

**Parking & Traffic Standing Committee Meeting**  
**Lyceum Room 110 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Monday – January 14, 2019**

**Attended:**

Dr. Robert Barnard, Nequel Burwell, Linda Christian, Dean Hansen, Mike Harris, LeTosha James, Dr. George McClellan, Jane Mahan, Steven Ridout, and Camille Toles,

**Discussion:**

- Mike distributed copies of the meeting agenda packet. He asked if anyone had anything they wanted to add to the agenda. Dr. McClellan advised he wanted to add an item dealing with scheduled meetings of the committee. Mike stated we would add “d. Meeting Schedules” under New Business on the printed agenda. The agenda as amended was then approved after a motion by Dean and a second by Dr. Barnard.
- The minutes of the previous meeting (December 10, 2018) were approved after a motion by Nequel and a second by Dean.
- Following the agenda, Mike began with *Old Business*:
  - Mike shared brief update information on two ongoing construction projects. He said the GHM Project (renovation of Garland-Hedleston-Mayes, former residence halls across the street from Lester Hall) is expected to be completed by mid-June 2019; and Johnson Commons-East is tentatively scheduled to be completed by the end of June 2019.
  - *Summer Paving Projects*  
The parking lot informally referred to as the “Big Valley Lot” (between the Coliseum and Hill Drive) was discovered in 2018 to have a major sink hole related to a storm drain line that required attention. Some work was performed and the pavement patched up in time for the start of the fall semester and football season 2018. There are still some issues nearby that Facilities Management is assessing. Based on the conclusions of their assessment, a decision will be made whether this lot will be repaved during the summer 2019 or rescheduled.

The Upper Women’s Terrace Parking Lot (across the street from the Union and between Hefley and Deaton residence halls) is expected to be repaved in the summer 2019. One row of parking spaces in this lot nearest the Union are to be converted to pay station metered parking this summer.

- *SOC Van Service*

Mike referenced a couple handouts in the meeting packet that dealt with the SOC Connector Shuttle and its schedule of operation. He advised that the van service started on Thursday, January 3, 2019, and provides transportation between the SOC and main campus. It operates from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. weekdays on a 30-minute cycle. He said the plans are to operate this van service for this spring semester and summer, and then change this to an OUT bus route by the start of the fall semester 2019. He stated that starting Monday, January 14, 2019, the OUT Red Line (a city bus route) now has the SOC as a bus stop on its route.

• Following the agenda, Mike then moved to *New Business*:

- *SOC Parking Information*

Mike referenced a handout in the meeting packet that dealt with SOC Parking Permits. He stated that starting with the fall semester 2019 parking permits would be required to park at SOC. A special decal will be created for this location which will operate similar to a Park-N-Ride decal. The cost will be \$55. This is half the cost associated with a regular Park-N-Ride decal. The new special permit will serve to help the Department of Parking and Transportation (DPT) to better manage the complex. He explained that any valid UM parking permit would be legal to park at SOC; this is how other UM Park-N-Ride lots now operate (i.e., JAC and South Lot). He stated that there will also be some parking spaces designated faculty-staff only along with some reserved parking spaces at SOC. There is a parking area that is in an area similar to a walk-out basement level; this will be for faculty and staff use only. Dr. Barnard inquired of the condition of this area. Mike said that by July 2019 improvements and enhancements will be made to assure it is clean, has proper lighting, parking spaces are restriped, camera coverage, etc. There is an elevator from this level to connect with the other floors in the building.

- *LPR Update*

Mike began the update by explaining what the LPR system is – where a camera is mounted to a vehicle that is driven through parking areas looking at license plate/tag numbers on vehicles. With this system when registering a vehicle with DPT, one is to put their tag number in the online registration process. This will involve the tag number being assigned to a parking category – Faculty/Staff, Commuter, East Residential, Central Residential, etc. As the LPR vehicle moves through parking areas, the LPR system will activate/hit on vehicles that are parked in illegal areas. Mike stated that for now DPT would only use the LPR system for enforcement of parking zones. Parking permits would still be required to be displayed on vehicles.

DPT may in the future go to a no parking permit system where the tag number on a vehicle would serve as the permit. When a LPR system operates in this manner, one can have multiple vehicles posted to their account with DPT but may only have one of the vehicles parked on campus at one time. Mike reiterated that for now DPT would just use the LPR system for enforcement of parking zones. Parking permits will still be

required. He said we will want to see how the system works before making a transition to no permit and have the tag number serve as the permit.

This prompted a lengthy discussion where different scenarios were posed to inquire how they would work with the LPR system. Mike said that with such a system, it will be the personal responsibility of the motorist to keep their account with DPT up-to-date as to which vehicles they operate. He said we are at least 1 ½ years away from using this part of the system – for now we will just use it for zone enforcement. Much more information and discussion will come later if DPT moves from just using LPR for parking zone enforcement.

- *Faculty/Staff Parking Addition*

Mike stated that a small section of parking on the north side of the Chiller Mechanical Building (beside Lamar Hall) that is currently designated for East Residential decals will be re-designated for faculty/staff parking with the start of the fall semester 2019. This involves 27 parking spaces. He explained there is a need for additional faculty/staff parking in this area of campus. He mentioned that some nearby East Residential designated parking areas are consistently underused. He stated that an assigned number of East Residential decals are sold each year (as are other student residential areas) but not that many vehicles actually are parked in East Residential areas on a day-to-day basis thereby leaving some underused parking spaces daily. He also explained other situations that are to occur that will allow for this re-designation to faculty/staff parking. The Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority house will be going offline due to a significant construction project on the house. So the residents of this house will not be in the East Residential area of campus until the project is completed. About the time this project will be completed, the Kappa Delta sorority plans a major construction project on their house whereby their residents will not be in this area of campus. Also, it is anticipated that Student Housing will assign international students as residents of the Residential College; international students often do not have vehicles.

- *Meeting Schedules*

Mike then asked Dr. McClellan to discuss this item he had requested be put on the agenda. Dr. McClellan explained he is concerned that committee meetings are scheduled during times when students are not scheduled to be in school (i.e., semester breaks) – the committee has student members – and this sets them up to miss meetings. He stated we want to take our student committee members seriously with a seat at the table. He suggested that the committee not schedule meetings during these times unless there is something urgent that needs to be addressed. Mike said he was amenable to this although the committee had been meeting once per month since he started work at UM and chaired this committee. He stated he had been advised upon his arrival 5 years ago that this standing committee should expect to meet monthly during the course of a fiscal year. Mike initially called for a motion and Dr. McClellan responded by making a motion to adopt a policy that the committee not meet when the students are not in school. However, after some further discussion Dr. McClellan stated

that he would adjust his motion accordingly – Mike is to make inquiry about how frequently the committee is to meet and report back to the committee at the next meeting – at which time this motion will be taken up again.

Dr. McClellan inquired if he could share the discussions of the committee with others. He mentioned he had a meeting scheduled later this week in which he would like to share some of the discussed matters with them. Mike encouraged him to do so. Mike explained that we now post the committee meeting minutes on the DPT website.

- The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 11, 2019.