

# 12/12/18 Transportation & Parking Meeting

## 1:30PM Alternative Transportation Conference Room

### 1. Gina Tamburro on parking for pregnant women and or families with newborns.

Clayton spoke on Gina's behalf: They would like to see a place for pregnant women or women/families with newborns to have special reserved parking.

-He would like to see this be included in the FMLA/HR process. HR would work with Parking Services. The plan they suggested was made for faculty/staff but suggested students could also be included.

-Jeri Baker discussed some options and concerns with the idea. She said that Parking Services will not be included in the process to determine who can have these spaces. The rules must be clear on who can use these spaces.

-The next step would be to speak with HR FMLA contact to see what the next step should be.

-Clayton also wanted to get with HR and see approx. how many people per year use maternity leave.

### 2. Citation Fines and New Types:

Jeri Baker discussed adding a new citation type for tow re-locations when we have to tow a vehicle on campus. If we have a vehicle on campus and we know who the vehicle belongs to, Parking would like to re-locate the vehicle to a parking lot on campus.

-Parking Services would pay the towing agency and the student would then pay Parking Services the re-location fee.

-Jeri Baker has spoken with Legal about this and would like to use this for the upcoming football season. She said this would be more customer friendly. Parking Services currently has a off campus towing agency tow the vehicle to their off campus site. The student will pay Parking Services an unauthorized use citation and they also have to retrieve their vehicle from the towing agency and pay all tow/storage fees to the towing agency.

Jeri Baker also suggested we increase fines for the upcoming year and she handed out a proposed list of fines. Most fines will increase \$5.00. It has been 7 years since Parking Services has increased citation fees.

She wants to increase the citation fee for parking on the Turf. Parking Services currently issues Turf parking permit to allow customer access to park on the turf when approved in advance using a Turf Permit. The fee for the permit is \$50.00 and the fine for parking on the turf is only \$35.00. The citation for parking on the turf should cost more than the permit. Customers would rather take the chance and pay a \$35.00 fine as opposed to going through the approval process and paying \$50.00 for the permit.

She also is requesting that boot replacement fees go up due the increased price of the boot.

Parking Services suggested parking fines in ADA spaces should be increased. One committee member suggested parking in ADA spaces was a violation of the Honor Code at VT. \$300 was the suggested increase by some members of the committee. This will be discussed at the next meeting in January and vote.

Debra asked about Parking Services data, money collected verses not collected. Jeri Baker said we probably issue around 24,000 citations and they collected around 18,000. Parking collected \$800,000 in parking violations and that covers the cost of enforcement.

### **3. Administrivia**

A & B Andi filling in for Kim as chair.

- Kim was selected as the chair for this year but due to some issues she is unable to serve but she will be back.
- Andi will be filling in for Kim. Debra suggested that Andi continue to serve for the year and that when Kim is able to come back she could be the co-chair or serve as back-up.
- Debra and Andi will both be rolling off next year.
- Maggie will be added as a member
- Pam Tate from Parking Services and Carol Bishop from Fleet Services have both been added to the meetings. Pam is the current manager for Parking Services and Carol is the manager for Fleet and currently Alt. Trans.

C. Spring meeting time.

- Wed at 10:30 am suggested time on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **4. Open Call for Reports:**

Police Dept. advised increase in Bicycle/Pedestrian accidents on campus. Bicycles use cross walks, sidewalks, etc. and have caused accidents that resulted in calling rescue.

In the coming months, need to speak with SGA on this issue.

Carol Bishop suggested need for a bicycle sub-committee. She said we are constantly re-educating new students.

VT campus and Town of Blacksburg have different bicycle laws.

Bike lanes present allot of challenges.

Alt. Transp. has a new manager starting January 2<sup>nd</sup> and this may be a good project for him.

Student rep. on committee suggested students be required to take something interactive such as a quiz before obtaining bicycle permit. This will be one way to educate students.

Most problems are with personal owned bicycles on campus.

VT PD said that enforcement for bikes is also a big challenge.

Parking Services will add a bicycle fact sheet with the inserts for parking permits.

Alt. Trans has Heads Up Hokies to educate students with all modes of travel, to make sure you are aware of your surroundings. They have sidewalk stickers all over campus.

**Open Call for Agenda Times:**

Budget-Jeri Baker.