



Board Minutes

Meeting Time: 17 Dec 12, 5:00 PM

Location:

Nickoloffs' Residence
23908 E. Broadway
Liberty Lake WA 99019

Attendees

Board: Don Cain, Dick Raymond, KC Traver, Phyllis Holmes, Nick Nickoloff, Keith Lamotte, and Rich Bryant

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

Agenda Notes

1. Chair's Call to Order (D. Cain) at 7:35 pm, following a potluck social hosted by the Nickoloffs.

- **Administrative Items**

Don opened the meeting with a hearty thanks to Mary Lee and Nick Nickoloff for hosting the Christmas social at their home. Everyone joined in with a round of applause. Don then followed with best holiday wishes for all and their families.

- **"In the News" Items**

None reported.

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

- *The website has experienced 20,051 contact hits from inception to date with 342 occurring in the month since our last regular meeting.*

- *Dick reported that he had re-structured the website to better accommodate posting related articles. This action was specifically driven by a request to post the 2011 FTA report titled "Rails to Real Estate", as discussed at the November meeting. He indicated there would be no outward changes in overall appearance of the website.*

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

- *The organization's account balance stands at \$2,319.76. There is a pending expense for annual web hosting fees that was approved by the Board at the prior meeting.*

- *Nick also emphasized that all members and friends should take the time to renew their annual membership contributions.*

4. Secretary's Report: (K.C. Traver)

- **Minutes from previous Board Meeting**

Action: *Don Cain moved to approve the minutes from the 19 Nov 12 meeting. The motion was seconded by Rich Bryant and was approved by unanimous vote of the members present.*

- *There was follow-up discussion of the merits of posting meeting minutes on the website for better reference by all members and friends. Action: Phyllis Holmes moved to have the website manager (Dick Raymond) post all future meeting minutes. Rich Bryant seconded and the motion passed unanimously. KC Traver offered to provide electronic copies of previous minutes, in PDF format, dating back to July 2012 when he became Secretary.*

5. Old Business

- *A meeting with the Director of Planning for the City of Spokane, Scott Chesney, was attended on 4 Dec 12 by KC Traver, Phyllis Holmes, Dick Raymond, and Don Cain. The attending members outlined the highlights of the meeting as; 1) Analysis & Conceptual Planning performed during the period 2000 to 2006, 2) Visual Simulations available on the InlandRail.org website, 3) Economic Development Analysis as reported by Marketek & Applied Economics in July 2005, and 4) Integration of Past and Future Planning to ensure conflicts do not occur inadvertently. **Action:** Keith LaMotte moved to send a letter of thanks to Scott Chesney and that it reiterate the key points discussed for emphasis. Rich Bryant seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The letter will be written collaboratively with Don Cain offering to provide the first draft for discussion. Subsequent discussion resulted in the conclusion that the next step might be a meeting with Mick McDowell, Developer and President of the Spokane Public Facilities District.*

6. New Business

- *Dick Raymond asked for consideration for changing the regular meeting date from the 3rd Monday to another date due to emerging conflicts with other meetings at Knox Presbyterian Church. **Action:** After the ensuing discussion, it was moved by Nick Nickoloff and seconded by Keith LaMotte to change the regular meeting date to the second Monday of the month. The regular time (6:00 pm) and scheduled location (806 W. Knox Avenue) are to remain the same. The motion passed by unanimous vote of the Board and will apply to the next regular meeting in January 2013.*

7. Public Relations and Outreach (Trudy Raymond)

- *Nothing reported.*

8. Comments by General Membership

- *Amy Jo Sooy indicated interest in receiving future communications and provided her email address for inclusion on the electronic distribution list.*

9. Comments by Board Members

- *Phyllis Holmes proposed to draft a letter to Governor Elect Jay Inslee reminding him of his past interactions with InlandRail.org and indicating our appreciation of his prior comments and support. She will provide a draft for further discussion at subsequent meeting(s).*

Next Scheduled Meeting: 14 January 2013 / 6:00 pm at the Knox Presbyterian Church
806 W. Knox Avenue, Spokane WA 99205.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm.