

Western Crossing Meeting Minutes

Annual Meeting, May 1, 2012

Port of Bellingham, Mt. Baker Room

10:00 am

Attendance: Bruce Shepard, President, WWU
Rob Fix, Interim Exec. Director, Port of Bellingham
Scott Walker, Port Commissioner
Peggy Zoro, WWU, Board of Trustees

Guests: Steve Swan, WWU, V.P. for University Relations
Lisa Wochos, WWU, Asst. Attorney General
Rich Van Den Hul, WWU, V.P. for Business & Financial Affairs
Frank Chmelik, Attorney, Port of Bellingham

- The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Scott Walker, President of the Board of Directors. Mr. Walker requested that the agenda be amended to state that the Board will adjourn into closed session at the end of the meeting to discuss real estate matters.
- Motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2011 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- Steve Swan reviewed the purpose of Western Crossing by reading a paragraph from the By-Laws. A discussion was held on tax revenues in regard to LIFT.
- Rob Fix gave an update on the planning calendar for waterfront development.
 - There will be a meeting on May 3, 2012 of the Bellingham City Council and the Port of Bellingham Commissioners to review and discuss revised waterfront plans.
 - The staff of the City and Port estimate that the Waterfront Master Plan will be finalized in approximately one year and 90 days. The time span includes 90 days for current review and update, 6 months for approval by the COB Planning Commission and 6 months for review and action by the COB Council and the POB Commissioners
 - The City of Bellingham was awarded a \$1.5 million grant by the state of Washington to provide assistance for continued waterfront cleanup and development. Discussion included updates on the future of the Granary Building on Port property.

- Through a RFPS process, the Port anticipates it will be hiring Heartland, an independent development firm, for preliminary guidance in the development of an RFP for the selection of a developer for the waterfront project.
- Steve Swan discussed the up-coming EcoDistricts Conference being held in Portland, Oregon on May 8 – 10, 2012. This is a two-day workshop designed to work with civic teams in developing sustainable planning for developments in their respective communities. Bellingham was one of ten cities from North America selected through a competitive process to participate in the workshop. The local team is comprised of officials from the COB, POB and Western.
- The board conducted an election for new officers for Western Crossing for the 2012-13 year.
 - A motion was made to elect the following officers:

Peggy Zoro, President/Chairperson
Rob Fix, Vice President
Bruce Shepard, Secretary
Glenn Butler, Treasurer

Motion carried and passed unanimously.
- There were no other items for discussion.
- The meeting adjourned into closed session at 10:35 a.m.
- Meeting returned to open session at 10:50 at which time the meeting was adjourned.