

West Seattle Transportation Coalition

Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2019

I. Welcome and Introductions

Michael Taylor-Judd called to order the regular meeting of the West Seattle Transportation Coalition (WSTC) at 6:30pm on June 27, 2019 at Neighborhood House.

Introductions of attendees:

WSTC Board – Michael Taylor-Judd, Mark Jacobs, Larry Wymer, Chas Redmond, Victoria Nelson, David Hancock, Deb Barker

Guests – Phil Tavel, Lisa Herbold, John McNulty, Vince, Karlen, Joe Fitzgibbon

Approval of minutes: Approval of meeting notes for May 2019 were approved by vote of the board.

II. Special Guests/Topics

- Phil Tavel – candidate for Position One for the Seattle City council. Gave a brief overview of his work history, education and volunteer activity in community organizations.

He ran for this position during the last election but was not elected. He has not seen much improvement in the issues affecting the city. Expressed concern for how the cities budget is allocated to service providers.

He asked about WSTC top transportation issues and Michael referred him to tonight's agenda where our legislative priorities are listed. Our group is currently focused on the WS light rail project and fixing Highland Park roundabout.

Brief discussion ensued about various traffic/pedestrian issues and difficulties working with SDOT to address these concerns. I.E. Admiral Way pedestrian crossing, Oregon street crossing by the bowling alley etc.

SDOT will solicit public input on projects but these ideas never seem to be reflected in their final plans.

Mark asked about his review of the city's \$30 million budget, but he couldn't give specifics at this time.

- Lisa Herbold – She is up for re-election for position one. She noted that while she is not on the city's transportation committee, she does attend their meetings when WS issues are being discussed.

She referenced her web site for a list of accomplishments and the map of problems in WS that need to be fixed.

<https://herbold.seattle.gov/happy-2019-and-a-look-back-on-2018-accomplishments/>

<http://www.seattle.gov/council/meet-the-council/lisa-herbold/map-d1-constituent-accomplishments>

From a question, Lisa noted that the Economic Fund to help underserved communities does not include dollars for transportation.

With the switch to district representation in 2016, she finds she spends a great deal of time on individual residents' issues such as getting a cat out of a tree.

She believes her primary role is to lift up individual voices to those who make the community decisions.

She would like to have community input on the development of the city's budget prior to putting the budget proposal together. She expressed concern our roads are deteriorating badly and council seems to be ignoring. She does support traffic impact fees though at this time the city is being sued for their list of projects, so everything is on hold.

- Joe Fitzgibbon – Currently, transportation projects proposed include money for the Highland Park roundabout, increasing ferry fares and reauthorization on highways tolls.

Noted that his district (34th district) does not have an interstate highway. Our gas tax can only be used for ferry and state highways. Vehicle weight fees can go to transit issues. From years 2017-2020 \$10 million each year has been allocated for capital projects. Joe has advocated to prevent any changes to the current Rank list of existing projects.

2021, a new passenger ferry from Southworth will commence. Should reduce the amount of vehicle traffic coming through WS.

Joe noted that tolls collected on our highways/tunnels can only be spent on the same roads/tunnels. Joe did not vote for our last transportation budget in protest to the limited amount of dollars allocated to road operation and maintenance.

Mark asked Joe if the state could require drivers to renew the auto tabs each year to provide proof that they have car insurance. Joe liked the suggestion and said he would present it for consideration.

III.WSTC Board Elections

- Board approved the re-election of board member positions 3, 7, 9 and 11. Position five is currently vacant and position held by Chas Redmond will become vacant starting July 1 as he is stepping down from his position. He will continue to work on any issues for our 501-3C. Michael will continue to handle the annual state reporting

IV. Legislative Priorities

- Board decided to remove Move Seattle (#6) from our legislative priorities. Will add concurrency as an issue where growth and transportation are not in sync. This topic will need further discussion at the next board meeting.

V. Old Business –

- Michael Taylor Judd is drafting a letter about parking and distance between bus stops on the coming Rapid Ride H line.

VI. New Business –

- West Seattle Chamber of Commerce Candidates forum July 18th in the Olympic Theater at South Seattle College.

VII. Adjourned – Meeting ended at 8:20 PM

Minutes submitted by: Victoria Nelson