

Transportation & Parking Committee Notes

April 21 2011

Attendees: Steve Mouras, Penny Mills (for Richard McCoy) Marie Paretti, Lora Cavuoto (for Leslie O'Brien), Dennis Gehrt, Tom Wertalik, Angelo Colon, Aaron Maertins, Wendell Flinchum

Approval of Minutes from December 2010 – Approved

Resolution Update – Parking Services & Athletics along with the assistance of the Budget office have come to a mutually beneficial agreement that accomplishes the mitigation of parking permit increases, gives parking the opportunity to operate on a true cost recovery basis. The work of our committee as well as the conversations through many university governance outlets helped push support for this accomplishment.

- Ticket revenue currently averages 900k a year
- Permits make up the remainder and average 4.3 million
- Parking has taken on more expense but without increase in ticket revenue permits have to offset the increased costs to operate
- In addition to this retiree passes represent approx. 150k in expenses that aren't recovered
- Cost of permits for next year will increase in the following areas
 - F/S – 2%
 - Commuter – 6%
 - Resident – 19%
- Athletics will now rent parking spaces on Game days with a graduated rental rate of 3\$, 4\$ and 5\$ over the next few years.
- In addition Parking will now operate the Public parking as well

Multi-Modal Transit Facility

- A centralized location for busses and patrons to utilize campus transit systems as well as a central hub for alternative transportation, a business location for BT, waiting area...etc.
- This will decrease the congestion on the drill field during class changes; give our customers a place to ask questions regarding BT operations and get further information about all transportation on campus.
- <http://www.facilities.vt.edu/tcs/mmtf.asp> - for more info

Bicycles on Campus

- VTPD and Alternative transportation will be offering more educational information & sessions to educate students on the university bike policies
- To date there have still been no reports to VTPD of accidents between pedestrians & cyclists
- The main crux of this conversation is its more of an educational issue

- Please send any educational information or ideas how to get that information to the student populous to Wendell Flinchum (examples: Facebook page for riders, iPhone app, signage at all the bike racks that is non-intrusive)
- VTPD noted the most concern is bikers coming off sidewalks onto roadways and getting hit by other cyclists or motorists
- We are short on bike racks on campus – between current orders & grant from SGA there will be between 10-15 new bike racks added this summer.
- Debbie Day is working on handout that goes with Alternative transportation in relation to bike policy, benefits of registering bikes..etc

Summary of Year

- Due to the changes made in relation to parking & athletics and the use of parking spaces on game days our resolution was rendered to be backup material as an agreement has been reached
- Resolution on special events was put on hold pending possible changes over the summer that would negate this resolution. Depending on the status of Parking's ability to recover costs from campus & such we will revisit next year.
- Elections – We deferred elections given that we will not have some of the appointed numbers until first Staff & Senate meetings – elections will be held at the first meeting between September & October depending on schedules & appointees...etc. Spencer will be returning for next year as Chair & will work with Parking to setup first meeting & subsequent meetings.
- Thank you everyone for your hard work this year I believe this was very beneficial for the university & those who reside here. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Spencer Joslin – sjoslin@vt.edu – 540-231-5266