

PARKING TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB)

December 15, 2004

Present:	Sandra Anderson	Mike Brennan	Al Byam	Rob Hendry	Tom O'Donnell	Larry Snyder		
	Cynthia Arbour	Eduardo Bustamante	Donald Futrell	Brian Long	Paul Shulinder	Barbara Stewart		
Absent:	Randall Bovin	Linda Hillenbrand	Chris LaFlamme	Ann York				
	Debora Ferreira	Laura Howard	Jennifer Turner					
Vacant:	AGC	CPPC	GEO	GSS	IBPO-B	MSP	SEIU	1SGA

MINUTES Minutes from November 17, 2004 were approved.

PARKING Mike Brennan presented Parking's FY 06 budget (see handout). He explained Parking's revenue sources, e.g., parking meters, employee and student permits and reserved garage slots, parking assessments, and the Campus Garage. He also discussed Parking's projected expenses for 2005-2006 (FY06). Meter and Campus Garage rates will remain the same, but employee and student permit fees will increase. Details of employee fee changes will be as per the university's agreement with the unions. Details could not be discussed today as the information had yet to be discussed with the unions.

New business: Mike shared his e-mail correspondence from an undergraduate student regarding an inquiry about increasing parking lot security. This led to a discussion of security on campus, especially in specific parking lots. Tom O'Donnell (UMASS PD) discussed the student's concern and cited examples where the Police Department has ramped up their patrolling. The use of cameras, specifically in Southwest, has been determined to be invaluable as an investigative tool. Sandy Anderson asked Mike to survey peer institutions, hospitals, airports, etc. and compile information on their security practices. Tom was asked to compile data regarding crimes reported in parking lots. Paul Shulinder offered to supply information on new security technology. All to be reported at a future PTAB meeting.

Tom O'Donnell suggested that PTAB produce a newsletter that could be included on the University's news for faculty and staff at the website *In the Loop* and, for students, on the Housing Services Cable Network [HCN]. Topics could range from snow emergency policies and permit renewal information to the new parking fee chart.

CAPITAL PLANNING PRESENTATION

Don Futrell updated PTAB on Amherst Campus' Capital Construction Program. He expanded on projects that are in various stages of planning and how and when this will affect the campus, particularly parking as most new construction will use existing lots as building sites. Don impressed upon the group the scope of the disruption the capital projects will have on the campus over the next five to six years. Sandy noted that replacement parking and bus routes are already a part of the planning process.

The Capital Construction Plan was presented by Cyndi Arbour. This presentation, which included maps and other details, illustrated the full scope of the upcoming construction and renovation projects. "New Dirt" on campus will be seen as early as spring 2005 when steamline work begins for the new Central Heating Plant.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Capital Construction Update
- Security in parking lots
- Spring semester PTAB meetings—where and when
- Summer 2005 Parking Projects

Spring Meeting Schedule:

- February 2, 2005
- March 9, 2005
- April tba
- May tba

All meetings are held at the Continuing Education Building (Corner of N. Pleasant and Fearing Streets) in Classroom 101, 2:15-2:00 p.m.

Classroom 101

Respectfully submitted,
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