PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING ON OCTOBER 26, 2016

44 Lower College Road  3pm-4:30pm

Agenda

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting

III. Update from Parking Manager re Permit Sales and Enforcement

IV. Review of PTAS Website

V. Review of Parking Regulations Approved by the Council on Postsecondary Education

VI. Update re Police Enforcement

VII. Update on Transportation and Parking Master Plan

VIII. Miscellaneous Topics

IX. Next Meeting Date
The meeting started at 2:58 pm at 44 Lower College Road – Public Safety conference room.


Also Attending: Joe Paradise, Christiana Molinski, Ron Zicone

Members Absent: Rae Ferguson, Benjamin Smith, Ryan Carrillo

The minutes from the May 2, 2016 meeting were approved with one correction.

Joe Paradise provided an update on the new enforcement and permit system. He reported that there were 853 permits purchased as a result of receiving citations, in which the fine was waived. 297 permits were purchased by people who had outstanding fines; however, Paradise reported that we made a decision to waive the fines associated with these citations. He said that our goal was to get the students to buy permits and we are on target to meet our goal. These new enforcement regulations being enforced by Parking and the URI police are creating a positive impact.

Wang reported that he heard positive things about the new parking rules. Paradise said that more marketing and advertising is needed. Discussion followed on utilizing Twitter. Baker asked about non-display fines. Paradise replied that the non-display fines are something we haven’t started enforcing yet.

Christiana Molinski, Public Safety’s Coordinator of Community Outreach, presented a review of the PTAS website and revisions were made. Baker asked that if anyone receives parking complaints or comments through the website links, please forward them to him.

Review of Parking Regulations Approved by the Council on Postsecondary Education:
Baker reported that in May, 2016, he and representatives from CCRI Police and Rhode Island College Police met with Chief Magistrate William Guglietta regarding the new parking regulations. The Chief Magistrate wanted to maintain jurisdiction but agreed to let us process internal tickets of $50 for non-registration and $20 for non-display of permits. Baker said that these new regulations are in effect for all three public college institutions. He further reported that the Parking Service CPPs began issuing the internal $50 tickets on September 29, 2016. Discussion followed regarding vendors. Baker said that issues with vendors on Campus should
be handled by finding out the State plate and then contacting the driver’s supervisor. He said that we currently have all the equipment but have not installed all the software yet for the e-ticket system. The officers are currently writing out the tickets by hand. Wang commented that item #2 of the parking regulations is not clearly written and is confusing. Baker responded that the website will be revised to show the change of item #2.

*Police Enforcement*

During a three-week period, the URI police issued 95 tickets for prohibited parking; 18 tickets were issued for illegally parking in handicapped spaces. Baker believes that the October numbers will be double. It was also reported that URI police officers logged in 20 total hours in September for seatbelt enforcement. These stats were further broken down to:

- 29 total stops
- 27 safety belt violations; and
- 2 safety belt warnings

Novak reported on the parking issues on Campus. Wang commented that the Plains Road lot gets full fast suggesting that it may indicate we don’t have ample parking. Novak replied that we focus on safety and not towing. Baker reported that towing has decreased. He also said that we would need to address the amount of cars on Campus especially with the future loss of parking due to construction.

*Update on Transportation and Parking Master Plan*

Baker reported that Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc., (VHB) won the bid and they started working the second week of September. Representatives have been out on campus collecting field data on parking space inventory and demand. He also reported that the 10-year Master Plan for Parking, Transportation and Accessibility is being prepared and that VHB will be meeting with URI stakeholders for input. Baker further reported that the transportation aspect of the plan is being looked at closely and he will be setting up a joint meeting between the PTAS group, VHB and The President’s Commission on People with Disabilities (PCPD) to discuss concerns. Part of the process will probably be an online survey, so please tell your co-workers and students to respond. Baker said that the final product is expected around April or May, 2017.

Baker continued to report that there are two projects in the works. The College of Engineering project, which includes four buildings; Woodward, Crawford, Kelly and Gilbreth scheduled to be knocked down in January 2017. The Kirk building is being renovated. This construction project will impact the URI Campus by creating more traffic, eliminating parking and road closures. The second project is the Brookside Village dormitory, which starts next summer. During construction we expect to lose most of the Dairy Barn lot and 210 Flagg Road lot. This project will result in the loss of 300 parking spaces. Baker also reported that these two projects will lead to 300 plus more workers on Campus and that a meeting to discuss our options for off-site parking for these additional workers is planned. Baker said that his two main concerns are pedestrian safety and ADA access.

Discussion followed regarding problem lighting areas and roadways that should be one way or redesigned. Baker also reported that the Nursing Education Center in Providence is progressing on time and equipment will be delivered in January, 2017. The Public Safety Director also reported on projects that Paradise is working on regarding transportation and parking including

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Schneider Electric and the Nursing Education Center. He said that East Hall and Washburn Hall lots are almost done and some ADA spaces were added up at Lippitt Road in front of the URI Observatory. Tootell Road is being repaved and some spots behind Tootell being cleaned up. ADA and Reserved spaces were also redesigned in this area.

Baker ended his report saying that he will contact the PCPD regarding the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm.