MINUTES (approved February 3, 1997)

TRANSPORTATION and PARKING COMMITTEE December 2, 1996

Present: Pat Ballard, Jean Eversole, Lisa Furjanic, Cindy Harrison, Curtis Lynch, Ann Spencer, J.B. Sutphin, Terry Wildman, Widget Shannon, Ed Davis, Gene Reed, Mike Jones and two guests representing the Motorcycle Club - Jake Davis and Mark Collette

The meeting of the Transportation and Parking Committee was called to order by chair, Pat Ballard.

Approval of November 4, 1996 minutes: On motion by Terry Wildman, seconded by Lisa Furjanic the minutes were unanimously approved by those present.

BUSINESS

High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Commuter Parking: Lisa Furjanic reported that news releases have been out and a sign is going up at the lot entrance informing people that it will be a HOV lot effective spring semester.

BT Advisory Committee report: Lisa Furjanic reported that the BT will be discontinuing late night runs on Thursday's due to lack of ridership. Additional trolley service to Christiansburg is being considered and a vote will be taken next month.

Request for street sign: A request was received to identify the road that runs between the Fralin Biotechnology Ctr and the back of Seitz and Hutcheson. This street is access for Dietrick Dining Hall, the back of AJ dorm, Slusser Dorm, the Soil Testing Lab and Copy Center II. Giving directions has been difficult. The request was forwarded to J. B. Sutphin and work is underway to properly name the road.

Signage in Cage Lot: Curtis Lynch reported that metal signs (12 x 18) will be installed on the fence to identify each row of the Cage Lot. Karen Wilson in the Architects office is working on a more permanent design.

Short Term Parking Request: A request for a short term parking space was received and will be forwarded to Curtis Lynch for further action. This is for a space in back of Hutcheson Hall for users of the Soil Testing Lab and Copy Center II. Request for marked spaces are handled on an individual basis by Parking Services. Curtis will look into the demand for a short term drop off space.

Motorcycle Parking on Campus: A request had been received by the Virginia Tech Motorcycle Club to consider converting some space to motorcycle parking. This space not currently being used for regular vehicle parking. Representatives of the Club have met with Curtis Lynch and J. B. Sutphin and have looked at several spots that could be used for motorcycle parking. The Club representatives will meet with Curtis to review maps and identify spaces. It was suggested that the motorcycle parking areas be added to the Virginia Tech parking maps the next time they are printed.
Special Purpose Housing Request for limited parking: A request was received to allow residents of Special Purpose Housing to park in back of Owens (marked f/s 24 hrs. Per day) to go to the Food Court and pick up their meals. These students purchase a meal plan. The plan currently being tested is to allow vehicles with the Special Purpose Housing Hang Tag to park (short term) in the Owens low while students pick up their meals. Most meals are take out orders. So far this solution is working well.

Request for additional TA parking in Litton Reaves: Curtis Lynch, Mike Jones, and Gene Reed will work with the Graduate School on this request.

J.B. Sutphin shared a note with the committee requesting additional parking be made available behind the east stands of Lane Stadium. This is the wooded area. It was agreed in the meeting that this area should not be used as parking for several reasons - it is an environmental area (contains a stand of prime hardwood trees), it is a buffer between the town and campus, it is an area used by the Corps. Parking availability will increase (in the Southgate area) when the construction is finished on the track area.

There will be no meeting of this Committee in January. The scheduled date is during break. The next regular meeting of the committee will be February 3, 1997.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Ballard for Becky Brim

CONFIRMED: The Transportation and Parking Committee will meet the first Monday of each month in 400D Burruss Hall from 4 to 5 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting, Monday, February 3, 1997.

To Do List:

1. Feedback on the HOV lot - Curtis and Lisa 2. Motorcycle parking - Club, Curtis, J.B 3. TA parking - Graduate school & Curtis, Mike and Gene

To keep the Committee focused and as a reminder of the purpose the following will always be a part of the monthly minutes.
Transportation and Parking Committee

Members are selected from a cross section of the university population (faculty, staff, students, and parking administration) to be informed regarding the transportation and parking function and when appropriate to express special needs or problems for their constituents. Members of the committee should also be briefed on significant changes and future plans regarding transportation and parking systems and rules. Members of the committee may make recommendations regarding transportation and parking.

Recommendations should first be made to the parking manager and subsequently to the Commission on University Support if deemed appropriate.

Meetings are called at the discretion of the committee chair to discuss issues and to be updated by transportation and parking representatives.