

CSU Parking & Transportation Advisory Committee
Emergency Meeting – Summary Notes
February 13, 2012

Committee Members Present: David Buckingham, Sheldon Gelman, Rick Grospitch, Kathleen Mooney, Clare Rahm. Not present: Dr. Ching Chang, Fouad Yared. Guests: Wendy Densmore

1. Introduction on New Members
2. Shuttle Service

Background:

- Implementation is in response to concerns about campus safety – especially related to walking from South Garage and Cole Center parking areas.
- Starting Feb. 27, there will be a shuttle service linking the South Garage, Lot AA [Cole Center] and the parking lots on Payne Avenue to select campus locations: Student Center, Main Classroom Building, Middough Building and East 17th Street at Euclid for Business, Law and Urban.
- Shuttle will operate Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. during spring semester. The shuttle schedule will have a vehicle stopping at each location every 10 minutes; the duration of the ride will depend on the distance involved; and the entire loop will be completed in 30 minutes. Riders will be required to show a CSU ID.
- Shuttle will be operated by Standard Parking using leased vehicles for spring semester. RFP will be distributed for longer term arrangements.

Discussion:

- Good idea.
- It would be helpful to have people hosting each stop for the first week. [Response: Resources are not available to staff each stop. Emphasis will be placed on signs and a clear map of the route with stops.]
- To assist departments in hosting visitors, allow an individual to ride with a valid parking stub from South Garage. [Response: Idea has been fully incorporated into the plan.]
- Need a better parking map and better signs to direct people from parking areas to core campus.
- Residence hall students will be able to use shuttle to get around on campus too.

3. Possible Restriction of Visitor Parking

Background:

- Idea is only under consideration – no immediate plans to implement.
- Visitors are defined as those individuals who do not display a Prepaid or Must Pay hangtag.
- Visitors would be limited to use of South Garage, Student Center Garage and Prospect Garage.
- Individuals with Must Pay hangtag and Prepaid hangtag could still use all other facilities too.
- Based upon FY11 data, such a change could result in 100-200 spaces/day in most popular garages.

Discussion:

- This idea could do more harm than good.
- There are lots of students who do not have Must Pay hangtags. What would be required of them? [Response: Students, faculty and staff would need to register for a Must Pay tag and pick it up at the Parking Office. Admittedly, it would be one more thing people would need to do in order to park.]

- Lots of negative feelings about parking right now – recommend delaying something like this until the idea can be more fully communicated and discussed.
- University wants to reach out and include the community and limiting visitor parking seems contrary to that thinking. [Response: Departments could still make arrangements for guests. Also, visitors can ride the shuttle.]

4. President's Student Forum on Campus Safety and Parking

Background:

- Scheduled for this afternoon at 1 p.m. in Student Center Ballroom.
- Timing of this meeting was to be certain the advisory committee knew about some of the ideas that could be mentioned this afternoon.

5. Dialogue with City of Cleveland, SGA and CSU about Parking Meters

Background:

- Students from SGA submitted a proposal to Council President Sweeney asking that the time limit on parking meters on Payne Avenue and Prospect Avenue be extended to 4 hours.
- Council President was very open to seeing what can be done.
- Meeting to be scheduled within next week to discuss. Committee will receive an update at next meeting.

Discussion:

- The parking issue is really distracting everyone. Students are late to class. Some faculty may be choosing to work from home rather than deal with it. The university needs to do something.
- How many parking spaces have been lost over the past 5 years? [Response: Information will be collected and provided to group at next meeting.]
- The rush hour enforcement by the City reduces the number of available spaces on Chester Avenue in the early evening when students are arriving for evening classes. It would be helpful if that practice could be suspended.

6. Next Meeting on March 2, 2012 at 10 a.m. in AC 208

Agenda Items:

- a. Master Plan update – Green Zone [core] and White Zone [non-core]
- b. Program changes, if any, under consideration
- c. Rate increases, if any, under consideration

NOTE: Due to a scheduling error, some members gathered at 9 a.m. and others gathered at 10 a.m. Notes from both discussions are reflected in the meeting notes above.