

Board Minutes

Meeting Time: 14 Jan 13, 6:00 PM

Location:

Knox Presbyterian Church 806 W. Knox Avenue Spokane WA 99205

Attendees

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

Friends: Bob Voris and Trudy Raymond.

Agenda Notes

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

• Administrative Items

Don provided a brief update on transportation funding at the federal level. A general discussion ensued with no subsequent actions resulting.

• "In the News" Items

None reported.

- 2. Vice President's Report: (D. Raymond)
 - The website has experienced 20,353 contact hits from inception to date with 302 occurring since our last meeting in December 2012.
 - Dick is still working on the website to post past meeting minutes. He has updated the links to other transit related websites.
 - A general discussion of funding for transportation requirements ensued centered around a proposed Washington State legislative initiative to apply a tax on vehicle miles traveled. Additional discussion arose over added costs imposed by the use of studded tires and buses on city streets. No specific actions resulted.
- 3. Treasurer's Report: (N. Nickoloff)
 - The organization's account balance stands at \$2,918.01 all bills paid and none pending.
 - Nick reported approximately \$700.00 in recent contributions for annual renewals of support from members and friends.
- 4. Secretary's Report: (K.C. Traver)
 - Minutes from previous Board Meeting

<u>Action</u>: Phyllis Holmes moved to approve the minutes from the 17 Dec 12 meeting. The motion was seconded by Nick Nickoloff and was **approved** by unanimous vote of the members present.

5. Old Business

• A draft letter to the City of Spokane Planning Director, Scott Chesney, thanking him for meeting with Board Members was discussed for approval.

<u>Action</u>: KC Traver moved the letter be approved for signature by the Board President and forwarded to Scott Chesney by hard copy mail. Dick Raymond seconded the motion. During the following discussion, a minor revision was proposed and the revised letter was approved. KC will revise and forward to Don Cain for signature.

6. New Business

• None Proposed.

7. Public Relations and Outreach (Trudy Raymond)

• Trudy reminded the Board of recurring opportunities to interact with other Spokane area interests through a periodic forum known as, "Business to Business", which is a networking group.

8. Comments by General Membership

• None provided that were relevant to the business at hand.

9. Comments by Board Members

- Phyllis Holmes informed the group that former Spokane County Commissioner, Mark Richards, has accepted the position of Chief Executive Officer for the Downtown Spokane Partnership.
- Phyllis also initiated a discussion regarding the current status of the Downtown Street Bus initiative. It is believed that STA is awaiting further grant consideration by the Federal Transit Administration, Region 10.

Next Scheduled Meeting: 11 Feb 13/6:00 pm in the usual location at the Knox Presbyterian Church.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm.