

# Parking Advisory Board meets student's criticism

By Mary Jo Pitzl

A potential parking and traffic budget surplus of more than \$182,000 has raised questions from a business student examining the budget and the man responsible for putting the budget together.

At last week's Parking Advisory Board meeting, senior Ken Marienau pointed out a \$182,385 potential surplus in the 1977-78 traffic and parking budget. He said this surplus showed lack of proper bookkeeping, and suggested that the board use some of the surplus money to hire an accountant.

However, John Duve, parking and traffic coordinator, said Marienau misinterpreted the figures, and there is no surplus.

"Obviously, if we had a surplus, we'd know of it," Duve said.

He said he saw Marienau's presentation at the Parking Advisory Board meeting. "But they just put up figures without explaining them. The figures they had were all correct; the only trouble is they were used in the wrong context."

The contradiction between Marienau's findings that there is a surplus and Duve's contention that it is non-existent arises from differing interpretations of the parking and traffic budget.

## Budget approved last spring

The 1977-78 parking and traffic budget is \$337,226. That figure was approved last spring by the Parking Advisory Board and has been committed to specific projects and operation costs, Duve said.

Duve said his office is authorized to spend \$405,976, but the \$68,750 difference has not been allocated yet. Marienau disagrees, saying the budget ceiling is \$337,226, as approved by the advisory board.

Duve explained that the 1977-78 budget was designed for the \$405,976 level. When some officer salaries were shifted to state support over the summer, the budget level decreased to \$337,226.

"We have taken people on the parking account who were working primarily as police and placed them on the police account," Duve said. "That left money previously intended for financing police officers for other uses."

Duve said it is the responsibility of the Parking Advisory Board to recommend to him possible uses for the \$68,750. He said he would like to see the money used to hire more enforcement officers, give employee raises or possibly improve data processing for parking and traffic.

He added that he does not know when this money will be spent, saying he will

make recommendations when necessary.

Marienau's evaluation of the budget shows the \$68,750 to be merely a budget adjustment, and not a license to spend more money. He said the 1977-78 budget was constructed on a no-improvement basis, and any budget decreases represent "that much less to spend."

## Potential surplus

Marienau explained that the potential \$182,385 surplus comes from the budget adjustment, permit sales and parking fines.

This year's budget was built on a projected permit sale total of 9,955, but 10,133 permits already have been sold, Marienau said.

"By the end of the year, they should have \$73,000 extra revenue than they anticipated," he said.

Income from parking fines also contributed to the surplus, Marienau said. Parking fine revenue was expected to decrease, but it is up by \$3,850 over last year, he said. According to Marienau's figures, that would amount to \$40,635 over and above the anticipated parking fine revenue.

The surplus from parking fines, permit sales and budget adjustments total \$182,385, Marienau said. It should not be spent in the parking and traffic budget, since the budget calls for no improvements over last year, Marienau said.

Duve said that Marienau has incorrectly interpreted parking and traffic budget figures, and no surplus exists.

Although permit sales have increased, Duve pointed out that not every permit costs \$35. He said Marienau based his figures on a \$35 per permit cost, but that does not reflect the actual situation.

Some permits are sold on a daily, weekly or monthly basis, and cost substantially less, Duve said. These figures must be considered when projecting revenue from permit sales, Duve said, and Marienau obviously did not do this.

Duve said there is no surplus in parking fine revenues.

"Probably a lot of the money we're bringing in is from last year," Duve said, explaining that fine collections are up \$2,000 over last year. However, he said he expects less parking fines this year because fewer tickets are being written.

He said Marienau's accounting did not consider such variable factors as uncollected fines and fewer tickets being issued.

Duve said he agreed with Marienau's suggestion that the parking and traffic office hire an accountant. "But there are a lot of things we need to do before that."



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UNL Parking and Traffic Coordinator John Duve

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