

Bemidji State University
Parking Committee/Advisory Board Meeting
September 9, 2015

Location Date & Time:

Meeting was held September 9, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the South Conference room in the Lower Hobson Memorial Union.

Present:

Casey McCarthy, Jeff Sande, Stephanie Bard, Tom Beech, Scott Theisen & Scott Pula.

Absent:

Hynam Price; No Student Senate rep; No NTC rep.

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

Old Business:

Stephanie Bard motioned to approve the meeting minutes from December 3, 2014. Motion carried 4-0 to approve minutes.

New Business: Parking Appeals, three (3) on the agenda. (All attached to meeting minutes)

Appeal from Grant Bushinski, parking citation #'s 11237, 11282, 11308, 11335, 11399, and boot. All citations were written for parking without a current permit in the Oak Hall (BLUE) parking lot. The dates of the parking citations ranged from August 27, 2015 to September 2, 2015. Grant presented his appeal to the board in person. Grant stated that he had recently moved to Bemidji from North Carolina and was trying to adjust to the University and find time to purchase a permit. Grant also informed the board that his vehicle would not start and that he believed his vehicle to be fine in the parking lot over the weekend, to which he returned to find it immobilized on Monday. Members thanked grant for presenting his appeal and he left.

Members discussed the fact that the fifth ticket and auto boot did not get placed on the vehicle until Wednesday of the second week of classes. Members also discussed the note that Grant left on his dash informing Public Safety that he refused to pay for parking tickets and also the rude comments he made. It was noted the many discrepancies between Matt's explanation and what occurred.

Scott Theisen motioned to deny the appeal and was seconded by Stephanie Bard. The committee voted 2-2 on the appeal so further discussion took place. Members continued to discuss Grant's situation and his move across states. They also talked in depth about his disregard for the parking rules and regulations and that he arrived at BSU several weeks prior to the start of school as he was in football. Requiring a majority vote to approve or deny an appeal, and in an effort to move forward, the members discussed providing a partial refund. Casey McCarthy called for a vote which passed with a vote of 3-1 to provide Grant a partial refund of two parking citations.

Appeal from Stephen Martin, parking citation #11404, for parking without a current permit, issued at the Bangsberg Parking Lot on 9/03/2015 at 11:15 PM. Stephen does have a registered permit; however, it is a residential permit and is not allowed in the Bangsberg parking lot. Stephen's appeal stated that he's majoring in music and he spends the majority of his time in Bangsberg Hall. He stated that when he received the ticket he was coordinating with the jazz band director for the transportation of equipment to community appreciation day.

Members discussed the time at which the citation was issued and took into account that booth setup for community appreciation doesn't take place until 3PM and 4 PM. Members also discussed the fact that Stephen's car did not appear to be parked in a manner that was being used for hauling (i.e. next to a loading zone) as it was parked out in the parking lot with other commuter vehicles. Members further discussed the amount of metered parking in the lot that Stephen could have utilized.

Tom Beech motioned to deny the appeal which carried with a 3-1 vote.

Appeal from Valerie Westlund, parking citation #11272, for parking without a current permit, issued at the American Indian Resource Center Parking Lot on 8/26/2015 at 1:32 PM. Valerie does have a GREEN permit; however, it is not valid in the parking lot where the citation was received. Valerie's appeal stated that she purchased her permit on Monday (8/24/2015) due to the limited parking. Valerie went on to say that as an off campus student she needed to find easily accessible parking to make it to her class on time and that she wasn't provided any information on where she could and could not park with her permit and did not know the lots were color coded. Valerie additionally stated that moving forward she would follow the correct parking requirements.

Members discussed the signage at the lots and that they are easily identifiable with colors. Members also discussed the amount of media that the University communicated regarding the parking lots and their parking structure, as well as the guidance given by the cashier's office upon purchase of a permit.

Tom Beech motioned to approve the appeal which resulted in a 2-2 vote. After further discussion amongst members took place, a second vote was called for in which the appeal was denied with a 4-0 vote.

Parking Updates Campus Wide:

McCarthy informed members he's received many positive comments with the new color coded parking system and the new entrance signs are clearly identified providing a more welcoming environment. It was also mentioned that the residential lots had noticeably less traffic and more available stalls for residents during the day. Additionally, members were informed that all residential lots were oversold by 10 percent, except Oak which is an unlimited sale yet we maintain plenty of available stalls. An update regarding the Walnut Parking Lot construction was presented and the project is ahead of schedule with a completion date at the end of September. Pending the completion, vehicles will continue to be allowed to park in the PE Parking Lot located next to the John Glas Fieldhouse. Lastly, it was brought to the attention of the Parking Committee that the removal of the satellite dish in the Bangsberg parking lot and the subsequent repaving and restriping of that area allowed for an additional 20 parking stalls.

