MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION and PARKING COMMITTEE
November 4, 1996

Present: Pat Ballard, Becky Brim, Jean Eversole, Lisa Furjanic, Cindy Harrison, Curtis Lynch, Deborah Mayo, Ann Spencer, J.B. Sutphin, Terry Wildman, guest Scott Hurst, and two additional student guests who wanted to observe the meeting for a class project.

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

Announcements: Pat expressed appreciation for those attending the meeting and coordinating agenda items.

Approval of October 7, 1996 minutes: On motion by J.B. Sutphin, seconded by Cindy Harrison the minutes were unanimously approved by those present.

Copies of the following handouts were available to the Committee Members:
* Memorandum, June 22, 1996 from Minnis Ridenour to Ann Spencer indicating the 1996-97 Budget for the Parking Auxiliary
* From Curtis Lynch, a one-page study reflecting what other institutions charge for parking.

OLD BUSINESS

Saunders Hall Parking Lot - after investigating and observing the traffic use of this lot with key individuals, Mike Jones, J.B. Sutphin and Curtis Lynch, it was recommended that Saunders Parking Lot remain as is.

Hillcrest and Main Campbell - Curtis Lynch had communicated with Dr. Jack Dudley, University Honors Program, and discussed the parking for the honor and older students. For present the parking will remain as is and if necessary review later as to whether to continue the privilege to park in the commuter parking lots.

SGA Concerns presented by Lisa Furjanic: In October Lisa gave detail information on the Resolution on Resident Access to Special Purpose Housing - Commission on Student Affairs. After discussion with Curtis, Jean, Pat and Mike Jones this issue is resolved. There is an alternative route for accessing this Special Purpose Housing during athletic or high volume traffic events.

High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Commuter Parking: Ann Spencer addressed this issue and indicated the willingness of the University to endorse this effort as a pilot program from January until the Spring Break as to feasibility, how well the HOV Parking is working and whether the program would continue. Lisa confirmed that the SGA would work with Parking Services to get this in place. Lisa shared
how the HOV Commuter Parking would be advertised (signage, SGA Council, Collegiate Times, Spectrum, Roanoke Times, etc.). The HOV Commuter Parking would be established in the middle of the old Faculty and Staff B-Lot on Perry Street. Two or more persons would be required to be in a vehicle. There is one entrance to the lot and will be monitored Monday through Friday.

Athletics (Football Parking in Litton Reaves) compensating Parking Services: Ann Spencer stated that the Athletic Department does not pay any funds to the Parking Auxiliary for any athletic events; however, the Athletic Department does help with direct cleanup of the parking lots, trash barrels, etc. after sporting events. No other offices or departments are charged when special events are held on campus.

Concern of possible increase in parking fees: Ann Spencer shared that based on what she knows at this point in time the university DOES NOT anticipate an increase in the 1997-98 parking fee. Final approval by the Board of Visitors typically occurs in April or May.

NEW BUSINESS

Parking Deck: Ann Spencer presented a very informative session on the future of parking needs for the university and the need of the university officials to take a long hard look to the possibility of a parking deck. Mr. Scott Hurst from the Office of the University Architect gave a presentation as to possible location of a parking deck and responded to questions from the committee. However, the Parking and Transportation Committee has no recommendation at this time to force a revisit of this issue of a parking deck. (Concerns of engineering, too many unknowns, hard financial issues as to 12 to 15 thousand per space, etc. are influences in a decision for a parking deck that would need to be resolved.)

Transit Advisory Committee: A committee consisting of Blacksburg Town representatives and the Blacksburg Transit is in place, Ann Spencer would like to see a linkage with this Committee and the Parking and Transportation Committee. At present Lisa Furjanic is a member and can also serve as our representative to the Transit Advisory Committee. Lisa agreed to be the liaison.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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, December 2, 1996.
To Do List:


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.