

**URI Master Plan Review Team**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
Thursday, July 13, 2017  
Alumni Center Board Room

**Membership Present:** Abigail Rider, Vern Wyman, Christopher McMahan, Ann Morrissey, Jerry Sidio, Jodi Hawkins, Steve Baker, Chelsea Siefert

**Membership Absent:** Linda Acciaro, Paul DePace, Dave Palazzetti, William Green, Morgan Boutmy, John Kirby, Brian Maynard, Michael Katz

**Support Staff Present:** Ryan Carrillo, Dulcie Ilgenfritz, Marsha Garcia, Dave Lavalley, Sheleen Clarke, Phillip Kydd, Kenneth Burke

**Call to Order**

Abigail Rider called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. Introduction of all attendees.

**Approvals**

The minutes of the May 11, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Motion made to approve the minutes. Motion seconded; motion passed.

**1. New Parking Lot Signage**

The Transportation & Parking Master Plan recommended changing the existing parking lot signage to improve visibility. Lots will be numbered and color coded to reflect type of permit.

Gold- Faculty and Staff parking

Pink- Visitor

Blue- Resident Parking

Red- Commuter Parking

Signs will still display existing lot names in smaller print. There will be a new campus map that coordinates with the lot numbering.

Temporary signage to be installed on specific lots with an aluminum post. Permanent parking signs will be larger and require two posts.

Motion made by Steve Baker to approve temporary parking lot signage subject to permanent signage being developed. Motion seconded by Jerry Sidio; motion passed.

**2. Dumpster Location at Chafee Quad**

A dumpster needs to be relocated due to construction at the College of Engineering. Proposed location; Chafee Quad, near the library, south side of the road. It will be angled and screened on three sides.

Motion to approve new location based upon discussion and agreement by the Dean of the Library, Dean Karim Boughida, and definition of dimensions to face of building.

Motion made by Ken Burke (proxy for Paul DePace) to approve. Motion seconded by Vern Wyman; motion passed.

## Information and Discussion

Christopher McMahan, with assistance from Phillip Kydd, presented an overview of the Transportation and Master Plan (TPMP). A draft of the TPMP will be distributed to the committee prior to the next meeting in September. The same overview was presented to Senior Leadership on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Kip requested that the committee keep in mind the guiding principles of the plan when reviewing and commenting on the TPMP.

- Move parking out of the campus core to accommodate needs for service vehicles and accessible spaces
- Manage demand before increasing supply
- Enhance shuttle service to maximize best use of peripheral lots
- Transform campus roadways into “complete streets”
- Create a regionally connected bicycle network
- Create a parking model which can be used going forward to
  - Adapt to changing circumstances such as enrollment
  - Test new ideas
  - Monitor and forecast parking supply and demand

An overview of the parking analysis tool was presented.

Phil Kydd shared information on Complete Streets which enables pedestrian, bike, and vehicular access and improves overall safety. He also provided information on the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

- Complete street rehabilitation of Upper College Road
- Reconstruction of Plains Road from Route 138 to West Alumni Avenue
- Submission of the URI/South County Bike Path Connector. Although this project has already been identified as a funded project from the Governor's office through RIDEM, Statewide Planning has requested that all Green Bond funded projects be submitted through the STIP process
- South County Commuter Rail Extension and Intermodal Station at the University of Rhode Island Plains Road Parking District

These projects will be identified in the TPMP, however they are emerging recommendations that are in process and mirror TIP submissions from the previous year.

Emerging recommendations were shared with the committee. Abigail Rider stressed that this is a draft of the TPMP. All recommendations are interrelated and at this stage, confidential and evolving. Policy and change will take time and careful inclusion of all constituents in the process.

Vern Wyman contributed that RIPTA transportation to RINEC will be a transit served site. The University is working on more frequent service to the NEC.

Ann Morrissey shared that frequency is key for transit success. The committee agreed that communication, frequency, and reliability are important to increasing public transportation usage.

The July 13, 2017 MPRT meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM.