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WKU Parking & Traffic Committee

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MINUTES

W.K.U. PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 16, 1994

The W.K.U. Parking and Traffic Committee met on the above date at 3:00 p.m. in the Department of Public Safety's Conference Room.

Members Present: Jim Cummings, Elizabeth Oakes, Dave Parrott, Holland Saltsman, David Wilkinson, Chairman Horace Johnson, Ad-Hoc member Lt. Paul Joiner.

Members Absent: Finley Baird, Gene Crume, Phillip Duff, Kemble Johnson, Sandra Webb.

OLD BUSINESS

1). Report from sub-committee.

Dave Wilkinson - due to an emergency attended the meeting late. He stated that the Business Services area was interested in keeping the houses at 1662 & 1664 Normal to rent and did not want to have them raised for a parking lot even though this falls in the Western XXI guidelines of adding additional parking. The houses are empty at this time and need of repair. Dave also discussed some of the problems in the Mimosa Alley Lot which is directly behind this area. This gravel lot is in need of repair and definition. Chairman Johnson stated that he'd had a complaint from Mr. Henry Hardin, who shares a common drive with the houses on Normal, of cars parking in the drive and blocking his tenants access. Chairman Johnson stated he had asked Mr. Claude Threlkeld to put up some "No Parking" signs to clarify the parking area and it seems to have helped at this time. Vehicles are also parking in his back yard area which is next to the Mimosa Alley Lot. Chairman Johnson stated that he would asked Mr. Threlkeld if he could regravell this lot and put in some logs to define the parking area to help keep vehicles from parking on Mr. Hardin's property. Dave asked if an entrance or exit could be made to Mimsoa Alley parking lot from Normal to make this lot more accessible. Chairman Johnson to take this under advisement.

2). Kemble Johnson - status on 15th St. Lot.

Kemble was absent but phoned Chairman Horace Johnson the next day to relate that the new lot's plan had been submitted to the President and he gave the o.k. for a final drawing. The lot will be landscaped and yield about 36 parking spaces.

3). Discussion on zoning of Big Red Way.

Chairman Johnson stated that the President gave his approval for Big Red Way to be zoned per the committee's recommendation. Mr. Johnson to contact Mr. Threlkeld reference the signs.

- 4). Kemble Johnson - clarification on request from Parent Action Committee
Kemble was absent but phoned the next day to relate the following: The speed bumps were small and he felt the request was in line with what had already been done in that area. He agreed to the installation of 2 speed bumps, via a donation by an outside source, in the Jones Jagers Lot under the supervision of Mr. Claude Threkeld when weather permits.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1). Chairman Johnson's review of items approved by President Meredith.
- Approval of zoning of Big Red Way.
 - Approval of Economic Development Center Parking Plan.
 - Need to review Potter Lot parking plan.
 - Approved the WKU Parking and Traffic's Resolution to put some monies collected from parking decals and fees into maintenance of lots. Chairman Johnson to contact Dr. Ramsey to work out details.
 - Approved 15th Street to be One-Way. The city traffic commission approved the removal of the spaces on the corners for better vision. The traffic commission is to put out a press release and to contact the Herald when the street is to be changed.
- 2). New item not on agenda.
Chairman Johnson said that a member of the Budget Committee had contacted him and asked for some options and ideas on fee increases in the parking area. Chairman Johnson discussed with the committee the possibility of raising the decal prices by \$5, \$10 or \$15. The committee felt that a small increase would be acceptable, but with no additional new parking added, a large jump would not be received well. There was also discussion of having RESERVED LOTS - by special permit (Grise, Tate Page, Hilltop) and selling these guaranteed spaces for \$180 or \$200 (selling permits for only the number of spaces in each of those lots). You would lose turn over parking and visitor parking in the lots. Also discussed was the possibility of restricting visitor parking in some way or possibly charging a small fee for visitor parking. Chairman Johnson asked that the committee consider these ideas.
- 3). Item not on agenda.
Dave Wilkinson asked with the changing of 15th St. to One-Way, the possibility of also making Normal One-Way could be considered. This would fall in the Western XXI plan of a loop around the campus. Curb parking could be possible if the street were made One-Way. Chairman Johnson said he did not think this would be a priority item at this time.

With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

cc: President Thomas Meredith

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Reports from sub-committees:
 - a) Dave Wilkinson - people leaving campus and returning at peak class hours and shuttle system recommendations.
-see attached-
2. Kemble Johnson to give status on 15th St. Lot.
3. Discussion on zoning of Big Red Way.
4. Kemble Johnson to give clarification on Parent Action Committee request - reference speed bumps.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review of approved items from President Meredith.

cc: Dr. Thomas Meredith, President

The amount of money necessary to upgrade the rental properties would not appear to show your investment of \$100,000. I would have a hard time supplying this concept as it is.

To: Horace Johnson
Director of Public Safety

From: Dave Wilkinson *dkw*

Re: Parking Pay Lots

Date: Dec. 15, 1993

I had fully intended to be at the last Parking Committee meeting and regret not having be able to make it. I have acquired a little information regarding the Mimosa lot. You probably already have the same information.

First, it appears that the university does not want to remove either house on Normal Drive, but will invest in restoring them for rental purposes.

Second, John Osborne has been asked to prepare plans for a pay lot for approximately 100 vehicles which will incorporate the existing Mimosa lot and the land behind 1662 Normal. Entrance and exit for this lot to be via Mimosa Alley.

Third, John Osborne is supposed to conduct a formal needs susrvey to determine potential occupancy. He intends to request that those persons interested in such a lot must pay a deposit in advance of initiation of construction;

Finally, if the project receives adequate commitment from potential users, the university will go the the city requesting an upgrade of Mimosa Alley from the entrance/exit of the lot to Regents Drive.

I obtained this information from John Osborne last week in advance of our meeting. At that time, I advised him that, in my estimation, nothing could proceed unless the Parking Committee was involved.

After giving a little thought to the matter, I do not believe the proposed 100 vehicle lot is adequate in size or that people will pay if they have to enter/exit via Mimosa, or if they do not have some type of improved pedestrian access through the 1662 and 1664 Normal Dr. properties. It is doubtful that the city would upgrade any part of Mimosa Alley to the point which would allow two vehicles to pass.

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The amount of money necessary to upgrade the rental properties would not appear to be a good investment of university funds. I cannot see that this investment, plus ongoing maintenance costs, creates an income potential which exceeds that of a pay lot capable of parking nearly 200 vehicles.

I would have a hard time supporting this concept as it now stands.

DATE: March 1, 1994

SUBJECT: Parking and Traffic Committee Meeting
February 16, 1994

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Kerbin has completed his work with the Parent Action Committee at Jones Juggers - see Item 4 "Old Business". The Parking and Traffic Committee is still gathering information regarding Time Limit Parking at the "new" Potter Hall.

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Attachment: Minutes

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

TO: Dr. Thomas Meredith

FROM: Horace Johnson

DATE: March 1, 1994

SUBJECT: Parking and Traffic Committee Meeting
February 16, 1994

Handwritten notes:
From
To
3/14/94
Approved

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- 21. Minutes from 2/16/94 meeting on 15th St. lot.
Chairman Johnson stated that he passed Chairman Horace Johnson the next day to release that the new lot's plan had been submitted to the President and he gave the O.K. for a final drawing. The lot will be landscaped and yield about 15 parking spaces.
- 22. Discussion of timing of Big Red Rev.
Chairman Johnson stated that the President gave his approval for Big Red Rev. to be coded per the committee's recommendation. Mr. Johnson to contact Mr. Thurlkeld regarding the signs.