



MINUTES
University of Kentucky
College of Agriculture, Food and Environment
StaffLINKS Committee Meeting Held
February 3, 2015

11:00-Noon Meeting & Lunch (249 Barnhart Building)

In Attendance: Karin Pekarchik (chair), Megan Lucy (secretary), Lisa Collins, Tracy Cayson, Debbie Gutierrez, Jackie Allen, Helen C. Williams, Alicia Landon, Jozsef Stork, Jenny Evans, Jennie Condra, Darlene Mylin, Karen Pulliam, Lissa Pohl, Marilyn Hooks (via Lync), Sheryl Friend (via Lync)

Agenda:

- **11:00 General Business**
 - Reminder of New time: 11-noon, with lunch provided
 - Reminder of meeting dates for the fiscal year
 - Recap, Circle of Love, Thanksgiving Basket- Circle of Love was very enjoyable, and heartwarming. We served 57 children. The StaffLinks Thanksgiving basket was successful, and several departments did their own baskets as well. Suggestions were made to support the food bank in the future, beyond the holidays.
- **11:15 Guest Speaker: Associate Dean Steve Workman, College of Agriculture, Food and Environment**
 - **Overview from Dr. Workman** - Dr. Workman is the Associate Dean for Administration. His work focuses on facilities management and business operations. He has signature authority for the Dean on many matters when she is not available.
 - **Traffic & safety issues resulting from recent construction**
 - **Need sidewalk from Orange Lot to safely accommodate influx of pedestrians from new parking lot** – Dr. Workman has been talking to Lance Brooking about this, and the need to build pedestrian walkway towards Cooper drive tunnel. Nothing is currently in the works, but there

have been concerns raised from Medicine employees too. There is also interest in building a pedestrian path between Gluck and Orange lot.

- **Condition of road leaving Gluck parking lot is poor** – There was confusion at first over if this area was the responsibility of parking or roads, and then it was too far into the winter to lay asphalt. As soon as it warms up enough for asphalt again, this area will be fixed.
- **Farm Rd. – no visibility until you enter roadway; visibility blocked by parked cars and football sign** – Removing parking spaces here will likely not happen because of high need for parking. The sign may be moved to increase visibility, though.
- **Potholes in courtyard of Barnhart** – Dr. Workman contacted parking about this in the Fall. There may be some patching done, but it is a low priority and would have to be paid out of department or college funds. Clarification from group that it is not the courtyard, but the road from the courtyard to the Cooper House that was of concern – Dr. Workman will look in to this.
- **Painting of lanes on Cooper Drive confusing** – This is a city road, and there is nothing the University can do.
- **Alumni Drive will be closed.** Alumni from Tates Creek to Nicholasville will be closed beginning in May and going through August. A roundabout will be placed at University and Alumni. The Alumni/College Way intersection will be moved and turned in to a roundabout. This will eliminate the stopping on campus in this area. Pedestrian concerns are being planned for. (See addendum to Minutes for more info)
- **October 15, Thursday Night Football Game** – Planning is being done at the Vice Presidential level to decide what to do about parking to allow for this game. Look for more information to come as the date approaches.
- **Transportation Master Plan** – The University has hired a consulting firm to work on a Transportation Master Plan. There are opportunities for faculty and staff to provide input on the Transportation Master Plan (see addendum to minutes for more information and links).
- **Need for signage to direct visitors and identify CAFE buildings-** The approval process for signs is very difficult, but Dr. Workman will continue working on this.

- **Other Business/Comments/Concerns**
- **Future Meetings:**
 - May 5, 2015
 - August 4, 2015
- **Lisa Collins** –Thanks for participation in the Strategic Planning Effort. You can comment at: <https://strategicplan.ca.uky.edu/>.

Adjournment

Addendum: Handout from Dr. Steve Workman

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Alumni Drive closure:

The University will begin the reconstruction of Alumni Drive this year. The roadway reconstruction is to occur between the stone entrance walls near Bates Creek Road, to just past University Drive, near the LFUCG Senior Citizens Center. An additional section of University Drive, between Alumni Drive and the entrance into the new parking lot south of the E. S. Good Barn, is being planned as well. The current schedule is to have the project bidding in mid-March, and construction commencing in April, with the roadway back in use as the fall academic semester commences.

The major impact to traffic will occur AFTER graduation this spring. While all University facilities will remain accessible through the construction phases, there will be an impact to how the facilities are accessed. Thru traffic between Bates Creek Road and Nicholasville Road will not be available between May and late August of this year.

Thursday night football game:

UK will play Auburn at the newly renovated Commonwealth Stadium the evening of Thursday, October 15, 2015. Make a note in your calendars for October 14-17.

Transportation Master Plan:

The University has begun work on a Transportation Master Plan aimed at improving access and mobility to, from and around campus for all members of the UK community. As part of the planning process, the University is seeking input and feedback on both the challenges facing the university in terms of transportation and mobility, as well as ideas about potential solutions.

Information: <http://www.uky.edu/evpfa/node/39>

Provide feedback: <http://www.uky.edu/evpfa/content/transportation-master-plan-feedback>