



Board Minutes

Monday 14 April 2014 / 6:00 p.m.
Knox Presbyterian Church
806 W. Knox Ave, Spokane WA 99205

AGENDA / MINUTES

Attendees

Board: Don Cain, Richard Bryant, Dick Raymond, Nick Nickoloff, Keith LaMotte, and K.C. Traver

Guests: Cassie Schaeffer, Mathew Wheeler, Mary Lee Nickoloff and Trudy Raymond

1) Chair's Opening:

- Call to Order

■ Don Cain, President and Board Chair, convened the meeting at 6:05 pm.

- Welcome Friends and Guests

■ Cassie Schaeffer and Mathew Wheeler are students at Eastern Washington University. They are part of a project team that selected regional light rail as a subject for which they are to develop a strategic business plan for implementation and operation. They will develop a vision, mission statement, and goals that are more focused on the process of implementation rather than the financial costs. Lengthy discussion is concisely summarized as follows:

Questions of Study Interest:

Will Spokane Transit be the implementing agency?

- Not necessarily; Seattle, Tacoma, and Portland are all examples of varying separate management of rail and bus transit systems.

What are the benefits of light rail transit to the Spokane region?

- Lower costs associated with earlier construction
- Influence on how & where growth and development occurs
- Ability to tailor scope & function to specific local characteristics

What are three main objectives necessary for implementation?

- Community expressed want and/or stated need for variety of reasons
- Political and business leadership willing to support
- Influential "champion" and/or implementing agency

Alternately: Regional Need, Funding, and Right-of-Way

How many people are required to manage, operate, and maintain LRT?

- Ref: Technical reports available on www.inlandrail.org

"Conceptual Cost Estimate, "Single Track Option", December 2004"

"Recommendations of the Steering Committee for High Capacity Transit, June 2006"

2) Vice President's Report: Dick Raymond

- *The website has experienced 24,157 contact hits from inception to date with 272 occurring since the last regular meeting, March '14.*

3) Treasurer's Report: Nick Nickoloff

- *The organization's account balance remains \$1,823.22 with all bills paid and all funds transferred from the PayPal account.*

4) Secretary's Report: KC Traver

- Approval of March '14 minutes

- *Action: The minutes were **approved** without corrections by unanimous vote in a motion made by Keith LaMotte and seconded by Nick Nickoloff. They will be posted on the organization's website for general public information.*

5) Old Business:

- *Keith LaMotte reported on the availability and cost options of the South Side Senior Center and the Lincoln Center as potential event locations. **(Closed)***
- *Keith LaMotte provided an update on his unsuccessful search for any available video historical documentation of U.S. light rail systems. **(Closed)***
- *KC Traver reported on his efforts to initiate mass informational emails to organization members and friends. **(Closed)***
- *Dick Raymond reported to the Board on his successful actions to create an organizational Facebook page. **(Closed)***
- *Trudy Raymond outlined her efforts to publicize the new Facebook page and how to migrate our many friends to it so they can "like" it. **(Closed)***

6) New business:

- EWU Student Interest in Regional Light Rail

- *See opening discussion led by Board Chair, Don Cain. **(Closed)***

7) Public Relations & Outreach: Trudy Raymond

- *Trudy provided pamphlets and business cards to the EWU students for further distribution to other interested students.*
- *Trudy discussed a reference to LRT in an article on "Smart Growth" written by Shawn Vestal and published in the Spokesman Review, 4 April '14.*

8) Friend comments: *None provided.*

9) Board comments:

- *A discussion ensued on the merits of a hosted event versus member outreach using emails and social media. No actions or conclusions were reached.*

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting: **12 May '14 / 6:00 p.m.** at the Knox Presbyterian Church.