

HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER PARKING TASK FORCE MEETING  
Thursday, September 18, 2003, 3:30pm  
H-108 JHMHC

Members Present: Miles Albertson, Chairman FP&C [ama@ufl.edu](mailto:ama@ufl.edu)  
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Others Present: Regina Richmond VPHA [rich@vpha.health.ufl.edu](mailto:rich@vpha.health.ufl.edu)

Chairman Miles Albertson called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

I. Approval of minutes of July 31, 2003 meeting

Mr. Albertson moved for minutes acceptance.

Motion to accept: Jerry Kidney

Second: Joyce Hudson

Motion carried.

II. Shands Front Circle Modification

Steve Truluck reviewed the proposed plans for modification, renovation and reconstruction of the Shands front circle area to begin October 2003. Several projects will be going on in the area, including construction of the MRI Tunnel. Plans include strategies to maintain traffic flow in the front circle and at the Emergency Department; protection for pedestrians; patient drop-off and pick-up; Med Vans and buses; employee shuttles drop-off and pick-up; drop-off and pick-up of other service providers; and for ambulances entering and leaving the Emergency Department area. There are plans to bring in extra staffing and equipment to complete the projects that will be occurring simultaneously in the area. The Task Force engaged in discussion of plans to minimize the impact that this construction and modification will have upon the areas involved. The estimated time for project completion at the areas involved are: front circle area, 6 months; Emergency Department area, 6 months; buck hoist installation at the east end of the HSC will begin in February 2004 and will take approximately 8-10 months until project completion; MRI Tunnel, estimated length of time to be determined.

Mr. Albertson moved for continuance of planning process.

Motion to accept: Jerry Kidney

Second: Steve Truluck

Motion carried.

III. Update: Visitor/Gated Parking

Greg DuBois provided Parking Gated Areas Space Utilization Analysis.

Discussion for moving some gated parking among the three Health Science Center Parking Garages for more even distribution of frequently unused spaces and to still accommodate visitor parking necessities. Mr. DuBois requested direction and decision of what to do with Medical Plaza parkers, as well as approval/recommendations for adding to “eastside” garage.

Discussion ensued as to whether the people on the waiting list are current employees, or whether some are retired or not current employees. The Task Force recognized that there are issues with respect to relocation of departments and movement of some to the new Orthopedic facility. It was agreed that there should be some empty spaces at all times for gated parkers, as gated parkers are guaranteed a space.

Mr. Albertson moved acceptance of space utilization as presented.

Motion to accept: Mike Nyland

Second: Jerry Kidney

Motion carried.

IV. Update: VMTH Parking Lot and Center Drive Repaving (Agenda item V)

Greg DuBois reported that the Vet Med parking lot is up and running, the lighting and landscaping are not quite completed; however, that parking lot was opened to parkers two weeks ago. No football traffic is permitted to park in the lot, no motor homes, etc.

The repaving of Center Drive is in the engineers’ hands right now. The start date is not known. The project involves a very complex phasing plan that is going to affect Center Drive all the way to Archer Road, and will involve the HPNP Building and all the intersections, pedestrian crosswalks and loading docks adjacent to Center Drive. The issue of the drainage problem was again discussed. Discussion occurred with respect to the paving of the limerock lot by the HPNP Building. To pave the area is estimated to cost approximately \$2,000 per parking space. The Task Force was reminded that a building will eventually be constructed in that area, so paving that area at this time may not be a good investment.

V. Update: Uniformed Officer at West Garages (Agenda item IV.)

Jerry Kidney provided information that there were two police service technicians (PST's) on duty for a week at the West Garages, an assignment that began Monday after our last meeting. Following that week, Lt. Solomon and Dennis Hines recommended to Jerry Kidney that two officers were not necessary, and that one was enough. As a result, coverage was reduced to one PST. Greg DuBois commented that an opposite recommendation had been made to him, namely that a second PST was needed for traffic control both at the top and bottom of the hill. Mr. Kidney indicated that the real bottleneck appears to be the back-up of traffic at the gate as people pay to get in, and perhaps a means to accept money from parkers in line before the gate should be considered. Mr. Kidney suggested that a meeting be scheduled soon to consider options. The committee agreed that as long as Dr. Tisher is willing to pay for the extra expense of a PST, there will continue to be at least one PST on duty at that location.

VI. Future Meeting Dates

Mr. Albertson reported that the next scheduled meeting will be about three months from this date.

Mr. Albertson accepted a motion to adjourn.

Seconded

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm