

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2015
Winslow Conference Room

Dick Bernhard, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. The following voting members attended the meeting: Ronald Baynes, Dick Bernhard, Liz Bowen, Karen DeWitt, Gabriel Firestone, Steve Shannon, Alan Tonelli, and Shannon Warchol.

Ex-Officio members attending were Jack Colby, Cathy Reeve and Tom Skolnicki.

Dick Bernhard acted as chair for this meeting in the absence of chair Barbara Fair. He stated Ron Grote has retired, and Lynn Burris will be taking over his duties. He asked Lynn to introduce herself.

Lynn said she has worked for the university for 16 years. She has worked as the executive assistant for the Associate Vice Chancellors for Facilities starting with Charles Leffler, then Kevin MacNaughton and currently for Steve Arndt. She is looking forward to working with the committee.

Dick Bernhard asked the committees members to introduce themselves; they did.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dick Bernhard called for a motion to approve the minutes for the December 4, 2014 meeting. The motion was made and seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

**CAMPUS PLANNING & DESIGN AND CAMPUS RESOURCE CONSERVATION
SUBCOMMITTEE:**

The subcommittee has not met since the September meeting.

Alan Tonelli reported that at an April 1 College of Textiles (COT) town hall, Mike Harwood said construction on the Textiles Innovation Center was starting May 1. Alan Tonelli stated his concern about the seemingly fast paced construction start and lack of consideration of this committee's concerns regarding loss of parking spaces currently used by COT employees raised at the November 6, 2014 meeting. He also expressed his displeasure about increased on-street parking as an option for the displaced parking spaces.

Tom Skolnicki stated that the College of Textiles originated the request for the center and that this project has been a high priority of the college. The university has studied multiple ways to fund and construct this building, and the College has been very

involved in the process. He understands the frustration but stated the site has been slated for a building since at least 2007. He said that his office only found out in March that the developers were gearing up for this start date. Developers work differently than the university, and the university does not have as much control on these commercial projects. The agreements specify what the obligations are, and there is a narrow focus on what the university can comment on. He agrees it is a challenge with partnership projects.

Cathy Reeve said Transportation will be striping a section of Research Dr. to get back about one-half of the lost parking spots. There are plenty of parking options nearby in the Monteith Research Center deck and the Oval West Deck. She showed a map of parking options. She understands it is a culture change and that employees may have to walk further to get to their offices, but this is no different than what employees on main campus have to do.

Shannon Warchol asked if employees can get perimeter parking permits. Cathy answered that employees with “C” permits can park in the “P” (perimeter) spaces.

Steve Shannon wondered if the committee recommendations are considered and valued. He wants to be sure time working on issues on this committee is appreciated. Tom Skolnicki answered that Vice Chancellor Leffler’s staff made the decision that since the site design was fundamentally the same as what was shown in the feasibility study, it did not require a second review. It is not typical that committees get responses to their recommendations. The staff is currently reviewing the design plans and are ensuring the committee’s recommendations are being considered.

Shannon Warchol commented that the committee spent the majority of time discussing trees and plants at the last meeting, and some responsibility lays on the committee for not discussing other topics fully.

Dick Bernhard stated there was nothing more the committee could do at this time and closed the discussion.

CAMPUS PARKING & TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE:

Cathy Reeve presented a slide show detailing the AF 15/16 Transportation Program and Rate Changes that she shared with the subcommittee two weeks ago.

Planned Improvements include \$600K scheduled major repairs to parking decks; \$140K to complete 5-year security plan; \$100K for upgrades to visitor paylot equipment to meet new compliance rules; \$100K in potential increased costs to construct the Farmer’s Market Park & Ride lot; and \$90K to complete the second phase of visitor parking improvements.

AY 15/16 Parking Fees budgeting for a 2% parking fee increase which translates to an increase impacting employees between \$.25 - \$1.75/mo with 98% of employees experiencing increases between \$.50 - \$.75/mo. Students will see a \$2-\$6 annual increase. She presented a spreadsheet showing permit prices for students and for employees outlining the current rates and the proposed increases for 2015-16.

Other Permit Changes include loading zones permit changes to charging \$25/year for all permits. Previously the first loading zone permit was free and then additional permits were \$25/year. Departments were staging requests for permits throughout units so they were only needing to get the first free permits. Guest on-line permits increase from \$2/day to \$5/day to stay consistent with parking lot fees. Undated temporary permits increase from \$5/day to \$10/day to stay consistent with the pay lot fee. Contractor permits change from \$5/day & \$40/month to \$10/day, \$25/week and \$50/day.

Jack Colby asked about the Contractor permit fee that shows \$50/day. Cathy apologized, stating it was a typo in the slide and will correct it to show \$50/month.

Alternative Transportation includes Carpools and the GoPass. Employee carpools must have at least 3 eligible participants to purchase a carpool permit. This is done via payroll deduction which allows Transportation to track when participant(s) stops using the carpool.

GoPass currently has a one-time \$25 registration fee for employees who are issued a GoPass. This one-time fee is being replaced by a monthly \$5 fee via payroll deduction. For other eligible employees who cannot be payroll deducted, they will pay the \$60 annually, prorated at \$5/month from their paycheck. The reason for this change is many employees who leave the university take the GoPass with them, and the university continues to be billed for the usage.

Jack Colby stated that many of his low-income bracket employees fall in the other eligible employee category, and they will perceive the price of this as going up from \$25 to \$60. Steve Shannon noted it appears payment for parking garage improvements are being paid for by non-parking employees (those most likely to get a GoPass).

Cathy Reeve explained that GoPass is a good value. It costs Transportation \$12.50/month for each GoPass and the employee is only being charged \$5/month which is approximately a 75% discount. GoPass is used by many employees during non-work hours, and the university is still paying for those trips. Jack Colby suggested changing the way this information is presented. By telling the employee what Transportation really pays for the GoPass and providing the value the employee receives, this may "soften" the price increase.

Dick Bernhard thanked Cathy for her clear, and well done presentation and acknowledged that Transportation has labored over this process.

Dick Bernhard called for a motion to approve AY 15/16 Transportation Program and Rate Changes. The motion was made and seconded and AY 15/16 Transportation Program and Rate Changes were unanimously approved.

Alan Tonelli stated he sees no purpose for on-street parking on Main Campus Drive near the Textile buildings. It is dangerous and congested with food trucks and pedestrians crossing streets between cars. Tom Skolnicki stated the streets were designed for parallel parking from the original plans. He noted that Transportation looked at the total parking complement about five years ago and found cars were traveling at high speeds, people were using back doors and not using the sidewalks and front entrances.

Cathy Reeve said that Transportation is looking at Main Campus Drive for opportunities to make improvements. She understands that food trucks are congested and confusing but explained the background for allowing food trucks was to service employees who only had 30 minutes for lunch breaks.

Jack Colby spoke about the plans for a re-use water line that will run from the golf course to the central utility plant, and they are looking at repaving Main Campus Drive. There is a need to look at improving safety on the streets.

Liz Bowen asked about on-street parking and bicycle lanes, and share the ride. There is nothing currently slated at this time.

Dick Bernhard said these issues should be passed to the subcommittee for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Shannon asked about the current status of the recommendations related to the Hotel and Conference Center. Tom Skolnicki reported it is still being discussed, it's in design, and construction documents are at the 75-80% level. The hotel would like to have bus stops serving the hotel as this would give 6-7 LEED points.

Shannon Warchol reported The Institute for Transportation Engineers (ITE) student chapter is working with the University Graduate Student Association to study mid-block pedestrian crossings along Avent Ferry between Varsity and Gorman.

ITE collected video on Tuesday April 7 from 7am to 7pm. In the middle 500 feet between Varsity and Crest, there were 309 crossings during the 12 hours with a peak hour of 41 crossings from 6pm to 7 pm. The majority of these students were crossing the road either to get to a bus stop or after departing from the bus.

The final report prepared by ITE will be given to the UGSA. They will then present it to the city of Raleigh in the hope that they will act to make the area safer for pedestrians.

Tom Skolnicki has a meeting with the City of Raleigh and will put this on the agenda.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

There was no other new business. The committee adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

The next meeting of the full PEC is scheduled for May 7 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in Winslow Hall Conference Room.

Appendix:

AY 15/16 Transportation Program and Rate Changes

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Presented to the

Physical Environment Committee

April 9, 2015

- Budgeted – 2% parking fee increase
- Employee Impact
 - Increases between \$.25 and \$1.75/mo
 - 98% would be between \$.50 and \$.75/mo
- Student Impact
 - \$2 to \$6 annual increase

AY 15/16 Parking Fees

- \$600K – Scheduled major repairs to parking decks - Coliseum, Dan Allen, MRC, Toxicology and Poulton
- \$140K - Complete 5-year security plan - install cameras in CRC, Toxicology and MRC parking decks.
- \$100K - Upgrade visitor paylot equipment to meet new PCI-DSS 3.0 compliance rules.
- \$100K - Potential increased costs to construct Farmers Market Park & Ride lot
- \$ 90K - Complete 2nd phase of visitor parking improvements – additional pay-by-space visitor locations

Planned Improvements

Permit Type	Description	Student Permit Prices			Faculty/Staff Permit Prices		
		Current	Proposed	Increase	Current	Proposed	Increase
		Price	2015-16	\$	Price	2015-16	\$
A	Reserved Lot				\$786	\$801	\$15
AS	Assigned Space				\$1,068	\$1,089	\$21
B	North Campus - Employee				\$438	\$447	\$9
CC	Centennial Decks	\$336	\$342	\$6			
CE	Primary Employee				\$336	\$342	\$6
CPE	Carpooling-Employee				\$108	\$111	\$3
SCP	Carpooling - Student	\$336	\$342	\$6			
CDE	Coliseum Deck-Employee				\$336	\$342	\$6
CD	Coliseum Deck-Student	\$336	\$342	\$6			
DD	Dan Allen Deck-Student	\$336	\$342	\$6			
RE	East Campus-Resident	\$323	\$330	\$7			
RW	West Campus-Resident	\$323	\$330	\$7			
RC	Cent. Campus-Resident	\$323	\$330	\$7			
P	Perimeter Fringe - Student	\$220	\$226	\$6			
L	Off Peak (Annual Rate)	\$122	\$124	\$2			
M	Motorcycle	\$67	\$68	\$1	\$67	\$68	\$1
R	Retired				\$37	\$38	\$1
RD	Resident Director	\$369	\$378	\$9			
RP	Resident Perimeter	\$268	\$273	\$5			
RS	Resident Storage - Student	\$195	\$198	\$3			
SL	Student Leader	\$328	\$336	\$8			
SP	Service Provide (off campus)				\$438	\$447	\$9
SV	Service Vehicle				\$408	\$414	\$6
T	Trustee				\$37	\$38	\$1
UV	University Vehicle				\$369	\$375	\$6
U/UD	Universal				\$438	\$447	\$9
V	Varsity Lot - Commuter	\$102	\$105	\$3			
W	West Deck - Std. Commuter	\$268	\$274	\$6			

Other Permits	Current	Proposed
Loading Zone	First permit free, additional permits \$25/year	All permits \$25/year
Guest On-Line	\$2/day	\$5/day
Undated Temporary	\$5/day	\$10/day
Contractor	\$5/day & \$40/month	\$10/day, \$25/week & \$50/day

Other Permit Changes

CarPools

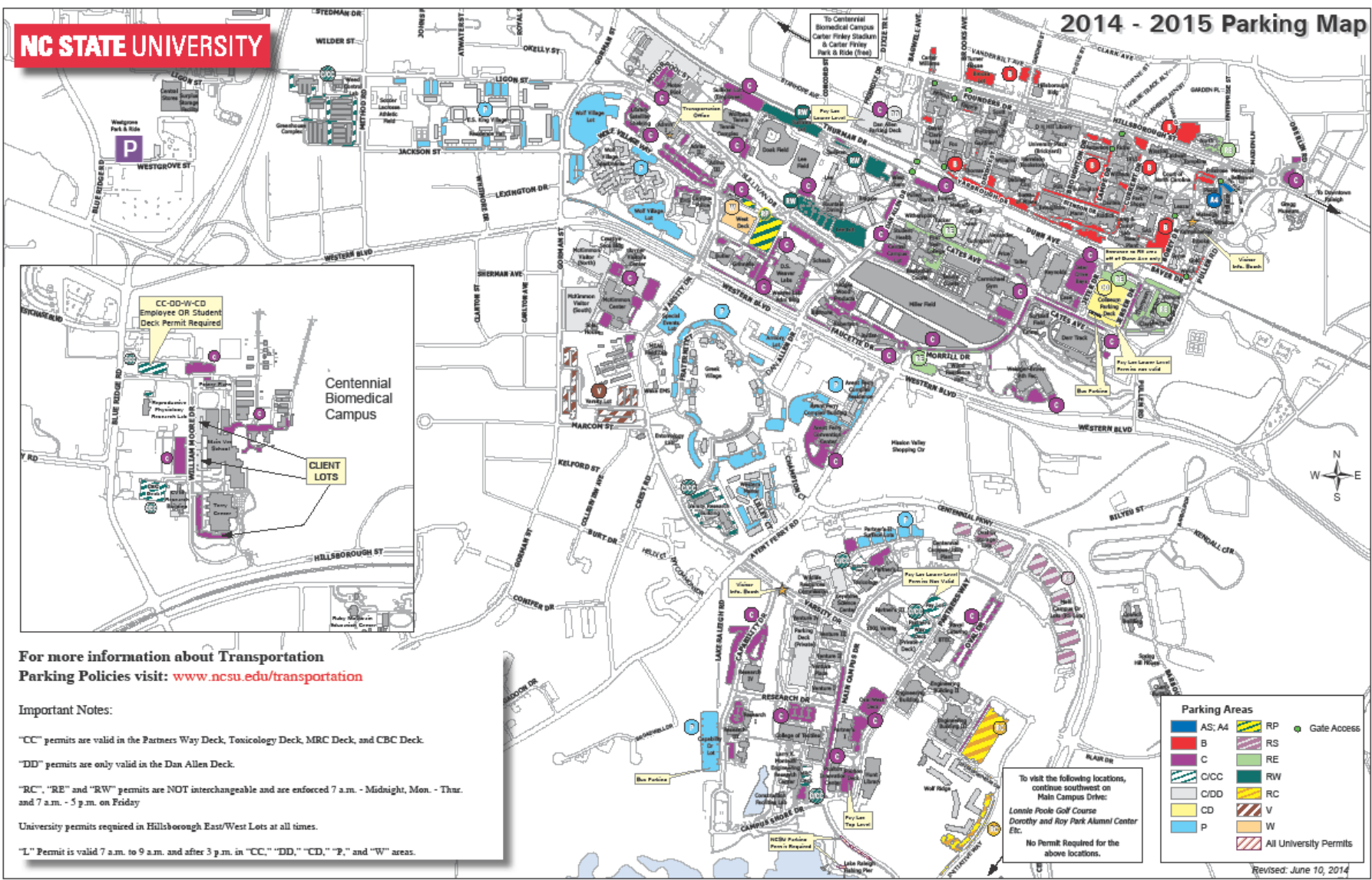
- Employee Carpool must have at least 3 eligible participants to purchase a Carpool permit
- Two person “pools” would split the cost of the permit.

GoPass

- Employees who are issued a GoPass will pay a monthly fee of \$5 through payroll deduction. The current one-time \$25 registration fee will be replaced by the monthly payroll deduction.
- Other eligible employees who cannot be payroll deducted will pay \$60 annually, prorated \$5/month.

Alternative Transportation

Questions?



For more information about Transportation Parking Policies visit: www.ncsu.edu/transportation

Important Notes:

- "CC" permits are valid in the Partners Way Deck, Toxicology Deck, MRC Deck, and CBC Deck.
- "DD" permits are only valid in the Dan Allen Deck.
- "RC", "RE" and "RW" permits are NOT interchangeable and are enforced 7 a.m. - Midnight, Mon. - Thur. and 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Friday
- University permits required in Hillsborough East/West Lots at all times.
- "L" Permit is valid 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and after 3 p.m. in "CC," "DD," "CD," "P," and "W" areas.

To visit the following locations, continue southwest on Main Campus Drive:
 Lomisie Pools Golf Course
 Dorothy and Roy Park Alumni Center
 Etc.
 No Permit Required for the above locations.

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