A Resolution Urging Facilities Management and Residential Facilities to Build More Bike Parking On-Campus

Whereas the Residence Hall Association (RHA) is the governing body for all on-campus students, and

Whereas the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) has achieved Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) “Gold Status” by the U.S. Green Building Council, and

Whereas currently, UMCP only builds bike parking to maintain this status, and

Whereas this leads to a demonstrable lack of bike parking, and

Whereas as a result of this lack in parking, many students lock their bikes onto trees, benches, railings, and other structures, and

Whereas the Department of Transportation Services (DOTS) must remove these bikes if they are not attached to designated bicycle parking areas, and

Whereas students become frustrated with DOTS for impounding their bicycles, and DOTS itself has found it difficult to keep pace with the illegal bicycle parking, and

Whereas the administration of UMCP, with multiple student interest groups, has encouraged the use of bicycles on-campus as a sustainable alternative to driving, and

Whereas to encourage bikers on-campus, there must be the infrastructure to support it,

Therefore Be It Resolved that RHA urges Facilities Management and Residential Facilities to build enough bike parking to accommodate 20% of each new building’s occupancy, and

Be It Further Resolved of that amount of bike parking, 20% should be covered outside or in the building itself,

Be It Finally Resolved that RHA, through its committees, will collaborate with the aforementioned departments to encourage this practice during the implementation of the Strategic Housing Plan.

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