Transportation & Parking Committee

September 14, 2011 Minutes

Parking Services Satellite Office (Perry Street Parking Garage)

Members Present: Spencer Joslin, Steve Mouras, Richard McCoy, Ladd Brown, Dennis Gehrt, Pat Williams, Bruce Harper, Angelo Colon

Guest Attendees (g)/Substitute Members (s): Jim Tokuhisa (Commission on University Support) (s)

Members Absent: Lyndsay McKeever, Emily Satterwhite, David Russell, Wendell Flinchum

Agenda:

Meeting times set by e-mail:

October 12th – 11am-12pm

November 16th – 11am-12pm

December 7th – 11am-12pm

Steve Mouras - Updates & new information:

Steve presented a brief history of the Transportation & Parking Committee (TPC) and overview of the charge:

- Assist Transportation & Parking (TP) in being forward-thinking
- Participate in the policy-and-procedure process
- Communicate with constituencies (ask about concerns, etc.)

Steve, with additional input from Richard McCoy, presented a complete overview and update of current and recent TP developments, including:

- TP's Active Commute Celebration tent on the Drillfield for Sustainability Week
- construction of the basketball practice facility surface lot
- solar-powered LED vacancy / full counting signage for the Perry Street Garage
- Perry Street Garage security, with a mention of campus security camera initiatives
- bicycle parking spaces (4K now); the bicycle policy's permissions for skate-boarders
- the Prices Fork / North Main Street two-lane roundabout
- the Virginia Tech airport runway build-out

- construction of a formal entrance to the CRC; impact on existing Dairy Science structure(s)
- US 460 / Southgate Drive overpass project; 4-to-5 year timeline
- the construction of a multi-modal transit facility in the Derring Lot footprint; scheduled for 2014; facets include: alternative transportation, bus, bike and bike repair, SmartWay.
- a discussion of area transit concerns and issues:

Amtrak's Lynchburg-to-Washington demonstration route

the SmartWay connector to Lynchburg

Radford-Virginia Tech bus service

Wendell/PD rep – Cycling on campus – how the start of the semester is going:

Steve and Richard mentioned to the committee that bicycle safety is a concern on campus. This led to a general discussion of vehicle safety on campus.

Begin Review of 2nd Appeals Committee Structure/rules/procedures:

Richard remarked that Virginia Tech issues 26K parking tickets per year. He gave the committee some background on the 2nd Appeals Committee. Documents for future discussion were distributed via e-mail.

Other:

Steve answered questions and led a discussion of the options for charging for parking privileges on campus.

Action Items:

None