

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

8:00 am – 9:30 am, April 3, 2018

Union – Memorial Room (217)

Present:

Michael Pieper, Facilities Management
Connie Frazier, Residence Services (ex-officio)
Earl Haugen, Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization
Robert Schindele, Joshua Rahn, Kerrie Peltier: Transportation & Parking (ex-officio)
Tammy Hendrickson, Staff Representative
Pam Shea, Staff Representative
Cole Bachmeier, President, Student Body
Erik Hanson, Vice President, Student Body
Michael Kelsch, President, Association of Resident Halls (ex-officio)
Eric Plummer, University Police/Safety (ex-officio)
Laura Thoreson, Facilities Management (ex-officio)
Jaakko Putkonen, Geology & Geological Engineering Faculty Representative

Absent:

Michael Niedzielski, Geography Faculty Representative
Erik Martinson, Athletics

Purpose – Make recommendations to the Executive Team – mid-April, 2018. Implementation for Fall of 2019.

3 Options for change in Parking to bring to Executive Team

1. Stay with the Flat Rate across the board – increasing each year
2. Demand Based / Tier System (less popular based on employee feedback at this point)
3. Privatized Parking – Outsource: Will end up paying “market value rates” which would be higher than anything UND is currently proposing.

Below are the abbreviated minutes from the last meeting with the feedback and recommendations Mike will bring to the Executive Team when they meet.

1. Increased frequency of parking enforcement.
2. Increase violation rates for allowable violations not governed by the Century Code to.
3. Revise policy to help eliminate “shared” permits. Allow 3 (active) vehicles per permit instead of 5.
4. Eliminate an estimated 400 spaces parking spaces.
 - a. 2017 & 2018 demo projects
 - b. Remove Princeton St. gravel lot (“A Lot”)
 - c. Minimal parking spaces loss due to Clifford lot reconstruction
 - d. Minimal parking spaces loss due to Columbia Hall reconstruction
 - e. Remove REA gravel lot (or REA invests in the lot)

5. Tier one rate (gold lots) – estimated 927 spaces
All surface parking in the campus core (Univ. Ave. / English Coulee / railroad tracks / Columbia St.)
6. Tier three rate (bronze lots) – estimated 1,940 spaces
REA parking lots
7. Tier two rate (silver lots) – estimated 5,457 spaces
All other parking lots excluding tier one lots, tier 3 lots, parking ramp and 24-hour lots
8. 24-hour rate – estimated 1,595 spaces

Based on employee feedback and conversations with administration related to general compensation not being funded in FY2018 and FY2019, it was recommended that items 5-8 be tabled until FY2020. Mike would like to continue to discuss this issue further in preparation for FY2020.

The Heart of the Question is... Can we continue to subsidize Parking? The answer is no, based on ongoing budget discussions, and we need to work on implementing changes that will make Parking Services a fully funded utility.

9. Free parking on nights after 4:00, weekends and holidays
 - a. Implement a sur-charge on event tickets and event rental contracts for events without ticket sales to offset net revenue loss to parking services
10. Turn “A” lot adjacent to Carnegie Hall back into an automated daily rate lot for paid visitor parking.
It was recommended that this issue be tabled and considered during the redevelopment of the old steam plant site into parking.
11. Recommend switching the Parking Ramp to a single rate of \$400.00 on all floors and open to all.
12. Launch “Pay by Phone” app for visitors in automated daily rate lots and other prime locations in non-automated daily rate lots (permit lots close to main building entrances). Pay by Phone app would be a very flexible option to use, can quickly be deployed and inexpensive to set up in any lot.
13. Open up access to purchase reserved parking permits. Reserved parking permits will also give you access to “Pay by Phone” spaces when traveling to other buildings for meetings.

Mike reviewed additional recommendations he would like to bring to the Executive Team:

