

El Camino College
Parking and Traffic Advisory Council
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Also in attendance: V.P Admin Services – Brian Fahnestock

The meeting started at 1:02 p.m.

The minutes of August 30, 2017 were approved.

Parking Lot C Update (Lighting – Levels 3 & 4)

There is a problem with the lighting in Lot C on the third and fourth levels only. The residents across the street are concerned that the lights are too bright and it glares throughout the community. Until the lighting is resolved, the third and fourth level will be blocked off every day at 4:30 pm for entry. Cars still parked on those levels can exit, but the problem is that those levels are pitch black after 8pm. Police personnel are using lights from the patrol cars and flashlights for safety.

Another concern from the residents is that people would be able to see into their backyards if they are on the upper levels. Decorative louvers have been approved and will be installed on the Manhattan Beach Boulevard side. The louvers may also resolve the lighting issue. It is not known when the installation of the louvers will take place.

The top level will have lighting controlled by motion detectors at the legally minimum allowed brightness. It will be the only lighting available as was agreed with the community.

Special event parking is not allowed in Lot C due to the concern of the noise levels disrupting the residents. Lot C is closed on the weekends.

There is parking on the outside of Lot C on the south side for people to park on the weekends if Lot D is full. There are about 23 stalls. West of the structure in Lot D, there are 92 stalls available.

Erick is working on the stop signs for Lot C. The landscapers are still working in that area. Once they are finished, the stop signs can be placed. Signs that tell people to slow down and signs saying to be mindful of the neighbors across the street will also be placed in Lot C.

Lot D Visitors Stalls

Visitor stalls in Lot D were taken away due to the construction of Lot C. Since the opening of Lot C, 70 of the 92 stalls in Lot D seem to always be available and Erick is recommending putting the visitor stalls back. He recommends that two rows, about 46 stalls, be turned into visitor parking. The committee agreed.

Basic Needs Fair

In the last meeting, Lyn had asked if various transportation groups can attend the fair in October. Gardena Transit, Torrance Transit, Beach Cities Transit, Lawndale Transit, Uber, Lyft, Access and MTA were contacted. The fair will be on October 10th from 10 am – 2 pm. Greg Toya is in charge of the fair.

Raising Fees for Civic Center Rentals/Event Parking

In the last meeting, Erick had asked if there was a way to establish an increase in parking fees for Civic Center rentals and outside events. The current policy does not address fees for outside events. It only addresses the charges for daily and semester permits. The money from parking fees goes to parking operations as per the Education Code. The money does not go back to the general fund.

VP Fahnestock can help the committee go forward with the recommendation if Erick can do the research on what can be done for Civic Center events and come back with the results for the committee to review.

Skateboarding

Skateboarding is prohibited on campus. It is a citable offense under the California Vehicle Code. The police department has gotten concerns from faculty and staff about getting hit or nearly getting hit by a skateboarder.

In 2014, there were 108 reported skateboard issues. 71 warnings, 37 citations

In 2015, there were 178 reported skateboard issues. 138 warnings, 40 citations

In 2016, there were 125 reported skateboard issues. 107 warnings, 18 citations

In 2017, to date, 59 reported skateboard issues. 58 warnings and 1 arrest

In an incident two weeks ago there was a confrontation with a skateboarder and officers had to physically take the person down. The person was not a student; he wasn't cooperating and had alcohol in his backpack. Our officers are wondering how far they should go with skateboard enforcement. Currently warnings are given first and if caught again, skateboarders are given a citation. Chief Trevis advised officers not to chase down skateboarders. It is not worth the liability.

Chief Trevis asked for feedback from the committee on how far our officers should go.

The following suggestions came up during the discussion of what to do with skateboarders:

- Create a pathway or zones throughout areas of the campus that skateboarders can use
- Cite reckless skaters immediately to avoid liability
- Set time periods when skateboarding is allowed on campus, possibly during non-peak hours and weekends.
- Keep it prohibited on campus. It is too much of a liability.
- Try for skateboard lockers again
- Continue to educate the campus that skateboarding isn't allowed

As far as what the officers should do, Chief Trevis will have them continue to give out warnings and citations after being caught a second time. He does not want officers to get in a pursuit as it will increase chances of people or the officers getting hurt.

Roundtable

Erick – He is in the final phase of getting credit cards installed on some of the permit machines.

Mike Blada- They did a pedestrian lane south of the bookstore and it is doing well. People are actually using it. They also hashed out areas where they painted "Do Not Enter" and will continue to look at areas in Lot C that may need painting.

Lyn- Torrance, Metro, Access and Lawndale are confirmed for the Basic Needs Fair. She is hoping to hear from two other agencies by the end of the week.

V.P. Fahnestock – Vehicles going westbound on Manhattan Beach Boulevard are turning left into Lot B using the eastbound left turn lane. It can cause an accident. He suggests something be done in that area to prevent accidents from happening and to protect people.

This violation has increased since the closing of the Admin Building. Officer Galan is the department's traffic officer and is aware of that issue. He as well as C.H.P., have issued warnings and citations. Some of the violators are faculty or staff. The police could not put delineators because that section belongs to the County. Chief Trevis suggested putting a reminder in the newsletter telling the campus that if they are going westbound and want to enter Lot B, they would need to drive further down to turn left into either Lot C or Lot D and then make their way back eastbound to get to lot B.

The meeting ended at 2:04 p.m.