

**Portland Streetcar Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting  
Thursday, August 16, 2018, 3:30-5:00 p.m., City Hall**

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

*Staff in Attendance: Andrew Plambeck, Dan Bower*

*Others in Attendance: Raymond Becich, Stephen Weber, John Sporseen*

**1. Meeting Called to Order:**

Ronchelli called the meeting to Order.

Bagnall moved, and Pearce seconded, to approve the minutes from July 19. The motion was approved unanimously.

**2. Public Comment**

Ronchelli provided an opportunity for public comment.

Mr. Becich asked about the job descriptions for security officers on the streetcars. Bower explained that they check fares and address issues on the streetcar.

Mr. Weber asked how often the streetcars are cleaned. Bower replied that typically they're cleaned every night but there are currently two vacant utility worker positions so that might not be happening as reliably as usual.

**3. Review of Recommended New Members**

Brandt led a discussion of the membership subcommittee's recommendations for new members. The group discussed the timeline of membership terms, seeking additional diversity for future membership updates and the appointment process. Cannarella moved, and Unverdruss seconded, to recommend the entire slate be appointed by the Chair. The motion was approved unanimously.

**4. Streetcar Schedule Revision Overview**

Bower gave an update on an upcoming schedule revision to run fewer streetcars on the loops to provide a more reliable trip. Because of multiple streetcars out of service, the new schedule will allow for spare streetcars to maintain more consistent and balanced service. Bower explained the coming update and timeline for shifting to that schedule. The group discussed length of service, the maintenance issues with some of the fleet, different possible service changes, and the ways in which the message signs at shelters convey information to riders.

**5. Project Updates**

Bower gave an update on the procurement of new streetcars. Two are already ordered, but there is an option to potentially order two more at a steep discount. The CAC will

be provided an opportunity to weigh in on potential color combinations for those new streetcars.

#### **6. Review of Draft Workplan for 2018-19**

Plambeck provided a draft meeting schedule and workplan for the next year, providing a look ahead for proposed agenda items previously discussed. The group discussed clarifications for some of the future agenda items.

#### **7. Committee Meeting Times Discussion**

The group discussed potential changes for meeting times based on the scheduling poll that had been sent out, including consistency with other City advisory committees, potential alternative locations, and which times work best for most citizens.

#### **8. Other Business**

Bagnall mentioned the success of the Mobile Music Fest and expressed thanks for the social media posts presenting facts and information about the Streetcar.

Cannarella passed around the brochure for the upcoming RailVolution conference and expressed interest in learning more. Bower added that if anyone would be interested in attending, PSI would look into the possibility of bringing someone along.

Ronchelli asked about how the Streetcar Scavenger Hunt went. Bower answered that it sounded like it went very smoothly and was popular. Some great prizes were donated for participants.

Bower explained that Metro submitted a federal grant application for transit-oriented development planning for the NW expansion project. The City is beginning to use the money provided by the City Council to work on the project's land use and traffic scenarios. The project was discussed at a joint meeting of the Northwest Industrial Business Association and the land use and transportation committees of the Northwest District Association.

Pearce asked about whether a swearing-in will occur for new and returning members. Ronchelli replied that the appointment letter will serve that purpose.

Presson mentioned interactions with operators to help people in wheelchairs board transit and that there might be a reminder to all TriMet and Streetcar operators to provide assistance as needed.

The next meeting for the Streetcar Citizen's Advisory Committee will be Thursday, September 20, 2018, 3:30pm-5:00pm at Portland City Hall, Pettygrove Room.