

(In Person and Zoom)

MINUTES FROM THE
PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
September 8, 2023

Members Present: Ryan Fries, John Foster, Shane Kessinger, Michelle Shatto, George Pelekanos, Logan MacDonald, and Jennifer Rosselli-Lynch

Ex-Officio Members Present: Robert Vanzo, Mike Hamil, Craig Holan, Mallory Sidarous and Diane Chappel

Members Absent: David Balai (excused), Cindy Cobetto (excused) and Ericka Johnson (excused)

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Daris Hicks and Tony Langendorf (excused)

Vice Chair, Ryan Fries presided over the monthly Parking and Traffic Committee Meeting, due to the Chair David Balai's absence, which convened on Friday, September 8, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in person and via Zoom. Minutes from the meeting of August 11, 2023, were presented for approval. Shane Kessinger made a Motion to Accept the Minutes as written. Michelle Shatto seconded the Motion. Hearing no objections, the Minutes for August 11, 2023, were approved as written.

The committee welcomed our new student member, Logan MacDonald, who is in his second year in Student Government and is enrolled in Civil Engineering. He will graduate in December, 2023.

Kasey Hoyd, SIUE Police Detective, was present at the meeting to report on the newly added SIUE Police Department Bike Patrol. The Madison County Transit Company provided two RECON Interceptor Power Bicycles to the SIUE Police Department in order to more efficiently patrol the Madison County Transit Bike Trails that run through SIUE's campus. Madison County Transit also provided the equipment to transport the bicycles. The new Bike Patrol has been very well received and a positive addition to the department.

Bob Vanzo interjected that the patrol is still in need of two or three more bicycles to complete their patrol. Bob stated he would like to use money from Parking & Traffic to contribute to the SIUE Police Department's purchase of these additional bicycles. Detective Hoyd stated that each bike runs around \$5,000 which includes the bike, rack, and equipment and is pedal powered and electric. Bob added that by buying one bike for the Bike Patrol would assist Parking & Traffic in keeping a better watch over all our parking lots. Detective Hoyd added that it would be very beneficial on the Alton Campus because the buildings and lots are all closely connected. The bicycles would be centrally located on the Edwardsville Campus and transported to Alton and East St. Louis when needed. George Pelekanos inquired as to how many months out of the year would the bicycles actually be able to be used? Detective Hoyd stated approximately March through November. Mallory Sidarous added the Bike Patrol was well received by parents and students during Move-In this Fall. Bob added this would be a one-time contribution for the purchase of additional bicycles.

George Pelekanos made a Motion to support the SIUE Police Department by contribution money to purchase two bicycles. Mallory Sidarous seconded the Motion. A vote was taken. Hearing no objections to the Motion, the Motion was granted.

COMMITTEES

A. Appeals Committee: No appeals.

B. Policy Committee: No report.

C. Senate Reports:

1. Faculty Senate: No report.

2. Staff Senate: Shane reported on the last Staff Senate Meeting. He stated that Human Resources Director, Carl Chambers appeared before the Senate and announced the new online time sheets and vacation/sick leave requests will be implemented soon. He also discussed the SPA system and the process of hiring of new employees. Shane also stated that Applications are available for anyone to join the Staff Senate.

3. Student Government: No report.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. There was no correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Initiatives Assigned to Facilities Management:

No initiatives assigned to Facilities Management at this time.

Nothing new has been assigned to Facilities Management.

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

Craig stated there would adding an EV station in the lot next to the new Health Science Building when completed. Mike Hamil added that the EV stations in Lots B and E will be installed soon. There was also discussion of adding an EV station to the Wyvetter H. Younge Higher Education Campus in East St. Louis.

Bob stated there is definitely an increase in evening permits due to the enhanced information published on how evening permits benefit students. Permit sales are up so far.

Mike Hamil added that due to the construction still ongoing at the beginning of fall classes, the Lotteries were put on hold. More people began buying evening permits. He stated Parking is in the process of conducting a lottery for the green permit lots. A parking lot census will be conducted this coming week. As of right now, Lot A has 350 open spaces. Lot E has 250 open spaces.

C. Campus Construction Update – (Parking Related) Facilities Management:

a. Fall: 2022/Summer 2023 Parking Lot Construction Projects:

Craig stated that yesterday was the Ground-Breaking Ceremony for the new Health Science Building. Governor Pritzker was in attendance along with Katie Stewart, Jim Underwood, and other dignitaries, and Dr. Bill Retzlaff. The actual ground breaking will begin in November, 2023. Clayco Construction has been awarded the design and construction on the new building. Textbook Services will be moving out soon. Pharmacy has already relocated. Lot WH will be used for construction staging.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Bike Patrol: Discussed at beginning of the meeting.

B. Student Appointments: Bob reported he asked the Staff Senate for someone to replace Kim Kilgore, who left the University. Cindy Cobetto, a Staff Senate Representative, was reappointed to fill Kim's position. Bob also requested 4 students to replace all of the positions that have been vacated. They do not have to be on Student Government.

C. Warnings: Bob will draft a policy and present to Dr. Bill for his review. We will discuss the issue at the October meeting.

D. Zoom Meetings: Bob inquired whether we still need to include Zoom meetings with our in-person meetings. Craig Holan stated he thought it was a good option. Jennifer Rosselli-Lynch thinks it is a good idea to keep the Zoom option available as she is often off campus at clinical practice. Bob stated we would go ahead and keep the Zoom option along with in person meetings.

E. Landscaping: A meeting was held to determine responsibilities for campus landscaping particularly drawing boundaries for areas around Housing.

F. Student Lotteries: Mike Hamil stated there were 250 open spaces in Lot E and 350 open spaces in Lot A. That will allow for a considerable number of green passes to be offered up on the Lottery. Signup will end on September 12th. We will offer up spaces now and review the situation later in the semester. This will aid in bringing the students closer to campus during the winter months.

Shane inquired if the University ever considered adding a shuttle to and from the parking lots. Bob stated that no company was interested in providing a shuttle, except Madison County Transit; and, their price was prohibitive. At the present time, MCT is no longer interested in providing the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn was made and seconded by Shane Kessinger. Mallory Sidarous seconded the Motion. All agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting will be on Friday, October 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Room at the Morris University Center and on Zoom.