

Minutes

Transportation & Parking Committee

November 15, 2017

Attendees: Andi Ogier (Chair), Debbie Greer, Courtney Steele, Mac Babb, Kelly

Guests: Chris Tysor, Tracy Newton (DSA, Veterans Caucus), Crystal Kyle (Veterans Caucus), Jerry Headley (Office of Veterans Services)

Meeting called to order at 10:00am

1. Purple Heart Parking Discussion

- a. Introductions
- b. Summary of Discussion: While the Veterans groups reacted positively to the general idea of Purple Heart Parking, they also advised that it would be a largely symbolic gesture. There are only 3 self-identified Purple Heart recipients on campus, thus the space would be empty a significant amount of the time, and would take up a space (or spaces) that could be put to better use for veterans. There are other parking-related initiatives aimed at improving the lives of veterans on campus that Parking Services could explore, such as a discounted parking permit for veterans.

2. Other Business

- a. Bike Share is very close: 85 bikes in the system to start with around 8 or so stations here on campus. The other locations will be in the town of Blacksburg, Christiansburg Rec Center, and somewhere along the Huckleberry Trail. Bikes should be on the ground in early Spring.
- b. Ridership for the Campus to Campus bus (between Blacksburg and the National Capital Region) is increasing. The price is still at \$50 through the end of December.
 - i. June – 94 passengers
 - ii. July – 104 passengers
 - iii. August – 183 passengers
 - iv. September – 156 passengers
 - v. October – 268 passengers
 - vi. November – 169 (so far this month booked and/or traveled)

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00am