In Attendance: Kerry Keating (Chair), Amanda Hutchins, Ken Knight, Jim Vossberg, Mark Casale, Ellen Shippee, Steve Temperino, Angela Kilb, Creig Doyle, Frank Cocchiarella, Zhizhang Shen, Mary Hill, Mary Petz

Chairperson: Kerry Keating; Newly-elected Co-Chair is Amanda Hutchins.

Kim Bownes volunteered and was accepted as Secretary

Chair’s Report:

Kerry K. will be sending a list serve group (emails) that Frank Cocchiarella belongs to. These emails come from many schools around the country; members discuss problems, give solutions – there are great ideas that we can pull from.

There will be a Webinar available, titled “Solve Parking Wars on Campus: Strategies to Better Manage Space”. It will take place in the Student Senate Room of the HUB on October 27th from 1:00 – 2:00 pm. If you know of anyone interested from your department, please have them attend. (There is room available for 50 people).

Updates:

Chief Doyle updated the committee on various “Iparq” issues. Students expressed that many did not understand the appeals process, so UPD sent out several email blasts and greatly improved the communication of the process. A new website is being developed that will be simple to use. Credit Card payments on-line are still available.

The bursar’s office is working with UPD to assist students/families who cannot pay to have a boot removed.

There are new Iparq on-line passes for overnight guest stays. We are the first campus to use this new system and the feedback has been great. It allows for a parking pass to be printed out at home, prior to a visit. The cost totals $6.20 per night ($5.00 plus fees).

Discussion ensued about the perception that student’s feel that parking tickets are funding the University, and this is an argument as to why funding for parking needs to be self-sufficient.

September was a great month. Due to better communication, and much work from members of the parking committee, there seems to be a better understanding of the rules of parking across campus.
Zhizhang made a motion to approve the existing ticket prices for guest overnight parking ($5.00). Chief Doyle 2nd, motion approved.

Kerry K. indicated that some of the feedback from students regarding Iparq has been negative because it isn’t a friendly process. With better communication that only the 1st part of the appeals process is online, and then you speak to UPD, it has really helped.

We are no longer contracted with Iparq; we will be able to look around at various vendors if we feel there may be other more friendly options for what we need.

Chief Doyle explained that we have adopted UNH’s response at the final stage of the appeals process. It is currently: 1) On-line  2) Amanda Hutchins  3) Template response from Chief Doyle
There has been positive feedback from students.

Ellen S. talked about lot maintenance – It is conducted from Dec. 1st through mid March and is in effect for overnight/residential lots. The issues last year was that there needed to be better communication and that the lots are easier to identify. The solution has been to only let the students know when there is lot maintenance.

Mark C. – we now have separated maps of North and South. Mark distributed the maps to the committee. Currently, the color of the sign at the lots, matches the color of the permit.

Chief Doyle will be speaking to the Clock again to have articles printed prior to the season regarding lot maintenance. We will continue to reinforce the rules by loads of communication.

The prices of tickets for towing will go up this year (the price has been the same since 2006). The towing companies have raised their prices, so the fee will be $150 moving forward. (Fees: $100 for towing and $50 for lot maintenance).

The bulk of parking information is under UPD and Jen Frank will be updating the information on the website as it is made available to her. When students Google “parking” on the PSU website, it will take them to a sub-site under UPD. To get directly to the site: www.plymouth.edu/office/police/parking/info

Requests:
Angel Ekstrom requested having a spot to park boats in lot 702. Ultimately she has requested a 16x21 structure to hold the boats: This request was tabled due to other projects that may be happening with lot 702. For the interim, the trailer and boats will be parked near physical plant, where they were previously kept.
**Ongoing:**

Kerry K. will be sending an email regarding other issues to the committee members and these will be discussed at the next meeting.

Ellen S. & Mark C. indicated that the “lot observations” will be done twice in the fall and twice in the spring. These observations happen every hour in every lot to see how many spaces are used or available.

Steve T. talked about how tickets in the town are also down thus far. People are using meters correctly and although revenue from tickets is down, revenue from meters are up. This winter, meters on Langdon North (near HR) and High St. will be bagged in order to clear snow. People parking there should be redirected to the kiosk on Green St.

Chief Doyle reported that commuter permits are sold out.

*Next scheduled meeting:* Thursday November 3rd at 10:00 AM in HUB 119.