Minutes

TRANSPORTATION and PARKING COMMITTEE
October 7, 1996

Approved November 4, 1996

Present: Pat Ballard, Becky Brim, Jean Eversole, Lisa Furjanic, Cindy Harrison, Curtis Lynch, Deborah Mayo, Carl Polan, Widget Shannon, J.B. Sutphin,

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, etc.

Approval of May 9, 1996 minutes: On motion by J.B. Sutphin, seconded by Cindy Harrison the minutes were unanimously approved by those present.

Approval of September 16, 1996 minutes: On motion by Jean Eversole, seconded by J.B. Sutphin these the minutes were unanimously approved by those present.

Copies of the following handouts were available to the Committee Members:
Huckleberry Trail note from Curtis Lynch
SGA Concerns
Resolution on Resident Access to Special Purpose Housing
Resolution on Commuter Parking
Copy of approved 1995-96 Parking Auxiliary Budget
Official Listing of Transportation and Parking Committee

NEW BUSINESS

Huckleberry Trail Note from Curtis Lynch: The Huckleberry Trail is expected to officially open somewhere between mid-October - December. It is not known what impact this will have on parking in certain areas. The critical access areas of concern presently are the Library Storage Building Lot and the Health and Safety/Tennis Pavillion parking lots. Other areas of concern are the Dairy Science and Heathwood. For more detail regarding this issue please refer to handout. All visitors have free parking. The issue is not knowing the number of visitors who park on campus will be using the trail. It is suggested that primarily users of the Huckleberry Trail be issued long-term visitor parking passes with semester renewal along with erecting signs to indicate that users of the Trail must display a parking permit.

SGA Concerns presented by Lisa Furjanic: On behalf of the Virginia Tech Student Government Association Lisa gave detail on the Commuter Parking Resolution. After much discussion it was agreed that Lisa, Curtis, Widget, Mike Jones and Pat would meet and bring back to the Committee recommendation(s) for action.
Lisa also gave detailed information on the Resolution on Resident Access to Special Purpose Housing - Commission on Student Affairs. After discussion, Jean Eversole recommended and with Committee approval that Lisa, Curtis, Jean, Pat and Mike Jones to meet prior to the November meeting to see how and if the University can provide fair and free access for residents of Special Purpose Housing and their personal vehicles at all conceivable times as determined best by the Parking and Transportation Committee.

Blacksburg Transit Ridership and other vehicle stats: A comment from the previous meeting prompted the following stats from Curtis Lynch.

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Since July 1, 1992 the number of bikes that are registered on campus 4,630. There are 331 bike racks that hold 15 bikes each for a total of 4,965 bikes. Daily there are approximately 90 motorcycles that park on campus.

Concern of possible increase in parking fees: Cindy Harrison asked the Committee if there has been any information received or rumored about an increase in the parking fees. At this time, there is no information regarding a fee increase for 1997-98. Typically, the Office of Budget and Financial Planning makes recommendation to the Board of Visitors regarding any increase or decrease of any fees that are imposed on the students, faculty and staff. The process to increase tuition and fees along with an increase to Parking is a long process and is done after much study and comparison with other Virginia Schools and peer institutions. The Board of Visitors approves or denies any fee changes. Any fee increases are usually known by May 1.

Parking Budget: A copy of the 1995-96 Parking Auxiliary Budget was made available to the Committee minutes. Chair, Pat Ballard will try to get a copy of the 1996-97 budget. It was noted that the 1995-96 Budget only indicated expenses, a copy of projected revenues were not available.

Parking Deck: This item postponed to the November meeting due to the conflict of the University Council meeting simultaneously as this meeting and the absence of Ann Spencer.

OLD BUSINESS

Personnel handling of faculty/staff IDs for students in the Summer: Ann Spencer. Pat shared a note from Patty Carver explaining Personnel Services procedures. The response was: Students are not provided a F/S id. Wage employees must bring a memo from their department when they are requesting an ID. The employee is asked if they are, or will be a student for the next semester and if the response is YES, they are informed to use their student ID and parking permit. If any student
managed to obtain a staff ID during the summer while they were not attending a class, it would have been an error. If they have graduated, however, and obtained a summer wage or a regular wage job, then they would be given a staff ID if this has been requested by the employing department.

Motorcycle parking in Litton Reaves - Carl Polan and Curtis Lynch reported that the area was looked at by Physical Plant to determine the legality of installing a motorcycle space there. They also asked for Facilities Planning's input. J.B. Sutphin is now looking at the area and will probably have some response to the Committee. More specifically, two motorcycle spaces in the F/S lot between Wallace and Litton Reaves lot are being reviewed.

Other old business and status: Due to time constraints the following items were tabled until the November meeting.

Sanders Hall Parking Lot - Gene Reed and J.B. Sutphin (May minutes). Tabled to November pending discussion with Mike Jones.

Contractor passes - Jean Eversole (May minutes). Essentially, if Contractors are forced to pay for passes, the cost would be absorbed into the work contract - university gaining nothing. Frustration with contractors and parking will continue with no viable solution.

Note from Curtis Lynch on Hillcrest and Main Campbell - tabled for November meeting.

Athletics (Football Parking in Litton Reaves) compensating Parking Services - Ann Spencer - postponed to October meeting.

INFORMATION SHARED:

The Committee will not be asked to assist in the upcoming University Self-Study that is conducted every ten years and is an assessment for the purpose of accreditation of the university.

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.
To Do List:

1. Lisa, Curtis, Jean, Mike Jones and Pat to meet to discuss accessibility to Special Purpose housing at all times, especially during athletic events.

2. Lisa, Curtis, Widget, Mike Jones and Pat to meet to discuss Commuter Parking availability.

3. Refer to postponed items under old business and appropriate action therein.

4. Curtis Lynch to investigate the parking at Litton Reeves, Hillcrest and Main Campbell for the honor students. How many students are included in this? Bring Motorcycle parking issue to closure.

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.