

Portland Streetcar Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 17, 2018, 3:30-5:00 p.m., City Hall

Members in Attendance: David Brandt, Vice Chair; Lenny Anderson; Bill Bagnall; Kara Boden; Carolyn Brock; Michael Cannarella; Susan Pearce; Zoe Presson; Debra Unverdruss; Erik Wilson

Staff in Attendance: Andrew Plambeck

Others in Attendance: Raymond Becich, Stephen Weber

1. Meeting Called to Order:

Brandt called the meeting to Order. The minutes from April 26 were approved (Pearce moved, Bagnall seconded).

2. Public Comment

Brandt provided an opportunity for public comment.

3. Tram Closure Overview

Plambeck gave an overview of the upcoming closure of the aerial tram between June 23 and July 30. The tram will be closed for necessary scheduled maintenance on the cables that is required to be done every 12 years. It will not impact streetcar operations, but it will require communication to streetcar riders who regularly take the streetcar to the tram. OHSU has been doing outreach and will put banners around the base of the tram. OHSU will be getting Portland Streetcar some posters to put in South Waterfront shelters. They will also be running shuttle buses from the base of the tram up to the hill that will run about every five-to-ten minutes. The group discussed Hop Card interaction with the tram, patient travel instructions and parking around OHSU.

4. Project Updates

Northwest Streetcar Expansion: Plambeck explained that \$370,000 was approved in the City budget and PSI is working with the City to develop a scope of work to use that funding to move that project forward. The group discussed the route alignment and interaction with freeway overpasses.

5. Subcommittees Update

Plambeck gave an update of the meeting of the Equity, Advocacy and Communications Subcommittee, which began an exercise to develop a mission statement and values for the organization. Members of the subcommittee discussed the outcomes of that meeting.

Plambeck also gave an overview of the four-factor analysis required of transit providers to assist community members who speak different languages. The group discussed other examples of language assistance in different cities and how visitors and other riders use the streetcar system in Portland.

5. 2018 Streetcar Mobile Music Fest Update

Plambeck gave an update on the 2018 Streetcar Mobile Music Fest, which will happen on July 22 in conjunction with the Green Loop Sunday Parkways. PSI has been working with PBOT to do joint outreach. Bands are being booked, and PSI appreciates ideas for other bands to reach out to. Volunteers are welcome to help ride the streetcars and introduce bands and the festival.

6. Other Business

Brandt explained that members will receive a membership update email to show where each member is in their term and when their term ends. Members will need to reapply through the website form. The group discussed outreach for new members and setting up a subcommittee to help review applications.

Bagnall reported having his fare checked on the streetcar but it was an awkward process because the security officer had to walk it over to the Hop reader on the car and then walked it back without any affirmation of whether it was valid or not. Plambeck explained that the tablets do not yet have the capability of checking Hop cards. The group discussed methods of fare-checking and experiences with having transit fares checked.

Plambeck reminded the group of new City rules regarding membership of public advisory committees that will affect the CAC's membership moving forward. This will also include a disclosure of potential conflicts of interest for members of the committee. The group discussed term limits and committee membership turnover.

Brandt asked the group to think about any future agenda topics, site visits and anything else that would enhance the work of the committee and send them in.

The next meeting for the Streetcar Citizens Advisory Committee will be Thursday, June 21, 2018, 3:30pm-5:00pm at Portland City Hall, Pettygrove Room.