University Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee 2020-2021 Annual Report

The University Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee met 7 times during the Fall 2020 – Summer 2021 (August 2020 through July 2021) terms. With the COVID-19 enforced shuttering of campus, scheduled meetings were conducted via ZOOM from August – June, with the 1st in person meeting back on campus for the July 2021 session. Mr. Terry Wheeler continued as Committee Chair. Committee meetings were held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 1:00 pm.

Summary of Parking Permits and Spaces

- The traditional summer requests from the Army and Air Force ROTC for campus spaces was delayed until the October (ZOOM) meeting. The committee approved 25 parking permits for Army ROTC with a potential for expansion to 28 permits based on new hires to the program in January, and 13 parking permits for Air Force ROTC faculty and staff, continuing the sunset provision of 1 year, which runs concurrent with the academic year.
- 12 permits for on-call usage by UCF News and Information staff were approved.
- 2 permits (along Ara drive only) for volunteers assisting the Marine Turtle Research group were approved.
- A request was approved to allow Housing on-call staff to park in Service Vehicle spaces after hours and on weekends.
- 5 permits for UCF Athletics / visiting team physicians were approved.
- College of Health Professions and Sciences requested to purchase a 24/7 reserved space for use for their departmental employee of the month program.
- There were 4 new 24-hour reserved spaces approved during the year. With the COVID shuttering of campus, many of the 24/7 space customers did not renew their permits for the 2020-2021 year. Expectation is that the will be a plethora of these renewed for the 2021-2022 term.
- Expectant Mother Spaces total of 9 spaces allocated / used throughout the year. The same COVID impact reduced these spaces for 2020-2021. As with the 24/7 permits, expectation is these will return to a more normal usage/distribution during 2021-2022.

Summary of Programs, Services, and Considerations

• The new campus shuttle contract with Groome Transportation began 1 July 2020. Groome implemented industry-leading safety and cleaning protocols during the pandemic, such as using electrostatic fogging procedures, disinfecting of high-touch areas, and modified seating to promote social distancing. A UCF Downtown campus Tuesday grocery shuttle run commended in Fall of 2020; this route operated from the UCF Downtown campus to Publix at 400 East Central Blvd.

- Discussion / approval for map / rules for motorized micro-mobility vehicles. Pegasus Circle / portions of Aquarius Agora Drive to be limited to 8 mph; Mercury Circle to be limited to 10 mph; Apollo Circle limited to 12 mph; some spaces in campus inner core as walk zone only.
- Multiple meeting discussions amongst membership regarding the impact of increasing the minimum salary amount required for purchase of "B" faculty permits.
- The committee reviewed, recommended changes, and submitted the 2021-22 Parking Regulations to the Board of Governors for review / approval.
- With return to campus on June 23, discussion enacted regarding summer parking impact on faculty/staff returning on full/part time schedule. No reduction in or proration of parking fees for the summer semester; Fall 2021 permits go on sale July 26 and will be immediately in effect for the remainder of the summer term.

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