

## **TSAC Minutes May 6, 2015**

Present:

Dr. Deb Banerjee  
Dr. Fuller Bazer  
Ms. Erin Jones for Mike Caruso  
Mr. Joe Dillard  
Mr. Matthew Fitzmaurice  
Mr. David Glockzin  
Dr. Angie Hill Price  
Dr. Margaret Hobson  
Mr. Peter Lange  
Ms. Robbie Lukeman  
Mr. Michael Murtha  
Dr. Joe Newton

Mr. Robert Pottberg  
Dr. Bob Strawser  
MR. Travis Walters  
Mr. Lorenzo Washington  
Dr. CJ Woods

Absent:

Dr. Beth McNeil  
Ms. Flora Reeves  
Ms. Veronica Sprayberry  
Mr. Rod Weis

1. Mr. Peter Lange opened the meeting with a special acknowledgement of Dr. Joseph Newton, who has been a member of TSAC since the first meeting in June 2007.
2. Mr. Lange asked members to review the minutes from the April meeting for approval. Dr. Newton motioned to approve the minutes, Dr. Bob Strawser seconded and the minutes were approved as written.
3. Ms. Debbie Hoffmann shared that we are working with Mar Com to revamp the Aggie Spirit logo on the buses and should have a final design by fall. It will be implemented incrementally for cost savings.
4. Mr. Lange provided an update on the *Get to the Grid* game day shuttle service.
  - 4.1 We are currently working with representatives of Momentum Plaza to secure about 1,000 – 2,000 spaces. Transportation Services pulled the plug on the Veteran's Park option when there was a public outcry from parents of soccer players who wanted the Saturday games to remain at Veteran's Park and Momentum Plaza was presented as an option.
  - 4.2 Parking and shuttle service from Downtown Bryan is being marketed to provide an alternative game day experience, to encourage people to eat and shop downtown and then ride to the game close to game time.
  - 4.3 What is the time addition riding from Downtown Bryan opposed to the other location? It adds 6 minutes to the time, and takes 20 minutes to get to campus.

5. In regard to the publishing of the increased permit rates for fall, we had about 35 people respond to Dr. Strawser's email and we answered each one by one. The permit rate increase will allow for the addition of maintenance of sidewalks and roads and the building of 5 garages, but only if the garages are spread over time.
6. Mr. Lange said the possibility of a garage on the site of Cain Hall is still being discussed; it would be constructed as a ground lease agreement. He said a definitive answer should be known by July 1.
7. Mr. Lange said the Campus Master Plan is being updated and the top candidates will present in the next few weeks. The plan included a parking and transportation component and includes street and sidewalk maintenance being performed by Transportation Services.
8. Mr. Lange shared that Lubbock Street repair will begin May 18<sup>th</sup> and will be a 3 phase project. Several attendees mentioned we should have conversations with Utilities and SSC to ensure roads that are torn up are repaired properly and not just patched. Mr. Lange stated the trick is to carefully use the \$1 million per year that is allocated for streets and sidewalks and prioritize projects.
9. Dr. Deb Banerjee asked if there is the possibility to use extra land for game day parking, such as Riverside campus. Mr. Lange stated that Riverside was considered as an option – the room is certainly there, but we would have to change the habits of *Get to the Grid* parkers to get them to park so far away. Another option is to utilize the spaces that go unused in other areas of campus.
  - 9.1 How many cars are on campus for games? Mr. Lange said about 22,000 total, not including RV's. He said that cars parking on campus typically carry 3 people while cars parking at the Grid location average 2-2.5 people per car. He also said that of the 10,000 spaces utilized on campus, half park with no charge because they are permit holders.
  - 9.2 The arrangement to park cars at the Kyle Field construction laydown area will be only a 1 year agreement, as the land reverts back to Ag.
  - 9.3 Dr. Banerjee asked if it is feasible to do more underground spaces for garages and Mr. Lange said it double the cost per space to excavate underground.
10. Dr. Angie Hill Price asked if there was an update on traffic at Northside Garage.
  - 10.1 Mr. Lange responded that we have had grad students and traffic engineers doing counts and in the fall we will close the entrance on University and collect data to see what can be done. He said it will have to be a city and university cooperative to work on the lights and bike pedestrian improvements.

11. Mr. Lange shared that the retiree permits continue to be a point of interest and said we will continue to discuss and work to curtail abuse. We will need to come up with a proposal to transition to a charge for the permit or to change the access that is allowed. We could allow for some type of grandfathering for those who already have Retiree Permits. We will keep the issue in mind for next year and initiate discussions with staff and retirees.
12. Members were asked to coordinate with their respective organizations if they wish to continue on the committee for next year. A call for members is sent out in July to the head of each group. Mr. Lange reminded members that the first meeting of fall is scheduled in September and the meeting was adjourned.