Ms. Sisson opened the meeting at 3:45pm with a review of the minutes from the last meeting followed by a request for additions or corrections to those minutes. The only change was the spelling of the survey service, which should be Zoomerang with two letters o. She called for approval of the minutes as corrected. There being only yea votes the minutes were approved.

The Bus Stop Safety Sub-committee has not quite completed its task at this time. Ms. Sisson will guide the effort to complete the review after school is out and will prepare a final report of findings over the summer. Next year’s committee will be able to focus on off-grounds bus stop safety while the committee will be able to recommend modifications to on-grounds stops as needed.

Ms. White elaborated on the Occasional Parker Program that the department will roll out in the late summer as an alternative to purchasing a fulltime permit for those who may already use an alternative form of transportation to get to the University. Marketing documents are being composed and several groups have been advised of the plan in an effort to gauge interest. She detailed the process for determining pricing for the program to both make it attractive but not create a detriment to other programs. The Emmet/Ivy Garage will be the site for this program and will be retrofit with appropriate electronic tracking equipment for the system of 12 parkings (12in and 12out) for a fee of $36.00. A zip tag is issued to the participant which is the mechanism by which the tracking is accomplished. To add additional parking events to the zip tag, the parker will contact P&T via computer, phone or in person to purchase another 12 parkings for his/her tag. A displayer at the exit lane will provide information as to how many round trips remain on a tag. If the new program does not prove satisfactory to the user who left another lot, that user will have to opportunity to return to the lot that was used previously.

Other updates included the announcement that the Security and General Safety Committee’s Night Walk was postponed from Tuesday to Thursday due to the weather. Another update centered around the student lottery for parking to eliminate the “camp-out” to purchase parking (E-3 mostly) permits on the day after graduation. P&T expects to be able to accommodate all who wish to purchase permits. The current permit year never sold out. But there has been some backlash as this is termed a lottery and some may fear not being accommodated. The Days On The Lawn program was afforded parking in the Emmet/Ivy Garage as an experiment with great success. The Office of Admission will pay $5 per car based on a “ticket” system. The Dean reported no
interaction related to parking with the participants, which is opposite of the events of the past.

Parking and Transportation will be celebrating the Bus Roadeo on Saturday, April 17, 2004. Past drivers return and a driving competition results in the establishment of the team to represent the University at the state driver competition. All are invited to attend at the Upper Carruthers Hall parking lot.

Lethal Wrecker service has been terminated as a participant in the illegally parked car/special event towing contract. Lethal has not lived up to the terms of the agreement.

Ms. White reported that she and others had a great first meeting with the new University Architect Mr. David Neuman. Parking and Transportation will participate in the writing of a transportation component of the University’s Master Plan. This invitation presents a great opportunity. Ms. White suggested that Mr. Neuman be asked to address this committee during next year’s session.

Ms. Sisson noted the following items as topics for the 2004-05 committee session: Mr. Neuman to address the committee, review of and participation in the P&T component to the Master Plan, Budget assistance, Transportation Alternatives, and a continuation of the Bus Stop Safety review. Other suggestions will be welcomed. The following members’ terms are due to expire over the summer: Mark Fletcher, Mark Reisler, Debbie Gausvik, Jo Lawson, and Shamim Sisson. If a member has interest in remaining please contact Becca White.

Ms. Sisson thanked the committee members for their participation and interest. Those who served on special sub-committees deserve extra appreciation. The student membership and participation was also very much appreciated. Will Sowers, as a Student Council representative, contributed more than his share of participation with the committee. Rory Francisco also provided dedicated service to the group on behalf of Student Council. A reorganization of the committee system in Student Council will provide the future representative for this committee.

Future meeting announcement will be made at a later date. The meeting which is intended to be the last for this year was adjourned at 4:45 pm.