves to accept the concept and items brought up in the presentation and by the members of the committee.**

**Second: Steve Truluck**

**Motion carried.**

Miles Albertson entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at four thirty-five p.m., there being no further business.