

El Camino College
Parking and Traffic Advisory Council
October 18, 2016

Attendees: Mike Blada, Lyn Clemons, Randal Davis, Erick Mendoza, Mike Trevis, Nina Velasquez, Patrick McDermott (ASO)

The meeting started at 1:06 pm.

The committee name has changed from Parking Committee to Parking and Traffic Advisory Council.

The minutes of August 24th were approved.

Parking for the First Three Weeks of School

At every start of the semester, particularly in in the fall semester, parking is never good.

There are 4800 parking spaces and it is still not enough. Lack of parking is partially due to construction on campus. Students that can't find parking sometimes park in staff/faculty spaces. After the first few weeks of school, there is parking but just not convenient parking.

Some colleges such as Mesa College and College of the Canyons offer valet parking during the first few weeks of school. Those colleges contract out with a valet company. Is the idea of valet parking worth researching in order to make a recommendation? Valet service will only be for the first few weeks of school. Details such as the location, shuttles, liability, and price need to be worked out after more information is gathered.

The new structure would alleviate the parking problem, adding 1400 stalls. The goal is to have the first floor staff. With the addition of stalls in the new structure, the valet service may not even be needed.

The committee thought that the valet option was an idea worth inquiring further and more details would be needed in order to recommend having the valet service. Chief Trevis will gather information and details for the next meeting.

Parking Lot Construction Update

Construction on Lot F will possibly continue in November. Lot C is estimated to be ready by May. The main structure is almost complete but they still need to work on installing elevators and a sprinkler system.

Parking Enforcement

Students are allowed to park in the majority of staff lots after 6pm. The time in Lots J and K only was extended to after 6:30pm to give faculty time to park. Signs were changed to reflect the extended time in Lots J and K only.

There are still students parking in staff lots. There was a discussion on suggestions that would deter students from parking in staff spots. One suggestion was to increase the price of the parking ticket to a more significant amount. It is currently \$43.00. Other suggestions included having the rules more visible on the permit, making enforcement more noticeable and visual (such as towing or booting), and changing the signage to make the rules more visible. The Chief can get more information from neighboring colleges to compare their ticket fees to ours.

There was a discussion on skateboarding on campus. Students are generally warned the first time and ticketed the second time. A lot of students ignore staff and faculty when told not to skateboard on campus. Having more signs on campus and more enforcement were suggested to deter skateboarders.

Future Meetings

The committee decided that they should keep its current schedule for meetings at every other month.

Roundtable

Patrick McDermott – Can the parking permit machines take credit cards? The machines used to take credit cards but the bank was charging the college \$0.95 per transaction. Because of the high transaction fees, the credit card option was removed but can be looked into again. A suggestion was to have the parking fees tied to a card, like a library card or one that is connected to the student's El Camino I.D. It would create a tab that the student will be billed for instead of having the credit card option on the machines.

He has come across many people speeding in the parking lots. Can the new structure and all the lots have speed bumps? There are speed bumps in the lots and they will be looked into again.

Students are concerned about safety in the parking structures. Are there cameras in the lots and can the police department do enforcement in the lots? Yes, there are cameras in most of the lots and the police department is trying to hire more personnel.

Lyn Clemons- A disabled faculty member in a wheelchair needs a disabled spot wide enough for her van and for her to exit her vehicle. Nina brought the issue to Linda Beam, to see if she can have a specific spot but Linda had said no. Can she have a reserved spot for her? She usually parks in end spots. The employee needs to contact Chief Trevis to discuss what might work for her and he can look into it in order to make a recommendation. The concern is that if we do it for one person, we may have to do it for all but each individual situation is different.

A question on vehicles on the inner campus and safety was brought up. Vendors, especially ones with big trucks, usually call the police department to get escorted safely onto campus by cadets. Chief Trevis will generally ask Tom Brown ahead of time to see if there are concerns before taking big vehicles onto campus.

Nina Velasquez – What is going to happen in the front of campus when they start working on the Administration building? What areas will be shut down? The chief will get more information from Tom Brown.

Chief Trevis reminded the committee of the Great California Shakeout drill this Thursday (Oct. 20th) at 10:20am.

On November 9th at around 10 am, a Lock Down Shelter-in-Place drill will take place. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

The meeting ended at 2:15pm.