

**Bemidji State University**  
**Parking Committee/Advisory Board Meeting**  
**September 11, 2013**

**Location Date & Time:**

Meeting was held September 11, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in the South Conference room in the Lower Hobson Memorial Union.

**Present:**

Casey McCarthy, Jeff Sande, Stephanie Bard, Scott Theisen, Darla Finnegan & Scott Pula.

**Absent:**

Tom Beech, no representative from Student Senate, or NTC.

Casey McCarthy noted that there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

**Old Business:**

Darla Finnegan motioned to approve April 17, 2013 meeting minutes, seconded by Jeff Sande. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote to approve.

**New Business:** Discussion regarding university permits at handicap parking stalls.

Discussion was brought forward to consider a new policy related to handicap parking stalls. Currently Bemidji State University does not require a university parking permit for handicap parking stalls, only a state issued handicap permit is required. Members were informed that four of the seven 4-year MNSCU institutions require a university permit to be displayed in conjunction with a valid state handicap hang-tag or license plate while parked at a university handicap parking stall (BSU, Moorhead and St. Cloud currently do not). It was noted that Moorhead State is intending to also pursue the change in the near future as well.

During discussion it was indicated that over the past five years Public Safety has increased handicap stall throughout campus by 70% to better accommodate and help disabled individuals. Members were asked to consider implementing this policy to only include faculty, staff, and students, visitors would be exempt.

Main discussion points that were brought forth were: how the stalls would be monitored, what type of additional signage may be needed at the handicap stalls on campus, and whether or not all handicap stalls should require a permit, mainly 14<sup>th</sup> street due to its location and use with frequent visitors.

Due to in-depth discussion and the need for more information from other MnSCU universities that require a University permit, the discussion was tabled until September 25, 2013 for more information to be gathered.

Motion to adjourn by Scott Theisen, seconded by Jeff Sande.

**Next meeting:**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled as follows:      Date: September 25, 2013  
Time: 1:00 PM  
Place: South Conference Room (HMU)

Respectfully submitted,  
Casey McCarthy  
Director Public Safety