

Transportation & Parking Committee (TPC)
21 April 2014 Minutes
Third Floor Conference Room, Holtzman Alumni Center

Members present:

Ladd Brown, Virgilio Centeno, Gregory Fansler, Bruce Harper, Kasey Richardson, Patricia Williams

Members absent:

Kevin Foust, Leon Geyer, Kathy Hosig, Mackenzie Jarvis, Richard McCoy, Ben Poe,

Agenda and minutes:

The 17 February 2014 minutes were approved.

Parking and Transportation (P&T) update:

McCoy was absent and there was no P&T update.

Virginia Tech Police Department (VTPD) update:

Foust was absent and there was not VTPD update.

Election of Chair & Vice Chair:

Fansler was nominated and was elected unanimously. Leon Geyer was nominated and elected unanimously.

Perry Street Parking Garage Parking Services Office closure:

Fansler introduced an e-mail from Poe regarding constituents' concerns about the closure of the Parking Services Office in the Perry Street Parking Garage. Subsequent discussion involved the logistics of obtaining parking permits from one central office and gaining parking permissions (green lighting or green logging) during off-hours.

Fansler submitted three issues / questions to McCoy; McCoy's responses are indented:

1) We discussed Ben's note this morning in our TPC meeting and would like some clarification about the Perry Street Office. Currently it is being used as alternative transportation, correct? We empathize with the non-standard work hour employee and contractor grievance. Is it possible to have the employee in Perry Street issue permits? It was also noted that the 7AM office hour cannot always be counted on from the Chicken Hill office – we lifted this up as an observation. Patricia noted that the Green Light designation is an option but it is not available in the morning hours for her department because the office is not open yet. Also related to this topic, if tickets are being issued at 7AM, or in some places 24/7, but permits cannot be obtained during the non-traditional work hours is this fair?

1. We have in the past tried to have a full service office in the Perry Street location. The last year we were open there we had an average of 2.5 customers per day. We can't afford to operate that office for so few customers we have to

operate under the university cash handling procedure which requires two people there at all times we are open selling permits. Keeping that office open was not fiscally sound or efficient. The same was true for the office on Research Center Drive for a number of years we opened at 7:00 AM after looking at that for one full year the same decision was made. We had an average of 1 customer per day between 7:00 AM and 8:00 AM. People that need to green-log outside of office hours can do so through the Police Department just call 1-6411 and they can take care of it.

2) Kasey revisited the TA parking in the Perry Lot and wondered if there was any follow up converting these spots to Graduate parking. We understand your department continually audits parking demand and supply – during this audit has the need been determined to alter those spots when they were not heavily used, particularly in the Fall semester?

2. We are looking at the TA spaces and most likely will make that change before the next school year.

3) Finally, have you received confirmation from Sherwood's [Sherwood Wilson, Vice President for Administration] office that the new Appeals Committee structure has been amended to support Parking Service's efforts beginning in the Fall semester? If not, how can we support your efforts?

3. Sherwood has the request and I don't think it will be a problem. I should hear from that soon.

Constituent Reports:

There were no constituent reports except for Richardson's Teaching Assistant parking spaces question (#2 above).

This is the last meeting of the 2013—2014 academic year. 2014—2015 meetings will likely continue in the 3rd Floor Conference Room in the Holtzman Alumni Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Ladd Brown
Recorder