The meeting was adjourned

Next meeting:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled as follows:

Date: September 23, 2015

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: South Conference Room (HMU)

Respectfully submitted,
Casey McCarthy
Director Public Safety

**BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY – NORTHWEST TECHNICAL COLLEGE
PARKING VIOLATION APPEAL FORM**

Date of Appeal: 9-4-15

Phone Number: 704-439-6228

Person Filing Appeal: Bushinski Grant A
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Address: 21204 Island Forest Cornelius NC 28031
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Vehicle Description: DFT- GMC Yukon 2001 _____
(License #) (Make) (Model) (Year) (Parking Permit #)

Ticket #: Regarding parking boot

- The violation(s) being appealed must be paid in full prior to submitting the appeal to the Parking Committee. *NOTE* Appeals should be based on the fact the violation notice was issued contrary to the "BSU-NTC parking rules and regulations or in error.
- Appeal forms must be filed within ten (10) days of issue date in writing by the individual who received the citation. Appeals will not be accepted after the ten (10) calendar day of the parking violation issue date.
- Completed appeal forms may be mailed or dropped off at the Department of Public Safety, Walnut Hall Box #33, Bemidji State University, 1500 Birchmont Drive NE, Bemidji MN 56601.
- The Parking Committee will serve as the appeal body for all parking citations issued and render a decision in each case. **All decisions by the Parking Committee are final.**

Statement of Appeal:

~~Request~~ Request for personal appeal.

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Appeal Board Decision: Accepted ___ Denied ___ Vote: Yes ___ No ___ Sustained ___

Before leaving another ticket, understand
that: 1. Dairy hall is closed on weekends and
I refuse to pay for a ticket given
to me for parking where I LIVE, I'll
have my pass on Monday so don't blow
your load and write me a ticket
because I don't have a pass

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**BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY – NORTHWEST TECHNICAL COLLEGE
PARKING VIOLATION APPEAL FORM**

Date of Appeal: 8/27/15 Phone Number: (218) 333-1542
Person Filing Appeal: Westlund Valerie S.
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)
Address: 1094 Whisperwood CT SW Bemidji MN 56601
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)
Vehicle Description: 214NMG Dodge Grand Caravan 1998 1587
(License #) (Make) (Model) (Year) (Parking Permit #)
Ticket #: 11272

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Statement of Appeal:

I purchase a parking permit on Monday because I found that there is limited parking. I, as an off-campus student, needed to be able to find an easily accessible parking place so that I could make it to my classes on time. When I purchased my parking permit, I was not informed that there were specific parking lots at which I could park my vehicle, and so I decided to park in the parking lot that was right next to the Indian Center and the Football field. I was not aware that the parking lots are color coded and that my color did not match the color required for that parking lot, and so I did not know that I was not allowed to park there, even though it is so close to the buildings where my classes are taking place. I was shown by the Admissions Office a map where ~~my~~ I am allowed to park, and so, moving forward, I am going to make sure to follow the correct parking requirements so that I do not commit any more violations.

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Appeal Board Decision: Accepted Denied Vote: Yes No Sustained

**BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY – NORTHWEST TECHNICAL COLLEGE
PARKING VIOLATION APPEAL FORM**

Date of Appeal: sep. 4 Phone Number: 612 310 5385

Person Filing Appeal: Martin Stephen A
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Address: 44813 Linden hall Bemidji MN
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Vehicle Description: dl9 PDV chrysler voyage- 2002
(License #) (Make) (Model) (Year) (Parking Permit #)

Ticket #: 11404

- The violation(s) being appealed must be paid in full prior to submitting the appeal to the Parking Committee. *NOTE* Appeals should be based on the fact the violation notice was issued contrary to the "BSU-NTC parking rules and regulations or in error.
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Statement of Appeal:

I am a ~~all~~ music major, which spends the majority of my time within the music building. Yesterday (sep. 3rd) I recieved a ticket for parking my vehicle within the bogsberg parking lot. Meanwhile, I was inside coordinating with the jazz band director for the transportation of equipment for community appreciation day. I do not feel I should have recieved a ticket, especially because I was using my vehicle for a campys event. Feel free to contact me if there is any confusion with what I have stated above.
Thank you

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Appeal Board Decision: Accepted Denied Vote: Yes No Sustained