



Board Minutes

Meeting Time: 19 Nov 12, 6:00 PM

Location:

*Knox Presbyterian Church
806 W. Knox Avenue
Spokane WA 99205*

Attendees

Board: Don Cain, Dick Raymond, KC Traver, Phyllis Holmes, Nick Nickoloff, and Larry Schwartz

Friends: Bob Voris, Mary Lee Nickoloff, Trudy Raymond, Susan Traver, Bill Goetter, and Richard Welch

Agenda Notes

1. Chair's Call to Order (D. Cain) at 6:10 pm;

- **Administrative Items**

Discussions centered on a proposed holiday party hosted by a Board Member in lieu of our regular December meeting. After brief discussion, the Nickoloffs graciously offered to host a potluck function at their home in Liberty Lake. Members and friends of InlandRail.org are welcome.

- **"In the News" Items**

1) **LRT Driven TOD**; http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_21721848. This article discusses the importance of "doing it right" in that development doesn't happen on its own and that suburban LRT stations tend to be Park-n-Rides.

2) **LRT vs BRT**; <http://www.thetransportpolitic.com/2011/05/25>. This article continues the discussion on benefits, attributes, and consequences of light rail contrasted with bus rapid transit.

3) **Center for Transit Oriented Development, "Rails to Real Estate", final report (FTA 2011)**; <http://ctod.org/ctod-research.php>

This report documents real estate development patterns along three recently constructed light rail transit lines in the United States (Denver, Minneapolis, and Charlotte). This topic is important for local planning practitioners, transit agencies, community members and other stakeholders in their efforts to plan for new transit investments and foster transit-oriented development (TOD)

2. Vice President's Report: (D. Raymond)

- *The website has experienced 19,709 contact hits from inception to date with 443 occurring in the two months since our last regular meeting.*

- *Dick indicated it was time to renew the organization's web hosting service and requested \$95 be appropriated to cover the renewal fee.*

Action: KC Traver moved, seconded by Phyllis Holmes to authorize the amount requested. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. Treasurer's Report: (N. Nickoloff)

- *The organization's account balance stands at \$2,319.76.*

- *Nick reported that he had re-registered InlandRail.org with the State of Washington as a non-profit, as required.*
 - *Nick also reiterated his belief in the importance of ensuring any plans for an expanded convention center and accompanying new hotels take into consideration their proximity to future light rail.*
4. Secretary's Report: (K.C. Traver)
 - **Minutes from previous Board Meeting**
 - Action: Phyllis Holmes moved to approve the minutes from the 17 Sep 12 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dick Raymond and was **approved** by unanimous vote of the members present.*
 5. Old Business
 - *Don Cain remains in communication with Jerome Greene regarding promotion of transit oriented tourism for Spokane WA.*
 - *Results of the public survey regarding the 2040 regional long-range transportation plan are available on the SRTC website.*
 6. New Business
 - *KC gave a brief overview on the information provided and ensuing discussion that occurred at the "Urban Corridors Workshop", recently co-sponsored by the Public Health District and SRTC. As a follow-up, the Board felt an informal meeting with the Spokane City Planning Director, Scott Chesney, would be beneficial. Action: KC was charged with making the appropriate arrangements. Future meetings were discussed with tentative suggestions of Walt Worthy (developer/hotelier), Mick McDowell (PFD), and Sheryl Kilday (Visit Spokane).*
 7. Public Relations and Outreach (Trudy Raymond)
 - *Trudy will inform the Board when the next launch party for the Spokane/Coeur d'Alene Magazine occurs. Representation by InlandRail.org could contribute to our advocacy for rail transit.*
 8. Comments by General Membership
 - *Bill Goetter reiterated emphasis on the previous discussion regarding light rail being proximate to any new hotels planned for the expanded convention center.*
 9. Comments by Board Members
 - *Phyllis Holmes mentioned a number of brief informational items; 1) Ray LaHood is resigning from his position as U.S. Secretary of Transportation, 2) Larry Nelson passed away shortly after hosting his open house for model trains, 3) she reported her recent experiences with light rail in Salt Lake City, and 4) LA County recently applied tolls for portions of the central freeway corridor.*
 - *KC provided an update on the activities of the STA Citizens Advisory Panel for the proposed high performance transit corridor between Liberty Lake and Spokane.*

Next Scheduled Meeting: 17 December 2012, 5:00 pm at the home of Nick & Mary Lee Nickoloff, 23908 E. Broadway, Liberty Lake, WA. This will be a potluck social.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm.