

Parking and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

2/24/2022

Via Zoom

Members Present: Sam Avery, Pamella Hughes, Kara Park, Debra Trusty, David Wittenberg

Staff/Others Present: Robert Manders, Brian McClatchey, Dan McGehee, Frank Mitros, Jacob Odgaard, Erin Shane, Debby Zumbach and Carrie Brus

Members/Staff Absent: Paul Hanley, David Keffala-Gerhard, Kevin Larson, Brian Shanahan, Rebecca Wilson

Meeting began at 3:01pm

Carrie took roll call based on Zoom attendance

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Moved and seconded to approve minutes

Faculty/Staff Parking Appeals Committee update

- Update provided by Robert Manders, chair of the Faculty/Staff Parking Appeals Committee
- Annual Report statistics (all of 2021)
- Faculty/Staff Parking Appeals decisions
 - 765 upheld
 - 279 suspended
 - 5 dismissed
 - 1,049 total
- One committee member resigned due to lack of attendance
 - Need to get a replacement member to fill that vacancy
 - Process has begun
- Why do tickets get dismissed?
 - Various reasons
 - Don't have too many of those
- Employee in Ramp tickets
 - Applies to all university employees who park in Hospital Ramp 1, 2 and 4 during weekday business hours
 - Working with UIHC to attempt to change this process
 - Some of those tickets are for those seeking out medical care
 - Verification of appointments will write off these tickets before they make it to the committee
 - Is there a way to expedite the process?
 - Everyone has a story
 - Appeal process in place for that
 - Can prevent getting a ticket
 - Print voucher in MyChart and place on vehicle dash
 - Ticket will not go on vehicle in those circumstances
 - Issues with HIPPA laws
 - Student activities while also working more than 50% time at UIHC, treated as a full-time employee
- Each monthly meeting, sees about 90 tickets
 - Reader who gives the details of the ticket/appeal
 - Members vote on the appeal
 - Upheld – legitimate ticket
- Feedback from group
 - Appeals process is very easy
 - Do follow-up on decisions now
 - Include education with decision explanations
- John Thomas does a very good job as the liaison from Parking and Transportation on this committee
- Meetings last about two hours

Institutional Roads overview

- Presentation given by Erin
- State Parks and Institutional Roads Program by Iowa DOT
 - Funded by the Iowa Road Use Tax Fund
 - Over 600 miles of roadway in program
 - Include several agencies across the state including the Board of Regents
- IDOT provides the Board of Regents with their annual allocation
- Responsible for maintenance of roadways with the UI main campus, UI Research Park and MacBride Nature and Recreation Area
 - UI campus includes about 32.7 lane miles
 - Newton Road belongs to both Iowa City and University
- Annual assessment to provide condition of roads
- Assessment report informs annual maintenance and capital planning
- Campus stakeholders meet annually to prioritize repairs and capital spending
- Bid packages are developed annually

- Work occurs during the summer months
- Larger capital projects and road replacements happen as funding levels allow
- Need to provide a five-year plan to the Board of Regents
 - Hawkins Drive, Melrose to Evashevski
 - Culvert repair at MNRA
 - Iowa Avenue Pedestrian Bridge
 - Front Street Reconstruction
- City of Iowa City manages traffic signals on our behalf at Hawkins Drive
- Maintenance carried out by several units on campus
 - Mowing, snow removal, sweeping, signal repair and streetlight maintenance are all included
 - Includes pedestrian paths and bridges
- Feedback from group
 - Walkway between Arena and Finkbine – is that on the list?
 - Yes, it is
 - CAMBUS utilizes mostly institutional roads
 - Thicker pavement to accommodate heavier traffic
 - No formal plan for sidewalk on Finkbine Drive on the other side of the road
 - Sidewalk at Hawkins and Lot 43 North Drive
 - Sidewalks are not directly funded by IR
 - Can incorporate that into an existing project in those locations
 - Could always use more funding for these projects
 - Signage for streets
 - Primarily through Parking and Transportation or Iowa Prison Industries
 - Printing Department has started to help out with signage

EV Charging updates

- Chargepoint is the state vendor
- Three (3) EV chargers in six (6) total stalls
 - Hospital Ramp 3
 - Newton Road Ramp
 - North Campus Ramp
 - Existing units installed in March 2020
 - Use Level 2 units
 - City of Iowa City uses these units as well
- First come, first serve
- Stalls are limited to four (4) hours
- Charging is free
- Customers are required to pay the applicable hourly parking fees
- Use of charging stations requires use of the ChargePoint app
- Data presented on usage
 - North Campus Ramp is the location used the least
- Could we know where the electric vehicles are on campus/which facilities they park in?
 - Collecting the make/model is optional when purchasing a permit
 - Access to the state-level license plate database
 - Could be a project for some engineering students next fall, idea brought up by Dan McGehee
- Receive some feedback from customers on location suggestions for EV charging stations
- Future plans
 - Expand charging stations in Summer 2022
 - Expand Newton Road
 - Library Lot (Lot 3)
 - Hancher Commuter (Lot 55)
 - Hospital Ramp 2 (Lot 70)
 - Pappajohn Business Building (Lot 21)
 - Others TBD
 - Need to evaluate them
- ENGIE discussions
- Fleet charging
- Parking and Transportation will continue to monitor the industry and existing campus use
- Feedback from the group
 - Could talk more about plug-in hybrids (Dan)
 - Background on research (Dan)
 - Thoughts on a field trip to NADS
 - Battery efficiency in cold weather

Housekeeping Items

- Next meeting is March 29 at 3pm via Zoom
- Ideas for future meetings

- Presentation on future technologies (Dan McGehee)
- Potential changes to the e-scooter moratorium

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn and seconded
- Meeting ended at 4:05pm