

Transportation & Parking Committee (TPC)
19 September 2012 Minutes
Parking Services (PS) Satellite Office Perry Street Parking Garage

Members present:

Ladd Brown, Nicole Capella, Gregory Fansler, Bruce Harper, Richard McCoy, Steve Mouras, Ben Poe, Emily Satterwhite, Patricia Williams

Members absent:

Wendell Flinchum, Tom Wertalik

Attendees: Joey Albert (for Flinchum)

Introductions:

Harper oversaw the introductions; it was noted that the Graduate Student Assembly representative would be named soon.

Meeting times for fall semester:

The following dates were nominated as least-conflicted:

- Wednesday, October 17th
- Wednesday, November 14th
- Wednesday, December 12th

Meetings will be at the Parking Services (PS) Satellite Office Perry Street Parking Garage. Meetings will start at fifteen minutes later (10:15 am.) in order to avoid class change congestion.

Cycling on campus update:

Albert gave an overview of incident reports received during the first month of the semester (15 August – 16 September):

- three bike-vehicle accidents
- 79 bicycle traffic stops resulting in 15 citations
- 14 skateboard stops

Other discussion points included:

- prohibiting bicycles on sidewalks is a locality, not a state, option
- illegally parked bicycles, especially those hampering a stairwell or a handicapped route, are confiscated and then returned to the owner when claimed
- 30-40 new bike racks will be in place this fall

Parking and transportation update:

Mouras apprised the committee on these current developments:

- Turner Street Garage
 - owned by VT Foundation; managed by PS
 - opening late December / early January
 - 800 Faculty / Staff spaces; public spaces will be available
 - will house some of the Southgate administrative offices
 - will support the Center for the Arts and upper quad parking needs
- Multi-modal Transit Facility (MMTF)
 - will sit on Perry Street instead of the Derring Lot
 - will accommodate up to 14 buses
 - will be a multi-purpose building; probably oval or oblong in shape
 - Perry Street will be closed off to public use
- 460 interchange improvement project

Follow-up discussion included:

- plans (in design phase) for implementing a greenway to alleviate Drillfield congestion
- the unlikelihood of any parking structure on or near the Squires lot in the near future
- VT police and emergency management moving into the Southgate administrative building

McCoy added that there had been a number of parking lots overlaid, sealed, and painted this summer. He also mentioned that there would be no structure built on the Cage Lot and that the cornfield behind the Cage would be a site for future Commuter / Graduate / Resident parking.

In that parking lot discussion, it was mentioned that the current permit-to-parking space ratio was about 18,000 permits to 16,034 spaces, which is an all-time high for parking spaces.

Board of Visitors (BOV) formal review of Parking Services Regulations:

Public review of any institutional documentation that will be codified or otherwise presented as a source of authority is a BOV governance requirement.

In that light, Mouras asked the committee to review the PS regulations which he distributed. The October minutes will reflect any discussion on that matter

Other business:

These issues were raised during general question-and-answer exchange:

- the possibility, currently not supported by senior administrators, of raising additional revenue by charging parking fees for summer camp / summer program attendees
- Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center (CRC) topics:
 - there are about 500 CRC permits issued at \$3 / permit
 - re-examining CRC's contribution to Blacksburg Transit (BT) operations
- there is no increase anticipated in the foreseeable future for Faculty / Staff permit rates
- the Parking Appeals Committee is running smoothly; Graham Smith may attend a future TPC meeting to give a report