

Transportation & Parking Committee (TPC)
22 October 2012 Minutes
Parking Services (PS) Satellite Office Perry Street Parking Garage

Members present:

Ladd Brown, Nicole Capella, Gregory Fansler, Bruce Harper, Richard McCoy, Steve Mouras, Ben Poe, Tom Wortalik

Members absent:

Virgilio Centeno, Ioannis Kokkinidis, Wendell Flinchum, Emily Satterwhite, Patricia Williams

Attendees:

Joey Albert (for Flinchum)

Agenda and minutes:

There were no additions to the October agenda and the September minutes were approved as written.

Quick review of “Parking Regulations document to be presented to Board of Visitors (BOV):

The document was publicly reviewed by the TPC and commented upon and will be voted on by the BOV Buildings and Grounds Committee during their November 4-5, 2012 meeting.

Parking and Transportation update:

Mouras announced that:

- Transportation and Parking is now Transportation and Campus Services (TCS) [<http://www.tcs.vt.edu/>]
- Richard McCoy, Associate Director of Parking and Fleet Services, will be the Interim Director of TCS
- Steve Mouras will be the Director of Transportation Planning in the Office of University Planning-Architecture (OUP)

The question of an OUP representative on the TPC was endorsed by the committee; Wortalik and Harper will attend to any legislative and parliamentary proceedings required by the University Council and/or the Commission on University Support.

Virginia Tech Police Department update:

Albert gave an overview of traffic-related reports received since September 16th:

- four bike-vehicle incidents
- four other incidents involving either a vehicle, bike, pedestrian and/or skateboarder
- 17 citations were issued, along with 20 warnings

The October 20th bike-vehicle accident at the Prices Fork Road crosswalk with the strobe warning signal was discussed.

There were no constituent group reports.

Discussion item – towing for football games:

McCoy outlined the TCS notification procedures regarding parking on campus during football games and described the challenges inherent in monitoring those situations:

- A general football parking message is broadcast to the campus community once a semester; it is repeated in the VT News the week prior to the contest; and iterated multiple times on game day

- There is a last-warning attempt to contact permit holders in jeopardy of having their vehicles towed using contact information in their permit account
- These measures are effective: towing has decreased over the last ten to twelve years

McCoy mentioned that there are six contributor lots that have numbered spaces and that prior to game day, the control of these lots is given over to the Virginia Tech Department of Athletics.

Other discussion points related to football parking were:

- TCS has no plans to do their own towing
- Any future re-start of a VT-operated shuttle bus service would have to be initiated by athletics
- The issue of football players parking their vehicles adjacent to Stadium Woods is under review; efforts have been made to minimize the impact of that parking

Discussion item – effective dates for parking changes:

McCoy explained to the committee that, if there was a change in the status of a parking space on campus:

- Yellow informational signs would be posted two weeks prior to the change
- Warnings would be issued in lieu of citations for the first two weeks after the change

It was mentioned that parking meters on campus would be phased out.

Discussion item – charging summer camp / event attendees a parking fee:

McCoy gave the committee the highlights and lowlights of the summer occupant parking fee story. Briefly, the administration does not think that the complaints received about the program outweigh any revenues generated by it.