

Parking and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

3/6/2026

Via Zoom

Members Present: Diane Fountain, Erik Krohn, Jacob Payne, Colin Nelson-Pinkston, Kim Volk
Staff/Others Present: Greg Schmitt, Lori Skoff, Sonia Sugg, Debby Zumbach and Carrie Brus
Members/Staff Absent: Claire Anonson, Frauke Bleher, Brent Hadder, Olivia Kathikar, Shelton Stromquist

Meeting began at 2:32 pm

Carrie took roll call based on Zoom attendance

Meeting Minutes

- Any comments or questions on the minutes from November?
- Moved and seconded by the committee
- Meeting minutes have been approved

Project updates

- Greg Schmitt, Senior Project Manager for Parking and Transportation
- Arena Ramp
 - Construction began in May 2025
 - East elevator and stair tower are at highest elevation
 - West elevator and stair tower will reach that height in about a month
 - About a year to go on this project
 - Going well so far
 - Tracking on time
- Summer projects will hit the ground running after graduation activities
 - Lot 65 – Finkbine
 - Reconstruction effort
 - Convert asphalt to concrete
 - Project will be done in phases
- Surface Lot Maintenance
 - Hawkeye Storage
 - Asphalt patching
 - Library Lot
 - Concrete patching
- Ramp Maintenance project
 - Parking Ramp 4
 - IMU Ramp
 - Lot 21
- Lot 9
 - Expanding west
 - Add parking spaces
- Lot 14
 - Expanding south after the Cannon-Gay house is razed
 - Add parking spaces
 - Move the exit lane
 - Changes will help with queuing
- 104-108 Market Street
 - Raze the building
 - Currently a mobile payment zone
 - Will become Lot 5
- UI Health Care Downtown campus
 - Cancer Center – surface lot
 - Plaza Ramp replacement
 - Dodge Street Ramp
 - Three downtown projects will be aligned so these projects don't all happen at the same time
- Institutional Roads – special maintenance
 - Hawkeye Park Road
 - Hawkins Drive near Carver-Hawkeye Arena and Lot 75
- Question
 - Parking around the IMU renovation project
 - Student Life project – does not belong to Parking and Transportation
 - Bike parking
 - Mobile payment zone parking – will not return after the project

Review Parking Charter Mission Statement

- <https://policy.uiowa.edu/governance/university-iowa#Parking>

- Review the statement
- Send any comments/changes to Colin before the next meeting

Fleet Services Rental updates

- Daily rental service has been outsourced to Hertz
- Financial decision
- Monthly Lease program will see no changes
- Tornado in 2006 took their office building out
- Have been operating out of a trailer since that time
- Two staff were impacted and transitioned to other open positions

Artwork in parking facilities request

- UI Health Care request
- Motivational artwork on blank spaces in parking ramps
- Color scheme at Plaza Ramp is very different than anything else
- Parking Ramp 2
 - Could aim artwork towards children
- Parking Ramp 4
 - Wayfinding issues
- Good idea

Parking Rate update

- First reading was approved in February
- Second reading will take place at the April meeting
- Not hearing any feedback at this time

Questions from the group

- Fleet Services
 - How does that work to attend a conference?
 - For students, will need to contact Accounts Payable (Dani Weber)
 - For those who do not have access to a purchasing card
 - Direct pay could be an option on a case-by-case basis
- Charter
 - Emeritus member not a member of the committee
 - Reference meeting notes from November
- Emeritus faculty would like to park in Lot 3
 - Send email to Lori to review

Next meeting

- April 3 at 2:30pm
- If you have any items for a future meeting agenda, you can send those to Carrie, Debby or Colin
 - Campus Safety Nite Ride
 - Shuttle from Main Library to Aspire
 - Pilot program
 - Evaluation of program
 - Could CAMBUS be involved in those discussions?
 - As a point of comparison to see if the pilot program has been successful
 - More information would be helpful to assist

Meeting adjourned at 2:56pm