

Parking and Transportation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Meeting called to order at 3:36 pm by meeting chair Clayton Harrington.

Members present:

Clayton Harrington
Carlos Brown
Kevin Harris
Carissa Etters
Mitzi Lee
William Martin
Justin Moses

Keith Van Inwegen
John Venuti
Mark Divens
Jillian Stafflinger

Members not present:

Nate Doughty
Michele Armstrong
Kathleen Blakenship

Shared documents:

PPT Presentation (Clayton)

I. Presentation - Clayton Harrington

- Discussed the possible adoption of the Bike Policy, which defines where bikes are allowed to park, etc.
 - Regarding impounds, Carlos mentioned that on the MCV Campus, hospital security cuts the locks
 - Clayton noted that the consultants [Kimley Horn] have asked how long impounds are performed because there are rusted bikes stationed across both campuses.
- Chief Venuti provided background regarding the creation of the policy, as it was a high priority issue 3.5 years ago, then the work/planning stopped due to the need to address where bikes could be operated.
- Chief Venuti mentioned that VCUPD works with the City to manage the bikes on city property; while on the VCU campus, the process is to tag it for 10 days, then send to the state surplus after 120 days.
 - Bikes that create hazards (i.e. parked in a handicap location) have an existing process for management/removal
- Clayton recommended that the policy moves forward due to a lack of a current unified policy.
- **Committee was asked to provide comments to Clayton by Friday, May 26.**

- * How would the policy be enforced on the Medical Campus? Carlos will look to see if there is an existing Health system policy.
- Carlos: There is an issue where scooters are parked and chained to a structure. Does the policy say where you can chain scooters? Clayton responded no. * Should it be addressed in this policy?
 - Committee: Yes, it should
 - *There was an issue where someone brought their bike inside of the SOM, and an employee locked it inside of a storage closet. There should be a procedure to report bikes/have designees.
 - *Those instances should go up to the building manager.
 - * Do we have affirmative statements that suggest the use of bikes? Or suggests that we are truly bike friendly? Otherwise, we might dissuade behavior.
 - Clayton: There is positive sustainability verbiage that exists in policy.
 - * We need feedback regarding riding lines. Can you ride bikes everywhere?
 - * How will the Master Plan influence where you ride/don't ride? Could this be added to their scope of work?
 - * We should get input on the policy and then roll it into the Master Plan.
 - * What about having a specified bike route? And possibly connecting to the City's?
 - * We might want to moreso promote the existing bike routes. The City is moving forward with installing lanes from Franklin to 9th St.
- Clayton will get with Keith and pass on the information.
- VHB Study - Phase I
 - The report was five pages; however, there will be ongoing conversations.
 - Keith will send a marked up copy of the study with comments to the team.
 - We have received the draft copy; the official copy should come back Thursday/Friday
 - Discussed potential locations:
 - Site 1 - Expensive for size
 - Site 2 - Did not terribly worsen the service level; relocation of dentistry program is necessary
 - Site 3 - To clear the 17th & Broad intersection would go from 20 seconds to 140 seconds (assuming not connecting to the bridge); Bridge repairs must be done prior to work; City/State is looking at improvements to the Broad interchange, roundabout on Broad & 17th.
 - * If we can distribute traffic on the top and bottom of the deck, it would help.
 - Clayton: If connected, the perception is much better
 - Carlos: Could we ask about a train option?
 - Carlos: Even in building a deck, we would not get out of our contract spaces.

- Clayton: We could combine D Deck and M Lot & R Lot or A Lot, but couldn't take all four.
 - Keith: Site 3 is big enough to accommodate D Deck & staff growth.
 - * We must keep in mind that we cannot likely do common sense evaluations on any of these locations.
 - * Do they[VHB] talk about private development that is more than mixed use parking in their report?
 - Clayton: They are definitely interested in retail on any of the ground sites.
 - * We have to think about what's happening on the East side. It is a hot commodity for investors, including a plan to develop apartments; we should continue to think about it.
 - Clayton: The industry is now building parking decks to be converted to retail space.
 - * We just recently met with the City, and they informed us that they will be more plugged in to what VCU is trying to do going forward.
 - * What's the timeline to make these recommendations?
 - Ambulatory Care remains on track; VTCC moves in December (Kimley Horn finishes); delay in dead tower
 - * The delay in the dead tower has the potential to shorten interim parking. We have asked Kimley Horn to look at the 1,200 number. I Lot has to be in the mix. The big takeaway is that we can confirm that this is not an easy problem to solve; all sites have been taken.
 - * In use of their proprietary database, have they revealed anything to VCU that we didn't already know?
 - * They are still data collecting; will be at June PTAC meeting.
- Clayton: Think about which sites are best. For intercept sites, should we go with all 3? Specific ones to target (quicker turnaround). Make sure you're keeping up to speed on decks (knowing location, etc.)
 - * The PM site is in transition with the developer; need to stay on top of it.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

** Indicates interjection by a committee member*