Parking Advisory Committee Minutes, Oct 12 2018

Parking Garage

Parking Garage I final spaces have increased to 760. General and Reserved parking will be available, with the permits costing of $475 and $800, respectively. Garage will have an EV station, photovoltaic system, and will also support visitor and event parking. Structure partially opened Fall 2019, and building wrap is slated to open Spring 2020.

Once the garage is fully operational, Q Lot designation, as well as other lots, will be reassessed.

Outages and Construction

E Lot will be going offline in Nov-Dec to begin Res Hall construction project.

Dirt from garage excavation is being moved to Lot Q and Mines park. Dirt to be fully removed from Lot Q by Feb 2019 for reuse at garage site. Reusing the material on campus resulted in significant cost savings on the project.

New lab going into lot behind USGS. The earlier-proposed underground parking structure to accommodate USGS employees will no longer be built. Second, larger parking structure (950 spaces) is to be built on Lot J and shared with USGS. This garage will also be wrapped, but no info on occupants.

1750 Jackson res hall will have bi-level parking structure underneath the building. It will be resident parking only and is hoped to accommodate all occupants of the hall. Project slated to complete May 2020 and open in Fall 2020.

Washington St being narrowed between 15th and 19th to single lane, and will have crosswalk installed at 17th. Joint studies with the city on overall traffic flow in Golden will be ongoing.

Commuter lot in Mines park is being constructed with approximately 120 spaces. Nearly half will be occupied by Mines fleet vehicles and FM employees until the Operations Building is complete, and then some of the fleet will migrate to that area. FM employees and fleet moving to MP commuter (and eventually Ops Bldg) will free up parking on main campus.

19th St (Moly Rd) being redesigned with street lights, sidewalks, blue phones, and other pedestrian improvements.

Contractor lot has been graded, lined, and is being enforced. Contractors are encouraged to park there and not in campus lots or on streets; however, it is not enforceable if they are driving a personal or unmarked vehicle and choose to purchase a meter permit for another location.

Enforcement Hours

Extended enforcement hours to 7pm M-F is an ongoing discussion, and no decision has been made.

Concerns

- Restrictive to students who want to attend events on campus or use campus services in the evening.
• Certain events are advertised to draw the community to campus, and pay-to-park may be a deterrent.
• Students taking evening classes may be deterred from studying at Mines if parking becomes an expense.

Questions

• Do the students who attend after-hours events already have a permit, and just do not want to park in their designated lot, or is the issue that they have no permit at all?
• Would it be possible to enforce some areas and not others?
• Is allowing free after-hours parking fair to those who pay to park during the day?

Other Considerations

• City is considering extension of parking enforcement to 7p. Mines and City seek to align parking policies so neither area is more favorable and thus drawing non-local inventory.
• Campus is pay-to-park. Parking is an auxiliary that is supported by users of the system. Those not paying to park during increasingly active after-hours are utilizing but not supporting the system.

Fall 2019 Rate Increase

Freshman Waiver, $200, no change
Commuter, $105 to $156, $51 annual increase, $4.25 per month increase
General, $265 to $395, $130 annual increase, $10.83 per month increase
Reserved, $400 to $595, $195 annual increase, $16.25 per month increase

Large jump was due to decision of previous committee, but a smaller annual increase can be an option going forward. The rates were determined through studies conducted by a contractor who worked on the parking garage project, and the findings from this study were requested to be shared with the committee.

It was also requested that more information on increases would be conveyed with future announcements. Give the “why” so patrons know what they are paying for, as well as highlighting enhancements to the program to put a positive spin on it.

WCR Reserved

Greek Life reserved parking for West Campus Rd. it was noted that there was no representation from Greek Life on committee, and the topic will need to be revisited with representation from that group.