

Monthly TPC Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2024 | Meeting called to order by A.J. Prussin

In Attendance

A.J. Prussin, Carrie Cox, Diane Agud, Nick Quint, Kayla Dean, April Williams, Pam Tate, Brock Burroughs, Carrie Mayer, Lydia Qualls Jonathan Bradley, Alan Munshower, Joseph Cooley, James McClain, Brian Booth and Michael Dunn

New Business

Q.-Updates since last meeting (Carrie Cox)

- Parking will not remove any leased spaces from the research areas.
- The university is now enforcing Policy 5005. Scooters, skateboards, and other items with batteries cannot be stored inside a building. There are modified bike racks on campus for skateboards or scooters to be locked.
- Parking will be removing the signage on campus for carpool spaces, they will revert to C/G or F/S. Carpool permits will be able to be purchased online by sending in form.
- Parking will meet with the foundation about reconfiguring the NEG, to make it easier for all users. Compact car signs have been updated externally and internally, based on the feedback. Parking has talked with Cooks Counseling Center; they decided not to have dedicated spaces in NEG. Students will continue to park on the seventh level. Another topic was a sign outside of NEG with information on the availability of spaces. The latest quote stated it would be a little over \$10,000, just for the sign. At this time this will not be pursued as the cost would go directly to permit pricing.
- Parking will continue to monitor the dining halls and are rotating through more during lunch time. Carrie Cox explained parking is looking to hire at least 6 students for the fall and position them at the dining facilities. They will not be issuing citation, but as educators. The Owens lot has gotten worst, not better.
- Carrie Cox informed everyone that half the Squires lot would be offline after commencement, due to a sewer project. It was delayed last summer. Additionally, when there are events Graham Smith reaches out to GLC.
- Parking services has updated Parkmobile. It states that students cannot park in F/S.
- Parking Services is looking to increase citations for ADA, escalating scale of repeat offenders, and a fee for no show scheduled second appeals.

Q.- Transportation & Parking Committee role and operation (AJ Prussin)

- Before any changes are made or communicate to the broader university members, TPC should be informed first.
- TPC will elect a secretary next year that will handle the minutes and setting up the meetings.
- AJ, Carrie, and Pam are meeting with April Myers about the operation of TPC and to discuss if additional bylaws need to be written.

Q.-Parking concerns near Perry & D&DS and Prices Fork

- Diane Agud brought up a concern that when individuals are crossing Prices Fork, the crosswalk “walk” signal coincides with the green light for West Campus Drive, including the right turning lane. This makes it dangerous for the walker.
 - Michael Dunn explained if you change one light it changes the whole corridor. (Prices Fork)
 - Nick Quint suggested a leading pedestrian interval for the walk signal.
 - Michael Dunn said this would be a good solution. The traffic light would be red and the crosswalk signal would be a walk option for a few seconds before the light turns green. This gives the pedestrian time to get into the crosswalk. Michael will work with Town of Blacksburg on this.
- Diana Agud brought up a concern that there was no pedestrian crossing near DD&S where cars are turning from Prices Fork Rd onto Campus. Students are crossing between Godwin Hall and DD&S which creates an extremely dangerous situation.
 - Michael Dunn explained that there is a property line right down the middle of entrance. They are trying to work out who does what for the crosswalk there (VT or Town of Blacksburg).

Q.-ADA permit proposal

- Lydia Qualls spoke to CEOD about the cost of a new permit; it was suggested from the COOD committee that you could have signs in front where you can park for 15min with your flashers on, with an ADA permit.
 - Carrie Cox explained even with 15 min flashers, loading, and unloading you still need a permit on campus.
- Parking services is a user-based system in which all users pay to park on campus in some manner. If we have one user that doesn’t have to pay, we will open concerns for other users.
- Lydia Qualls asked about more signs for Parkmobile near ADA spots.
 - Pam Tate stated that they will work on getting more signage.

Q.-24-hour space in Upper Stanger and 30 min loading—Mitchell Hall Construction Site Logistics Map

- Diane Agud asked about having 24 hour faculty spaces in Upper Stanger reinstated.
- Carrie Cox has a slide about the Mitchell project (attachment), which will start the Monday after commencement. Randolph Hall will be larger and parking spaces will not be returning. This area will get more complicated for this 4-year construction project. Carrie asked what the demand is for 24-hour F/S? We are not going to add 24-hour parking spaces if there is no demand.
- Diane Agud explained that some employees are working on Saturdays from 8am-8pm or 8am-10pm and it’s hard for them to find a parking spot. These faculty also leave late at night during the work week.
- Carrie Cox will look into spaces down Old Turner. There is also the option of green logging to load and unload.

Q.-Budget –Parking budget slide

- Carrie Cox stated that there has been a lot of question about Parking’s budget (attached). Parking Services budget is a little over \$8 million dollars, 50% of that is facilities.
- Jonathan Bradley asked “How long to pay off a new garage?”
 - We are still paying on Perry Street and NEG. We pay a little over \$1.5 million per garage.
 - We are getting to the end of those payments, but there is talk of another garage.

Next Meeting

May 14, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., Zoom