

Parking & Transportation Master Plan Meeting September 1, 2006

Reasons for meeting includes design of parking lots, water run-off and impact of changes.

The Campus Master Plan has 6 or 7 parking structures on it. We are not sure if this many decks are needed or not.

Pete Knudsen is the Project Manager of the PTMP.

The Visitor Task Force is also a portion of this study and needs to be taken into consideration. They will be taking pictures of things around campus – both good and bad and presenting to the Administrative Council on March 1.

The PTMP group will have to report on parking and transportation as well and will have to explain what costs are involved.

Water run-off and the environmental impact also have an important role in this study. Asphalt that is not maintained will disintegrate and revert back to a non-biodegradable product ultimately polluting the creeks and streams near them.

When it comes to parking deck(s), we need to know what the cost is and who is going to pay for it. Parking is an auxiliary and has to pay for it unless we can find another source. Grant money is being investigated and pursued.

Pete is working with Carl Walker on the PTMP. Transportation Demand Management (TDM) will help us develop a parking plan. Carl Walker will give strategies and recommendations about parking structures – not actual designs of them.

Rocky is doing a multi-year project involving environmental study. The environmental aspect is huge. Carl Walker will evaluate 2002 Master Plan and make recommendations including environmental aspects. The Master Plan makes interior of campus pedestrian and eliminates parking. We need to decide about parking structures.

Carl Walker will utilize students in planning. When they have their kickoff meeting, everyone on the PTMP will be invited so that Carl Walker knows who is working on the plan. This is not the norm. We need to get outside the box and look at parking from every angle. Are we going to protect the environment at Clemson? Geary wants any parking structures to compliment the university and be something that we are all proud of.

This study is too important for us to isolate ourselves and simply follow the Master Plan.

We need to add Chip Boyles to this committee to get the input from the City of Clemson as well as Environmental Health.

Geary, Gerald, Mary and Pete are available to do presentations to groups if needed to explain what we are doing and why. We need to educate people – we won't make all of them happy but we are trying to move in a direction that is positive in the long run.

Communication is key. Carl Walker will develop a web site for us and Inside Clemson can be utilized to spread the word. Signage at the lots is also a consideration.

A concern was raised that Athletics was not represented. In previous conversations with them, they have stated that if we come up with the right plan, they will support us. A representative of Athletics will be invited to participate. Special Event parking needs to be considered as well.

Rocky wants to be sure that the researchers be recognized since they are behind the scenes.

Hopefully, our next meeting will be in a few weeks.