

# **Board Minutes**

Meeting Time: 17 Sep 12, 6:00 PM

#### Location:

Prancing Dragon Pines Farm 410 W. Cameron Road Spangle WA 99031

## **Attendees**

Board: Don Cain, Dick Raymond, KC Traver, Phyllis Holmes, Rich Bryant,

Nick Nickoloff

Friends: Amy Jo Sooy, Mary Lee Nickoloff, Trudy Raymond, Susan Traver,

Caroline LaMotte

## **Agenda Notes**

1. Chair's Call to Order (D. Cain) at 6:50 pm; following a pot-luck dinner

#### Administrative Items

Spokane Transit is forming Citizen Advisory Panels for separate planning regions within the Public Transit Benefit Area. KC was selected for the Liberty Lake via Spokane Valley (i.e. South Valley Corridor) citizen panel.

### • "In the News" Items

Rich Bryant provided an update on construction of the North Spokane Corridor freeway project. He particularly noted that the current design retains 50 feet within the median for future high performance transit; presumably light rail.

Don Cain provided information from an article published by the Associated Press discussing the Republican Party Platform calling for full privatization of the Amtrak passenger rail system.

- 2. Vice President's Report: (D. Raymond)
  - The website has experienced 19,266 contact hits from inception to date with 243 occurring in the month since our last regular meeting. Dick also noted that previously discussed informational articles related to rail transit have been posted on the InlandRail.org website for reference by members and visitors.
- 3. Treasurer's Report: (N. Nickoloff)
  - The organization's account balance stands at \$2,419.76.
- 4. Secretary's Report: (K.C. Traver)

## Minutes from previous Board Meeting

Dick Raymond moved to approve the minutes from the 20 Aug 12 meeting. The motion was seconded by Rich Bryant and was <u>approved</u> by unanimous vote of the members present.

• K.C. received a notice of renewal for the Inland Empire Rail Transit Association non-profit registration with the State of Washington and provided it to Nick Nickoloff for action.

#### 5. Old Business

#### • Candidate Endorsements

After a brief discussion, a motion to contribute \$100.00 in support of John Rosskelley's election campaign for county commissioner was moved by Phyllis Holmes and seconded by KC Traver. It was approved unanimously. The Treasurer will make the donation on behalf of InlandRail.org.

Rich Bryant noted that Amy Biviano, candidate for State Senate, 4th District, is also supportive of rail transit. However, no similar motion of campaign support was put forth for consideration.

#### 6. New Business

• Nick suggested someone should re-engage with Walt Worthy regarding light rail in Spokane's central business district to further strengthen the downtown core. No further action was taken.

#### 7. Public Relations and Outreach (Trudy Raymond)

Trudy informed the group that Vince Bozzi (Bozzi Media; Spokane/CdA Magazine) provided a link to the InlandRail Facebook page.

#### 8. Comments by General Membership

Caroline LaMotte reported that her brother and long-time friend of InlandRail, Don Hamilton, Recently married his companion of 29 years.

#### 9. Comments by Board Members

Mary Lee Nickoloff, on behalf of the group, thanked the Travers for hosting this combined special social and regular monthly meeting.

KC provided feedback from a meeting he attended that was hosted by SRTC seeking input for the long-term regional transportation plan; "Horizon 2020".

Don led the group in recognizing and welcoming the presence of the former Mayor of Cheney and supporter of rail transit, Amy Jo Sooy.

**Next Scheduled Meeting**: <u>15 Oct 12, 6:00 pm</u> at Knox Presbyterian Church.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.