

# Parking Advisory Committee Meeting Recap

February 11, 2026

## In Attendance:

Gina Hurny	David Fields	Dan Sexton	Jill Blum
Debbie Michaels	Sharon Paul	Gavin Gilliland	Nancy Kusmaul
Jennifer Mata-McMahon	Harry Wilhelm		

## Lot 8 Changes

- Parking Services made the decision to move three planters in Lot 8 to increase the number of spaces in the D (non-gated) portion of Lot 8
- This was done due to the consistent amount of open spaces in gated areas and the heavy demand for parking in the D Section
- This change is not permanent and once the snow is gone, we will be collecting data to come up with the right layout to best support gated and non-gated spots
- ***Gina asked for feedback***
- Dan Sexton mentioned that during the first week of classes, officers on the 3-11 evening shift had difficulty finding gated spaces. This seems to have diminished this week.
- Some other issues we have heard about are increased walking distances (Jennifer Mata-McMahon indicated her walk has increased by a substantial amount), difficulty finding gated spots and the number of open spots in non-gated.
- Gina noted once again this is temporary and will offer solutions after Spring Break.
- Gina also indicated that there is technology out that will allow for the removal of gates but that is not an immediate solution or something she can act on at this time.

## Parking and Transportation Fee

- As student parking stands now, every student is entitled to a permit based on the fees paid with their tuition (\$265 per semester full-time, \$29 per credit part-time per semester)
- As a result, we currently have approximately 5,000 more permits than parking spaces
- Gina is proposing that we no longer collect any portion of the mandatory fees and return the approximately \$83,000 a year we get to campus life initiatives.

- Students would be required to purchase student parking permits for their appropriate designation
- Advantages of students purchasing permits:
  - We can limit sales to better manage our parking spaces
  - We can issue lot-specific permits
  - We can offer grad permits
  - Resident students will pay more than commuters for permits. This is done at many other universities
  - Increase our ability to turn parking spaces for commuters and better locate their parking spaces
  - The ability to only allow first-year students with exceptions to have cars
- ***Nancy Kusmaul asked how we got in this position.***
  - Gina discussed the background of the problem. Basically, the first year's lot was ineffective due to lack of regular transportation, security costs, maintenance, etc.
  - When Covid lowered the numbers of students living on campus, first-year resident students could be brought back on campus
  - The spaces were manageable through 2023-24 due to the high level of remote learning
  - 2024-25 saw numbers return to what we experienced prior to Covid and this fall saw unprecedented demand for parking
  - The goal is to utilize this method this fall but with the plan in place much sooner so that parking staff attending orientation events can provide students and parents with accurate parking information
  - Lack of a permanent VPAF has slowed this process but David Fields and Renique Kersh, along with representatives from Campus Life and Housing will work to present this to the President and her colleagues

## **Pay Station Removal**

- The bottom-line is the pay stations are near the end or past their effective service times
- The costs of maintaining the equipment increase annually, as does the cost for the technology to operate the systems
- They also limit the parking lots we can use for visitors and events
- The new program we are testing offers the following advantages:
  - User-Friendly for UMBC Staff and their visitors
  - Can be completed in advance

- Will provide your visitor with step-by-step directions to the appropriate lot
  - For visitors in Lots 25 and 31 who do not have pay stations, they will be able to click on a link or QR code and register from home and then follow the directions to these lots
  - For the groups that are not UMBC affiliates, they will offer an easier alternative for their visitors
  - We will be able to offer use (when available) of additional lots without limiting enforcement in those lots
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- The goal for university-wide adoption is July 1.
  - Training will be provided and learning guides will be sent to ensure a seamless transition
  - Test groups will be utilizing the service first to ensure there are no hiccups

## **Final Notes**

- Debbie brought up the change to 2-hour parking for state and service.
- This is being done to turn spaces so those who need them have access
- The DoIT vehicle is currently always parked there. We will be working with FM to identify a new home at the beginning of March
- Bike Day will be April 30 from Noon to 2 PM. We will be serving food (Vegetarian and Halal Options Added), snowballs and adding great activities like a dunk tank and Trike Races.

Gina will reach out to all in March to arrange for an additional meeting as many of the items discussed today should be much closer to being adopted.