S&F Chair Glenn Gittings attended UPDC Monthly construction meeting: November 12th


S&F Chair Glenn Gittings serving on Search Committee for Director of Maintenance and Renovations in Physical Plant

Staff Senate Services & Facilities Committee Questions fielded from constituents and answers provided from Mark Watkins:

1. Lights in Floyd Garage, 2nd floor south side near Natatorium are out and could pose a safety concern [Watkins, Mark Jason]
   a. Gary Becker, Parking Director had his team look into this concern. Any lights that were out were fixed by December 2nd. Thanks for bringing this to our attention.

2. “I was wondering about Preston Street safety... Cars fly thru there.. so worried someone is going to get hit in the crosswalk between the Novak building and Baxter building.... Is there any way we could have a nice crosswalk like at UofL hospital with yellow flashers, etc... I would love it if that part of Preston was closed (between Muhammad Ali and Chestnut)... but I know that is impossible LOL!” The constituent indicates they work at the Dental School and had this also to say: “This is a high foot traffic area. A lot of people (patients, students, staff, faculty, etc.) use this area to cross from the buildings on one side of Preston to get to the buildings on the other side of Preston. It is a very hazardous area and cars do drive pretty fast through there. They recently made road repairs in front of the school and repaved it but they did not repaint the stripes on the road where the crosswalk is located. That seems to have made it worse because drivers do not notice the crosswalk area, especially without the painted stripes.” [Watkins, Mark Jason]
   a. We are in the process to reposition one more sign. Messer, Contractor is in charge of that. The stripping still needs to be done by the city (if it has not already been done). We asked Metro government to assist us with putting pressure on the city. Once these two things are done it will create a safer environment. These are priority items for us and we will stay on top of them until it’s done.