

UHCL PARKING AND TRAFFIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE

Minutes - Tuesday, April 27, 2021

10 – 11 am, TEAMS

A. Approval of past minutes February 23, 2021. Minutes were unanimously approved.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Volkswagen Grant Program - Mark Denney (Mr. Denney was not available; tabled).
2. Car Rental (see Zip presentation): Rideshare service with hourly and daily rates. Plan is to place near Hunter Hall, Lot J Delta near Forest Apartments (Valid driver's license is required). Service includes insurance coverage. UHCL just provides the location for vehicles to be stored for rental (2 car minimum). Looking at any options to align as UH who obtained a grant to subsidize the service. Incidents to vehicles would be treated as normal incident on campus by UHCL police. Zip Car will contact UHCL in June or July to set a meeting to determine if they want to move forward with an agreement after evaluating locations for profit. Initially a probation period is set with expected measures. Probation ends once maintained; failure results in revising targets.
3. App to track the Shuttle Bus on a map, similar (probably using) Google Maps. Currently working with vendor to learn more of features; Features include Wi-Fi installation. Cost is \$42K set up then yearly fee – currently in preview stage of consideration not budgeted
 - Line tracking to include time, map and stops
 - Hardware installation – scans id card and monitors number and ridership data
 - Parking Department can monitor shuttle speeds and send live announcements to students.
4. Emergency Alert app – instead of installing “Emergency Alert Blue Light poles” in parking lots, an app that would enable a student or staff member to push a button, and it would automatically call our Police Dispatch and set off a siren on their phone. Soma Datta mentioned her students are currently working on an Emergency alert app and would need to the opportunity to present it to the UHCL Police to test the app they have spent time developing during their coursework.
5. UHCL-Pearland shuttle. Demand will likely increase with the new Serious Gaming Simulation Program Lab at Pearland Campus. Concerns: Who could students be transported from UHCL to Pearland to meet the need; frequency would need to be determined, possibly daily dependent on number of students enrolled. Harry Glass will work to set schedules and is open to hearing about establishing a matrix, current sign up is only weekly basis (see handout). Additional shuttle purchases will be made similar to the current one in use. More information to be provided at next fall meeting.

6. Five pick up pads are being constructed for the Hawk Shuttle. Pick up locations will be at Delta, Rec Center, Arbor, Bayou near Patio Café, and near Dorms.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bike Stations: Harry Glass stated department is still gathering information that could dock 15 – 20 bikes for campus use. Cost is approximately 30K per station installation to be absorbed by UHCL (desire is for two stations, 60K); after initial installation. Stations require electricity. Regular bikes are being phased out, stations would require electric bikes at \$3,000 each. Once purchases and stations are installed, Houston Bike Share (Houston B Cycle) will maintain bicycles, be responsible if bikes get stolen, and provide advertising for UHCL stations. Mike Wetzal is gathering information at this point on project.
2. Bike Paths: Paths are complete and signs erected. Patrons seem happy with the adequate width for passing and all around offering of the bike/nature trail.

NOTE: Final spring meeting May 25, 2021 (subject to change)- (Meetings will resume in fall 2021).

Meeting adjourned.
Charise Armstrong