

Parking and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2007

Members Present: Joseph Chen, Brett Cloyd, Julie Fell, Cynthia Heaton, Sarah Milani, Leonard Sandler

Staff Present: Mary Jane Beach, Starr Jennings, Dave Ricketts

Members Absent: Samuel Carrell, Jamie Hansen, Johna Leddy, Sarah Milani

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m. in the Hospital Ramp II Conference Room. This was the first meeting of the year and several presentations were directed at the new members. The following topics were discussed.

Organizational Overview

A Parking and Transportation organizational chart was presented to provide an overview of the department's roles. Two new positions were highlighted; Assistant Manager for Parking Services which was filled by Linda Hochstedler in April and an Associate Director for Parking & Transportation Services position which is currently being advertised.

Parking & Transportation Rates

The Committee will be asked to review and approve the last of a four year parking rate package so it can be forwarded to the Administration and the Board of Regents later this fall. The four year package was originally approved by the Committee in the fall of 2003.

Campus Projects

College of Public Health Building: This building will be constructed on the current site of the International Center: Utility and demolition work will begin in the near future with construction starting in the spring of 2008. There will be a permanent loss of parking spaces from Lots 23, 42 and the meters. Vehicular access to the new building will be provided by extending a road from the southwest end of Lot 42, up the hill. Person Ave., the current route to the International Center, will be closed to all but emergency and large service vehicles.

UIHC Master Planning: Various options were discussed showing possible outcomes of the Hospital's Master Planning efforts including – razing Hospital Ramp I (468 spaces) and Hospital Ramp II (670 spaces), Wendell Johnson Speech & Hearing, and the Center for Disabilities & Development.

Iowa Institute for Biomedical Discovery: This is the third new research building to be built on the Medical Campus since 2000. Its purpose is to bring various research areas together in a collaborative approach. It will be located along Newton Road, directly south of CBRB.

UIHC Sports Medicine Clinic: This project is in the early stages of planning. The 26,000 to 46,000 square foot clinic will be located by the Hall of Fame.

East Campus Wellness and Recreation Center: This building will be on the southwest corner of the intersection of Burlington and Madison Streets. Demolition starts in 1-2 months with completion expected by spring of 2009. Parking loses space in Lot 27 and in a large service vehicle lot. Parking is also expected to provide 100 spaces for public access to the building.

Madison St. Services Bldg: This building is located at the end of S. Madison and is close to completion.

Fleet Services Fueling Station: The fueling station is currently under construction and expected to be completed in December 2007.

Cambus Maintenance Facility: This project will be an expansion on the south end of the current building to house the fleet of buses.

Myrtle Street Meters/Lot 48: In the spring this lot will be reconstructed, with the meters being changed to a pay-station type parking for the students, and a new surface of pervious concrete that allows water to drain right through the surface. During this time period the faculty/staff in Lot 48 will be temporarily relocated. Parking intends to keep law students parking on the site during construction.

Open Discussions

Melrose Ave. Parking Facility/Lot 90 - Cynthia Heaton noted that Lot 90 appears to be currently underused and inquired as to the reason. Mr. Rickett's explained when the new facility was opened all of the former Lot 6 (Field House) and Lot 90 (Hospital Ramp IV) permit holders were moved into the new structure, but additional permits were not immediately issued. Over the summer more than 100 new assignments were made. Hospital Ramp IV is now being used almost exclusively for patient parking. The new facility was designed so that patient parking capacity for Hospital Ramp IV can be expanded by opening up into Lot 90. Parking expects that to happen within the next year or two, and proceed incrementally.

Dr. Chen suggested that all new physicians be placed into Lot 90. He stated new faculty need incentives to come to UIHC. Mr. Ricketts explained that currently all new physicians are being placed in Lot 43 automatically (243 current permits) and will continue to do so; Lot 90 is only available through the waiting list. It was suggested that Dr. Chen present a formal suggestion to the Dean of Medicine and that more information be given to the departments by Parking & Transportation about the availability of the Physician Permit program. The departments should also be told that all new incoming faculty are automatically placed in Lot 43 for recruiting purposes as long as space is available.

Agenda topics were discussed for future meetings.

The next meeting will be held on November 26, 2007. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.