

Transportation and Parking Committee Meeting Minutes 11/19/09

Last meeting: Decided to explore CRC parking policy and if we wanted to revise it.

This Meeting: CRC Policy

- Joe from CRC came to update us on what the policy is.
- CRC is a for-profit research facility affiliated with Virginia Tech
- Outside of university system from a state funding standpoint, but part of the university
- CRCs employees are issued IDs to prove their affiliation with VT
- Hokie Passports issued to employees, pay \$13.45 per card per year, plus \$15 per year
- Issued to 477 employees who are non-affiliates of Virginia Tech. VT employees and students are not eligible.
- 20% of Hokie Passport fee is for parking (out of over \$6000)
- CRC shuttle runs every 15 minutes back and forth from the library to the CRC
- Issue with VT employees parking at the CRC and riding the bus to campus
- The CRC is required to provide even more parking than the town of Blacksburg.
- The CRC does not monitor parking
- There are no parking permits required at the CRC, but on campus all spots require permits. A Hokie Passport is required to apply for a campus permit.
- Steve Mouras notes that it costs between \$50,000-\$60,000 a year for CRC employees to ride the BT.
- When asked how many VT employees are parking inappropriately at the CRC, Joe says he can only tell by the completely full parking lots
- 746 parking permits are issued to non-affiliates out of 1100 employees

It is suggested that perhaps a different hangtag could be designed for VT employees to set them apart from non-affiliates, which would solve CRC's issue of monitoring.

After Joe leaves, short discussion regarding a possible cost of charging for the permits to break even- about \$15 for the service of producing, issuing, and managing 700+ permits to CRC.

Committee decides that it is not interested in exploring a change to this policy and would rather explore the issue of visitor parking.

Visitor Parking:

- Visitors park for free on campus, heavily subsidized by administration and fees from students and faculty permits
- Could potentially charge visitors \$2 to \$5 to break even

- Upper administration is not interested in a change to this policy as it could be offputting to visitors
- It is suggested that we could explore charging different amounts for the number of times a visitor parks on campus, and not charge one-time visitors that only park once.
- It is suggested that we could use a part of a visitor parking fee to fund initiatives on campus, such as sustainability initiatives or the library

It is agreed upon that the committee will further discuss a potential fee and what it could fund at next month's meeting.