



Board Minutes

Meeting Time: 8 Jul '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: *Mary Lee Nickoloff, and Trudy Raymond.*

Agenda Notes

1. Chair's Call to Order (D. Cain) at 6:10 pm;
 - **Administrative Items:** *Nothing to report.*
 - **"In the News" Items:** *The "Spokesman Review" published an article on the proposed pedestrian bridge between Sprague Avenue and the University District dated 7 Jul 13 under the headline of "**Proposed pedestrian bridge would loom large over skyline**". A discussion of the article indicated general support among board members, particularly regarding its potential for supporting future light rail. The most commonly expressed concern or objection was the reported cost estimate of \$16 million, much of which can be attributed making a "loud, iconic statement" rather than to its basic function.*
2. **Vice President's Report:** (D. Raymond)
 - *The website has experienced 22,081 contact hits from inception to date with 127 hits occurring since our last meeting in June 2013.*
3. **Treasurer's Report:** (N. Nickoloff)
 - *The organization's account balance stands at \$2,483.22 with no outstanding expense items pending.*
4. **Secretary's Report:** (K.C. Traver)
 - *|Post Office Box: KC reported he renewed the organizational P.O. Box for InlandRail for another six months through Dec '13. He initiated discussion regarding the need considering the low volume of correspondence via PO Box. In the end, it was concluded that an address is required for our WA State registration as a non-profit and use of personal addresses was considered unacceptable. Additionally, changing the address would require numerous changes to the website and related print materials. No action was recommended. (Closed)*
 - Minutes from previous Board Meeting;
 - **Action:** *One extraneous personal item was identified for removal. Dick Raymond moved to approve the minutes, as corrected, from the 10 Jun '13 meeting and Phyllis Holmes seconded the motion. The corrected minutes were **approved** by unanimous*

vote of the members present. KC will make the directed change and Dick will post the minutes to the InlandRail.org website upon receipt of the corrected version.

5. **Old Business**

- 1) Liberty Lake Days: *Nick Nickoloff provided the confirmation and booth set-up package for the community outreach event on Saturday, 27 Jul '13. It was agreed those representing InlandRail would meet at Barlow's Restaurant at 0800 for breakfast before proceeding to the park to set up around 0930. The availability of electricity was confirmed so it was agreed that a computer and television would be used to display light rail simulations as an informative discussion point. Dick Raymond volunteered to provide computer support and KC Traver agreed to provide shelter and project information materials. (Closed).*
- 2) Friends Letter: *Don Cain indicated the proposed letter to the general membership providing an update on outreach activities and interactive membership listing was not yet ready for distribution. (Open).*

6. **New Business**

- 1) Public Outreach Initiative: *Phyllis Holmes suggested we consider more print advertising or use of an outdoor billboard to increase awareness for light rail transit options. A brief discussion ensued concluding with a consensus that along the I-90 corridor would get the most attention, particularly as it relates to travel options. (Open)*
- 2) Fall Picnic Social: *KC offered to host the annual picnic social at the Traver's country place again this year but suggested September would be better as August is very busy and hot at the farm.*
 - **Action:** *Phyllis Holmes moved to cancel the regular August meeting and hold the September meeting at the Traver's farm on 9 Sep 13. KC seconded the motion and it was **approved** by all board members present.*
- 3) StrongTowns.org: *KC suggested the Board consider co-sponsoring a representative of this organization tentatively scheduled to speak at an event in Spokane this fall. The event sponsors are looking for monetary support among advocates for more sustainable urban growth and development. KC will provide information as details become available. (Open)*

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

- *Nothing to Report.*

8. **Comments by General Membership**

- *None.*

9. **Comments by Board Members**

- Don Cain: *Mentioned meeting an associate with "Harmony Quartet" during a performance in another community. He is a friend of John Lackey (David Evans and Associates) and is a strong advocate of light rail.*
- KC Traver: *Reported running into Dick Wall, former project associate with DEA, at Manito Park. Indicated that he would extend an invitation to attend our next meeting.*
- Nick Nickoloff: *His new neighbor is reportedly a retired former CEO of a California transit agency. He will inquire as to his interest in getting involved with InlandRail.org.*

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 pm.

Next Scheduled Meeting: 9 Sep '13/6:30 pm at the Traver's Farm, Spangle WA. (Details Pending)