

**Portland Streetcar Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 20, 2018, 3:30-5:00 p.m., City Hall**

Members in Attendance: Bill Bagnall; Raymond Becich; David Brandt, Vice Chair; Carolyn Brock; Michael Cannarella; Clint Culpepper; Reza Farhoodi; Sorin Garber; Zoe Presson; Owen Ronchelli, Chair; Debra Unverdruss; Stephen Weber; Erik Wilson

Staff in Attendance: Andrew Plambeck, Dan Bower

1. Meeting Called to Order:

Ronchelli called the meeting to Order.

Brandt moved, and Unverdruss seconded, to approve the minutes from August 16. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Public Comment

Ronchelli provided an opportunity for public comment.

Farhoodi asked about the status of the streetcar involved in a collision earlier in the month. Bower explained that it would be out of service for a couple of months, and that a revised schedule will begin at the end of the month that will operate 12 streetcars at peak service and have no available spares.

3. Welcome to New Members

Ronchelli welcomed new and returning members of the committee and led a round of introductions.

The group discussed and recommended Stephen Weber for appointment to a vacant seat on the committee.

4. Discussion of Color Designs and Seat Covers for New Streetcars

The group discussed the potential color combinations for the new streetcars being built in Brookville, Pennsylvania. Discussion subjects included safety issues, the way sponsorships are displayed, distinctions between wrap advertisements and sponsorships, sponsorship terms and appearance of the colors.

5. Presentation of Portland's Inclusionary Housing Policy

Matthew Tschabold and Dory Beckel of the Portland Housing Bureau gave a presentation of the City of Portland's inclusionary housing program. Discussion included number of three-bedroom units being built, how it applies to homeownership and condo buildings, parking requirements, distribution of how many developers are providing units on-site or paying the fee-in-lieu, and how many developers are choosing between the different options for providing units on-site.

The group then returned to Item 4 and ranked the streetcar color combinations by preference. The group then discussed options for the seats on the new streetcars: upholstery, padded vinyl and hard plastic. Considerations included durability, ease of cleaning, comfort and cost.

6. Committee Meeting Times Discussion

Plambeck presented the results of the previous discussion and Doodle poll for a new meeting time: the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Farhoodi moved, and Presson seconded, to adopt that meeting time for the next three meetings. The motion was adopted unanimously.

7. Other Business

Bower mentioned that on September 22 and 23, the Broadway Bridge will be closed to all traffic except for streetcars. He also said the Business Access and Transit lane on Grand Avenue may likely happen in October. He will also be traveling to Brookville to meet with the manufacturer of the new streetcars in October prior to the RailVolution conference.

Ronchelli adjourned the meeting.