

TSAC Minutes
December 4, 2019

Members Present:

Dr. Fuller Bazer
Mr. Bill Cox
Mr. Joe Dillard
Dr. Eleanor Green (Ms. Misty Skaggs)
Dr. Julie Harlin
Ms. Erin Jones
Dr. Andrew Klein
Mr. Jim Kovar
Mr. Peter Lange
Ms. Regan McGuill (Ms. Julia Garcia)
Ms. Lisa Pierce
Mr. Robert Pottberg

Dr. Angie Hill Price
Mr. Tom Reber
Ms. Flora Reeves
Dr. John Stallone
Dr. Jerry Strawser

Absent:

Mr. Thomas Barrow
Mr. Andy Deuel
Mr. Purna Doddapaneni
Mr. Mikey Jaillet

1. Mr. Peter Lange opened the meeting at 11:44 a.m.
2. Mr. Lange asked everyone to review the minutes from the November meeting. Mr. Tom Reber motioned to approve the minutes; Mr. Bill Cox seconded; minutes approved.
3. Mr. Lange gave a brief update on Polo Road Garage. Construction is progressing rapidly, and the structure is 2/3 complete. The top parking deck is finished. The final 1/3 on the south side is expected to be complete by February.

Mr. Lange announced the discontinuation of our contract with the VeoRide dockless bike share company. We've given VeoRide 30-day notice of termination by Dec 31, 2019, unless they come up with a rack-to-rack and end-of-trip locking system. We gave them two months to come up with a solution. We will communicate this situation to our customers in various ways, to include through the app, and to the university community.

4. Ms. Madeline Dillard gave a presentation about fall 2020 Transit services. She discussed student staffing and the challenges of being short staffed. She also discussed how we tweak our bus routes and schedules to meet ever-changing demand. The route changes were described in the presentation at:
<https://transport.tamu.edu/About/tsac.aspx>.

5. Mr. Lange presented “Transportation by the Numbers,” this time showing dashboards about permits issued, Transit cost metrics, and citations issued by month. He mentioned the downward trend in citations issued over the past 15 years. Of note, there are not as many citations written for garage parkers as surface lots. As our parking inventory shifts to garage spaces, citations will decrease. See presentation at: <https://transport.tamu.edu/About/tsac.aspx>.

6. Ms. Debbie Hoffmann presented a carry-forward topic from our last meeting, concerning business parking in Lots 54 and 55. It was suggested at the previous meeting that we consider increasing business parking time limits, or number of spaces in the lots near the Administration building. See presentation: <https://transport.tamu.edu/About/tsac.aspx>. She opened the floor for discussion, which led to some suggestions, discussion, and resolution.

6.1. Dr. Julie Harlin mentioned when she needed longer time than business spaces afford, she chooses to park in CCG.

6.2. Dr. Angie Hill Price asked if a sign-in sheet at the office visited would help. Ms. Hoffmann said it would be hard to track and enforce.

6.3. Dr. Andrew Klein asked if we were setting aside more spaces.

6.3.1. Mr. Lange replied that since the lots have been reconstructed in recent years to include adding more business parking spaces, that demand has been stable. We haven’t had to adjust the number of business spaces over the past few years, even though reconstruction resulted in 140 less spaces overall.

6.4. Dr. Hill Price asked how to handle the problem of people parking far away who have items to unload. Mr. Lange acknowledged that is a legitimate business use, and they could instead use the temporary loading dock parking.

6.5. Ms. Therese Kucera mentioned that in addition to the business parking spaces, there are 8 departmental visitor spaces as well in Lot 54. There are none in Lot 55, because those former visitor spaces became reserved numbered spaces in Lot 16. She mentioned that if someone wants a departmental visitor space, we wait until a reserved numbered space becomes available to convert to that use.

6.6. Dr. Klein noted that he has seen unused golf carts parked at both sides of the loading dock at the Administration building, and suggested they could be used to ferry items from cars.

6.6.1. Mr. Lange acknowledged it was a good idea. He mentioned that our campus and campuses around the country are adapting ways to get around as close- proximity parking moves from the center of campus. Mr. Jim Kovar concurred and mentioned that the University of Alabama uses Uber golf carts for special events.

6.6.1.1. Dr. John Stallone asked if we had mandatory golf cart training. Ms. Hoffmann affirmed we have such training, developed through TrainTraq, and a non-TrainTraq version at our website.

See: <https://transport.tamu.edu/Alternative/smv.aspx>. We also remind the campus community of the training annually.

6.7. Mr. Joe Dillard asked if Business Parking as is set up now is the most efficient. Mr. Lange stated that as is, it works 90% of the time. Mr. Dillard suggested that we leave it at two hours, if that allows the lots to turn over the spaces at a fair rate and allows the lots to “breathe” well.

6.7.1. Ms. Kucera suggested if our business parkers were having trouble, they could call us at 862-PARK.

7. Ms. Hoffmann let the committee know that Ms. Kucera was retiring December 31, 2019, and introduced her replacement, Ms. Darla Guerra, who was formerly an assistant manager for our HR and Payroll unit.

8. Dr. Hill Price asked if we could discuss Pedi-cabs at a future meeting.

9. Ms. Hoffmann closed the meeting at 12:50 p.m., and reminded everyone that there is no meeting in January.

*The next meeting will be Feb 5, 2020, Rudder 301
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