**Parking Advisory Committee Meeting (PAC)**

**Minutes From: October 15, 2019**

**PRESENT:**

Chuck Boddy

Gina Hurny

Paul Dillon

Shelly Graham

Debbie Michaels

Julianne Simpson

Hediyah Sadeq

Liam Kim

**ABSENT:**

Jared Richard

Olubunmi Ayodele

**CHARGE:**

The PAC is charged with enhancing the faculty/staff/student parking experience at UMBC. The PAC will make recommendations to the Vice President of Finance and Administration for approval.

**GOALS:**

* Review parking rules and regulations and make recommendations changes for consideration.
* Review Parking Services annual objectives and goals.
* Assist with publicizing parking issues and enhancements within the University community.
* Review and recommend capital improvement projects,
* Serve as a liaison between respective Governing bodies and Parking Services.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Welcome - Chuck welcomed everyone for coming and then asked everyone to introduce themselves.
2. Commons Garage Counters-UPDATE
   1. This project completion has been a long-time coming. There is progress-the Board is lit up but is still being configured.
   2. DoIT has continued to be very helpful throughout this process
   3. The goal is that the Counter is fully functional by the end of the fall semester-the sooner the better.
   4. The Counter will display how many spaces are available or “Full”
   5. It was suggested by the PAC that some sort of celebration when the Counter is operational. It was confirmed that SGA is purchasing a banner promoting the SGA/PKG SVS collaboration. There are also soft plans in the works for a celebration of some sort.
   6. FYI-there are ~375 Commuter spaces in Commons Garage
3. TDM/sustainable Transportation-UPDATE
   1. Carpool Day 10/23 12:00PM-1:00PM Carpool Lot 4
      1. Promoting the advantages of sustainable transportation and the change from a “Casual Carpool to a “Formal Carpool” and the addition of “Employee” Carpool permits.
      2. Prizes, Carpool Applications, Snacks, and “Chip”
      3. It was brought to our attention that 10/23 is the same day as the E-cycling event. The PAC determined that both events are designed to meet the goals of the Climate Action Plan and a more sustainable campus.
      4. It was suggested that in addition to Lot 4 employee carpool lots be offered around campus to ensure that they are convenient to all buildings. Given that the Employee Carpool Program is a brand new initiative the demand for carpool parking is unknown. The PAC determined that the financial incentive combined with the desire to reduce carbon footprints that Lot 4 would be a desired location – above all else it is far more convenient than Lot 25.

**Employee Carpool Program – New for Fall 2019**

Employee Carpool permits can be purchased for $180.00 per year.  Carpoolers will share a single carpool permit and may park in the [**Carpool Lot 4.**](https://parking.umbc.edu/carpooling/) The program will allow at least two and up to four individuals to enter into a carpool agreement.  Each participant may request up to two free daily permits per month if they need to drive alone.  Permits beyond the initial allocation must be purchased by the individual users for $2.00 per day.

Carpool participants are eligible for Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH).  GRH provides a **free** ride home by taxi, rental car, bus, or train for registered users in the Greater Baltimore/Washington region who take transit, carpool, vanpool, or bike to work at least twice weekly.  Commuters will be able to use GRH to get home for unexpected personal emergencies and unscheduled overtime up to **four**times per year. To sign up and for additional information visit <https://www.commuterconnections.org/guaranteed-ride-home/>

**Carpool Program by the Numbers:**

**CARPOOL PERMITS**

**Carpool Permits 2018-2019 - 27 Issued**

Carpool Permits 2019-2020 - 27 Issued

**ZimRide**

**New Users Last 90 Days (7/10/19-10/10/19) 102**

New Users Last 90 Days (7/10/18-7/10/18) 85

**New Users 2019 - 266**

New Users 2018 - 258

***Active Users as of 10/10/19 - 439***

* 1. Electric Charging Stations-Coming Fall 2019
     1. Currently there are 2 ECS in the Stadium Lot
     2. UMBC has partnered with a company that is providing 17 additional ECS
     3. Additional ECS will be located in Visitor Parking in Lot 9 (7) and Walker Garage (10)
     4. During our enforcement hours (Mon-Fri 7:00AM-4:00PM) Any electric vehicle with any valid UMBC Parking Permit will be permitted to park in an ECS space while charging. Any visitor parking in an ECS space to charge will need to pay to park. After 4 Mon-Fri and all day Sat/Sun the ECS spaces are open to anyone.
     5. The delay in the ECS is due to the damaged conduit at Lot 9. Plans are underway to repair the infrastructure at Lot 9 and if this continues to be delayed the plan is to move forward with the installation of the ECS in the Walker Garage. The goal is that at least the Walker ECS are fully operational by the end of the Fall semester.

1. Citation Fine Increases
   1. This is an updated proposal from Spring 2019. At that time an increase in the Late fee was proposed. It was suggested at that time that rather than increase one fee at a time, that we implement all of the increases at once.
   2. The philosophy of Parking Services continue to focus on education and not enforcement. As a result the increase in citation fees is an effort to implement a steeper threshold needed in an effort to help alleviate students from accruing many hundreds, even thousands of dollars in fine which then result in a hold on their student account and an MVA flag on the vehicle’s registration.
   3. Chief Dillion will share the proposed increases with VP Lynne Schaeffer and the PAC will move forward accordingly
   4. Parking Services has also been invited to a SGA leadership meeting to further discuss the proposed increases.
   5. The attached document has an overview of the current fees, the proposed fee increases, the justifications and what the fees are for the same citations at Towson and UMD
2. Parking Services 2019 Goals-UPDATE
   1. Lot 8 gate replacement
      1. Outdated technology-currently seeking a funding source
   2. Mobile Payment solution & Parking App
      1. No movement on this initiative until after the Commons Garage Counter project is completed. We anticipate moving this initiative forward Spring 2020

**NEXT MEETING:**

February 2020 (TBD)

\*It was suggested the PAC meet again in mid-November to continue the discussion about the increase of the citation fees. As a result was may begin to meet twice a semester instead of just once.

