

(In Person and Zoom)

MINUTES FROM THE  
PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 10, 2024

Members Present: John Foster, Cindy Cobetto, Michelle Shatto, Ericka Johnson, Shane Kessinger, Linda Eilerman, George Pelekanos, Ryan Fries

Ex-Officio Members Present: Robert Vanzo, Tony Langendorf, Mallory Sidarous, and Heather Birdsell

Members Absent: Jennifer Rosselli-Lynch (excused) Cheyenne Carpenter, Moayad Abuzaneh

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Craig Holan (excused), Diane Chappell (excused)

Chair Ryan Fries presided over the monthly Parking and Traffic Committee Meeting on Friday, May 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in person and via Zoom. Minutes from the April 12, 2024 meeting, were presented. Motion was made and seconded, so Minutes stand approved.

COMMITTEES

- A. Appeals Committee: Michelle Shatto reported. One (1) appeal was granted, and one (1) denied.
- B. Policy Committee: No report.
- C. Senate Reports:
  - 1. Faculty Senate: No report.
  - 2. Staff Senate: Concerns were expressed about the upcoming parking rate increases and LPR.
  - 3. Student Senate: No report.

CORRESPONDENCE

Carrie Smith: There was a lengthy discussion regarding Ms. Smith's complaint. The solution from the Committee was to place larger decals on the machines which would alert customers that no change is given. Additionally, she will be offered a free code to use for a full day of parking on the Edwardsville campus. Tony will be contacting her to inform her of the Committee's decision.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Initiatives Assigned to Facilities Management:

There were no initiatives assigned to Facilities Management

B. Motorist Assistance, Citation, Towing Monthly Report, and Moving Violation Statistics, and EV Charging Data:

Tony mentioned the rather high number of scofflaws reported, even though the threshold was increased to \$200 in accumulated and unpaid fines.

C. Summer Construction Plans: This summer will be busy with every parking lot on the Edwardsville and East St. Louis locations being sealed. Each lot will be closed on average for four (4) days.

D. Parking Rate Increase Status: All unions have been notified of our plans, but there will be no negotiation due to the funded debt nature of our business. Dr. Bill Retzlaff approved the proposal forwarded by the Parking and Traffic Committee. Rates will go into effect July 1, 2024.

### NEW BUSINESS

A. Pay machine Rates: Rates are scheduled to increase to \$2.00/hour. Tony suggested adding the 35 cent surcharge for using Flowbird into the rate, so it is hidden from the user. This convenience fee goes directly to Flowbird, not to Parking Services. A recommendation was made and approved to round up, making the rate \$2.50/hour with the additional 15 cents used to help offset the charges Parking Services incurs for permitting credit and debit card use.

B. Health Sciences Parking Plans: The reconstruction of the former WH lot will be paid for by the construction project. Parking Services will pay for the reconstruction of Lot P, which will be downsized and targeted for guest, service and parking for persons with disabilities. We will be working with Facilities Management to locate the 4 EV charging stations (8 chargers). We will be recommending two for Lot P, and one each for Lots WH and 4. Lot WH will be a blue permit lot.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be ordering five (5) new pay stations for Lots B and C, the lots used primarily by visitors. Beyond that, we will move to pay-by-text in the other lots. It was suggested that these machines be credit and debit card only, eliminating cash and coin. There have been problems with cash in the machines, plus on 7% of the transactions are non-card. Committee members supported the suggestion.

The Board of Trustees agreed to add the Simmons baseball complex parking lot to the revenue bond system. Now, all lots at the three locations are part of the bond system.

Bids came in for adding a sidewalk to access the new Woodland Hall parking lot and to redesign the Circle at that location. Total cost was near \$100,000, which would necessitate formal bidding. Discussion was held as to whether each piece of the project could be billed separately, thereby eliminating the need to competitively bid. Work could begin much sooner if that were done. There was general support from the Committee to pursue the latter option, but Bob will discuss it with Dr. Bill Retzlaff, who will make the final decision.

Mallory discussed very preliminary plans for the reconstruction of Cougar Village, beginning in 2029. Parking will be obligated to build some new lots to service new buildings planned for the project.

### ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Mallory Sidarous. Shane Kessinger seconded the Motion. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next meeting will be on Friday, June 14, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Room at the Morris University Center and on Zoom.