

Parking & Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

January 15, 2019

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members (Voting)

Steve Jenson, Chair, Auxiliaries
Kirk Bird, Housing
Kady Schneiter, Math & Stats
Shaelyn Pond, Residence Hall
Dexton Lake, USUSA Ag
Steve Funk, SEA President
Christine Ballard, SEA past President
Sam Jackson, USUSA Student Advocate
Mason Kemp, USUSA NR Senator
Jordy Guth, Asst. Director PD&C
Edward Reeve, Interim Vice Provost

Ex-Officio (Non-voting)

Allyson S Olsen, Business & Finance
Chief Mike Kuehn, USU Police
Teresa Johnson, Parking
Cassandra Fisher, Parking
Alden Erickson, Parking
James Nye, Parking
Craig Wright, Parking
Joe Izatt, Parking
Heather Nielsen, Parking

Meeting called to order at 2:00PM

Welcome

Chair, Steve Jenson, welcomed the group and let them know that this is an advisory committee and that the final decision on parking rates is made by Dave Cowley, VP for Business & Finance. However, Dave does rely on this committee to provide advice.

Chair's Report – Steve Jenson

Steve Jenson has the opportunity to meet often with leadership of Parking and Transportation, who take care of the needs of students, staff, and visitors to USU campus. We currently have plans in place for the Legislature to review the plans for a new parking terrace. Over the past several years, the committee has focused on the future and have been proactive on raising rates gradually in order to pay for a new parking terrace.

Director's Report – James Nye

James introduced his staff, each of whom gave updates on what they deal with on a daily basis: groups, buses, staff, faculty, researchers, hundreds of events each year, Housing, Child Lab, Edith Bowen, Clinical Services building, day care center, shuttle system, fueling station, etc. With many, many years of experience, there is a lot of thought and planning that goes into keeping USU safe and assisting with parking needs.

a) State of Parking & Transportation

James reviewed the attached power point presentation and will advise Dave Cowley on issues at hand. The timing is critical when it comes to managing new parking areas. Our campus planners need to be cognizant of our parking issues. James then reviewed parking permit rates.

- **Question:** is there a reason why the location of the Golden Toaster was not turned into a parking space?
 - Steve Jenson – There are joint buildings set for that location: College of Arts and College of Ag. If it was turned into a surface lot, it would be short term.

- Question: Could the trailer park location turned into parking?
 - Steve J. – the University did a land trade with the LDS church and, in time, there are plans for additional new housing, parking and athletic fields for that location.
- Question: Residents who live in the LLC and have permits for Aggie Terrace, have encountered every day from 8am-1pm, even if they have a permit, when they can get into terrace, but parking is not available when needed. They are frustrated when they have to drive around and can't find a space.
 - James N – Typically there will be 40-50 parking spaces available in the Terrace at any given time. However, when it rains, snows or is very cold, more people drive and every parking lot is filled from 8:00am – 1:00pm. The first 10 days of every semester we have this problem, but students eventually figure out that it's best to not drive, but take the shuttle.

Action items

- a) Joe Izatt read minutes, action items and resolutions from January 30, 2018.
 - a. Steve J. entertained motion to have the minutes approved; moved; seconded
 - b. all members approved the motion – vote passed by 10 voting members in attendance
- b) 19-01 Resolution: A Resolution proposing increase in parking permit rates
 - a. Steve J. entertained motion to bring the resolution to the floor; moved; seconded
 - b. Joe I. read to the committee Resolution 19-01
 - c. Opened for questions: no questions
 - d. Steve J. entertained motion to have the proposed parking increase approved; moved; seconded; all members approved the motion – vote passed and was unanimous
 - i. Two members of the committee approved this Resolution ahead of time:
 - 1. Edward Reeve (ER)
 - 2. Shaelyn Pond (SP)

Steve J. asked if there were any additional informational items or questions that needed to be brought before the Advisory committee.

- Sam Jackson – had questions regarding the minutes of 2018. He said that it mentioned informing students about the parking efforts and making a coordinated effort between the Parking Staff, Student Leaders, etc., to create a sheet of information regarding the new structure and parking increase. Has this been done? The number one concern they get from students is about parking and he feels he could do a much better job at informing students if only he had more information to bridge the gap between students and USU.
 - James Nye: This has not been done yet, but James will be happy to stay after the meeting to discuss further with Sam.
- Jordy Guth – would be in favor of higher parking rates. As part of PD&C (Planning, Design and Construction) department, she can see what is coming. After 18 years in PD&C, she sees the rate in which USU has grown and feels that as soon as the new parking terrace is built, the University will be looking towards the next one.

- Steve Funk – do we charge for special event parking?
 - Teresa – yes, if we know about it.
- Sam Jackson – from a student perspective, the easiest solution is to use the shuttle system and have people park at the YELLOW lot and then bus them up to campus. Have we thought about a student fee increase to ease this burden and have a more efficient shuttle system?
 - James Nye – We are considering this for next year. Our current buses cost \$225,000 each. They are considered a school bus. A commuter type bus (such as CVTD) costs \$440,000 and lasts longer than our buses. In the future, this is the direction we would like to go, but this will take a significant amount of money. Also, these bigger buses do not fit in our fueling structure. We will need to have the infrastructure in place before we go down that road.

Steve Jenson entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting; motioned; seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm

Voting:

Resolution #		SJ	KB	KS	SP	DL	SF	CB	SJ	MK	JG	ER
19-01	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	No											