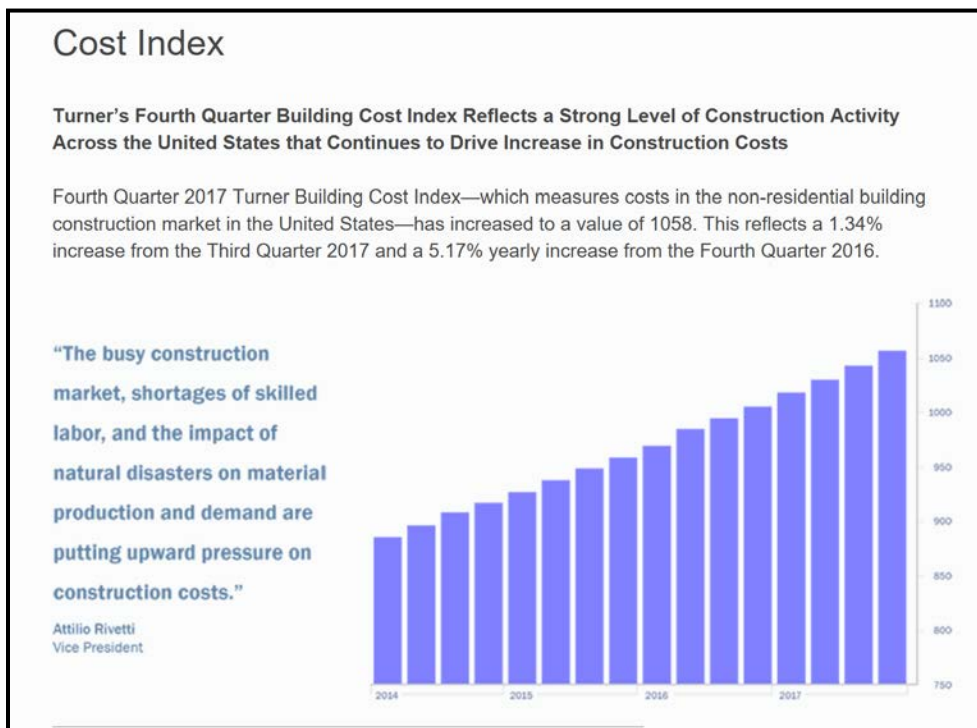
Parking Advisory Committee Recommendations to UND Executive Team

- Adopt goal that UND Parking Services be fully costed and self-funded by FY2024.
- Charge Parking Services to develop a fully costed “Parking Utility” formula, like UND currently has for steam and electricity by July 1, 2018.

- \$XX or XX.X% flat permit rate increase to offset MIRA costs for FY2019 (August 2018) or MIRA payments be suspended until permit rates are increased proportionately.

		Based On Permit Revenue
MIRA - Parking FY2018		
Service Unit Allocation	\$ 75,581	\$ 59,709
Participation Fee (15.8% of budget for external parking sales for permits, events and citations)	\$ 382,565	\$ 301,210
	\$ 458,146	\$ 360,919
	24%	19%
Increase Need to Offset MIRA Cost Per Permit	\$ 45	\$ 36

- Automatic rate increase based on a national construction index starting in FY2020. Additional rate increases or permit structure changes can be implemented in addition to the automatic index increase, but the automatic rate increase must be applied annually until UND Parking Services is self-funded and no longer needs all or part of the automatic increase.



- Parking revenue included in UND facility lease revenue be transferred annually to Parking Services.
- Cost to operate, maintain and renew UND parking spaces that do not generate general parking permit revenue needs to be reimbursed or redirected (unloading spaces, maintenance spaces, service spaces, timed parking, etc.), and Direct Parking Services to create a list of spaces by July 1, 2018.

- Close the gap between student parking and employee parking over two years (FY2019 and FY2020). Currently students pay \$155 and employee's pay \$225.
 - FY2019 Student Permit = \$200 (if no general across the board increase for FY2019)
 - FY2020 Student Permit = \$XXX

NDSU Parking Permit Information:

Student, Faculty and Staff Parking Permits

Annual Parking Permit	\$185.00 per year	\$15.42 per month
1-Day Parking Permit	\$2.00 per day	1-Day Maximum
Temporary Parking Permit	\$2.00 per day	6-Week or 45-Days Maximum

Historical Permit Prices per Academic Year

		Park & Ride
*2017-2018	\$185.00 per year	\$60.00 per year
2016-2017	\$185.00 per year	\$60.00 per year

UND Parking Permit History:

History of Parking Permit Rate Increases										
Permit Type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
Student - Surface	\$ 70	\$ 115	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 155
Staff - Surface	\$ 120	\$ 175	\$ 225	\$ 225	\$ 225	\$ 225	\$ 225	\$ 225	\$ 225	\$ 225
Parking Ramp - Student	\$ 175	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
Parking Ramp - Staff	\$ 285	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400
Reserved	\$ 400	\$ 600	\$ 810	\$ 810	\$ 810	\$ 810	\$ 810	\$ 810	\$ 810	\$ 810

Discussion / Comments:

The Student Body Representatives voiced concerns: If the student parking permits increase and the employee permits remain the same to close the gap – there is no new benefit for the students. They would like to show a balance between the increase and new benefits. Free nights/weekends/holiday parking was mentioned as a possible benefit. They also mentioned that employees have better parking options than students in many cases, which will become an issue if the permit rates are the same. The students will be affected this increase and tuition increases.

Bob Schindele mentioned that there will be parking lots repairs/replacements over the summer that will show benefits.

Student permit rates are the most subsidized parking rates and closing the gap between student and employee permits would make any future changes easier as they will be on the same level allowing for more flexibility.

Mike will be visiting with the Staff, University and Student Senate to discuss Parking. There will also be an Open Forum scheduled in the next couple of weeks to open up the conversations to all interested in providing their ideas, opinions, feedback, etc. prior to meeting with the Executive Team.

Recorded by:
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