

Transportation & Parking Committee (TPC)
23 February 2015 Minutes
Alumni Board Room, Holtzman Alumni Center

Members present:

Virgilio Centeno, Gregory Fansler, Annabelle Fuselier, Leon Geyer, Bruce Harper, Anne Marie Ihling, Richard McCoy, Drew Muscente, , Ben Poe, John Seiler

Members excused:

Kevin Faust, Hunter Pittman

Visitor:

Debby Freed, Alternative Transportation Coordinator

Agenda and minutes:

The January 26, 2015, minutes were approved.

Parking and Transportation update:

Weather – Richard reported that things are fairly under control after the recent snowfalls. He said the Facilities department and contractors did most of the work clearing parking lots. Facilities is reimbursed by Parking Services from parking fees; last year the cost for snow removal was \$42,000. Parking Services clears the roofs of the parking decks and does pitch in to help clear some of the other lots.

McCoy also said there have been some complaints about piling snow in parking spaces in some lots, but he said it is more expensive to haul it away.

The recent survey and work on the new parking master plan were discussed. McCoy said there is a short list of firms for the contract and he hopes one is chosen soon so the process can start this spring. Otherwise, some things will have to wait until the fall when students return.

Based on the results in one part of the survey about paying a reduced parking fee if parking in a satellite lot and using a shuttle bus, a pilot project is being put together. If this plan is tried, it would start with the new budget year in July. A section of the Chicken Hill lot would be set aside for this parking.

Members were asked to continue to share the survey results with their constituents and gather feedback. The committee will play a role as a go-between with the various campus groups and the company developing the master plan.

The Second Appeals committee is working wonderfully.

Virginia Tech Police Department:

No report due to the absence of Chief Foust.

Constituent Reports

None offered.

Other Comments:

Debby Freed said that Blacksburg Transit has reviewed the survey results. One area of dissatisfaction was being passed by at a stop by a full bus. BT has been working to solve this problem and the number of pass-bys has dropped.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 23 at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Harper
Recorder