

Transportation & Parking Committee
October 12, 2011 Minutes
Parking Services Satellite Office (Perry Street Parking Garage)

Members Present:

Ladd Brown, Angelo Colon, Dennis Gehrt, Bruce Harper, Lyndsay McKeever, Steve Mouras, Emily Satterwhite, Patricia Williams

Members Absent:

Wendell Flinchum, Spencer Joslin, Achla Marathe, Richard McCoy, David Russell

Attendees:

Joey Albert (for Flinchum), Penny Mills (for McCoy)

Agenda:

Report from Commission on University Support:

In Spencer's absence, Steve chaired the meeting. The committee introduced themselves and Steve gave a brief overview of the T&P Committee.

The CUS report was tabled until the November meeting.

Setting year's agenda: 2nd Appeals Committee bylaws; other suggestions:

In the dialogue of setting the committee's agenda for the year, Patricia Williams, the 2011 Employee of the Year for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, brought up several items from her constituency:

- Bicycles on campus / bicycles on pedestrian paths:
Bicycle accidents are not on the rise; the September minutes were corrected to reflect that fact. The balance between rider freedom and pedestrian safety was discussed as was the possibility of dismount zones in congested areas.
- Derring Lot / West Campus Drive (WCD) intersection issues involving traffic and vehicle / pedestrian harmony during the morning / evening commute:
It was mentioned that monitoring the intersection did not warrant the presence of an officer; VDOT had adjusted the WCD traffic signal; the installation of a crosswalk on Perry or WCD would not necessarily change pedestrian behavior.
- The multi-modal Derring Lot facility and parking availability:
Future parking options include the Perry garage; the number of F/S spaces in the nearby area will stay intact at the expense of student parking spaces.
- CRC Parking Permit concerns:
CRC permit holders currently have liberal campus parking privileges and one of the important questions raised here was whether or not the subsidy should be increased for the CRC permit. It was suggested that the subject of increasing the CRC subsidy be offered up for debate in the Faculty Senate.
- Fees for summer camp attendees:
It was announced that there would be parking fees assessed for summer camp attendees beginning in the summer of 2012.
- Vendor parking options:
It was mentioned that Parking Services (PS) offers the Vendor Business Contractor (VBC) tag with daily, quarterly, semi-annual, and annual purchase options.

- **Football parking revenue explanation:**
The revenue generated by renting parking spaces to Athletics during home football games goes to PS; the current \$3 / space deal nets PS over \$200k / year and the rent goes up to \$5 / space in 2013.
- **Northern Virginia / Falls Church parking complexities:**
One of the issues for VT employees at the northern Virginia (NoVa) campuses is that existing parking facilities are often on leased (non-VT-owned) property which translates into fee-based parking arrangements. Another complication for new NoVa employees as well as VT newbies is the fact that the delivery of the new employee parking permit and / or the “temporary” parking tag may be delayed.
- **Scooters (not motorcycles) in parking spaces:**
Scooter drivers are encouraged to park in the vicinity of bicycle racks; some scooters are parked in regular parking spaces. It was suggested that this may be an equity matter: scooter drivers may be exercising their right to park where full-sized motorcycles are allowed to park.

2nd Appeals Committee bylaw review:

Due to time constraints, the meeting moved onto the bicycling on campus item.

Report from VT PD on cycling on campus:

It was reported that the emphasis on bicycle registration during student check-in was very successful. The VT PD is in favor of allowing bicycles on campus in a shared-pathway arrangement.

Bicycle education programs / Alternative Transportation Update:

The points were brought up during this discussion:

- Alternative transportation includes biking, walking, skateboarding and there is a pamphlet available that outlines the alternative transportation guidelines.
- Warning tickets are being issued in an attempt to educate riders and skaters.
- The “ride etiquette” program is designed to demonstrate bicycle safety on and around campus.
- Student bicycles are not allowed in buildings; faculty and staff may house their bikes inside according to building and supervisor allowances.
- The Patton Hall racks are the first covered rack facility.
- Pedestrian / rider interaction in any dismount zone can be problematic
- Future bike rack installation: sites and appearance are subject to approval

Vice Chair vote:

Steve urged committee members to consider the role of vice chair.