

PLIC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 4, 2014

In attendance: Rhayma Blake, Mike Kmiecik, Janet Lutz-Smith, Jansen Pierce, Mary Ross, Dave Wing at Mary Ross's.

Secretary: Mary Ross resigned as PLIC secretary. Rhayma will serve in that capacity.

Annual Review Process: Mary expressed her desire to focus instead on development of an annual review of ferry operations, revenue, and fares. She offered to run the Guemes Ferry rate-setting model with Lummi Island Ferry figures to help determine whether this might be an appropriate model for us to recommend to LIFAC. She will be attending the upcoming Public Works presentation on the Ferry Fund on September 10, 2014 at the Library.

Review of LIFAC Initiatives: The board reviewed the September 2nd LIFAC meeting, noting that formation of the Ferry Replacement and Long-Range Planning subcommittees was a welcomed step. Rhayma reported that she had discussed PLIC's hope for more progress with Mike McKenzie following PLIC's June board meeting. There is still a desire to see LIFAC take more action to reduce expenses and provide leadership in ferry planning and fare review. Jansen expressed concern that Public Works does not fully understand the safety/capacity trade-offs associated with CFR 78.40-Vehicular Ferries/Stowage of Vehicles which calls for easy egress of vehicles at all times.

TREK as the #1 Priority: There was agreement among PLIC Board members that our top priority is to push for evaluation of and recommendation about the TREK as a possible dry-dock replacement and emergency boat in time to be used for the 2015 dry-dock. Waiting longer than necessary appears to lead to unnecessary passenger boat rental costs, dock reconfiguration expenses, and loss of income for island businesses. The board asked what assumptions Public Works is using in its 2015 budget planning.

PLIC Documents: Mike Skehan has announced that past ferry committee paper documents will now be available in the archives at the library. And Wynne Lee has invited PLIC to post PLIC documents on her Lummi Island Ferry Forum. Nancy Ging has offered her server to archive digital documents for PLIC. Also, Mike Kmiecik reported that he is still in the process of reloading PLIC member email addresses in the new Smarter Mail software, which will soon allow us to send member-based PLIC E-Blasts again. Mike and Rhayma will determine how best to organize and tag documents for archiving. The board approves taking advantage of these opportunities, as more information becomes available.