

Western Crossing Meeting Minutes

Annual Meeting, May 4, 2010

Western Washington University Viking Union

Attendance: Bruce Shepard, President, WWU
Fred Seeger, Interim Exec. Director, Port of Bellingham
Scott Walker, Port Commissioner
Peggy Zoro, WWU, Board of Trustees
Steve Swan, WWU, V.P. for University Relations
Lisa Wochos, WWU, Asst. Attorney General
Frank Chmelik, Attorney for Port of Bellingham

The meeting was called to order by Bruce Shepard at 10:00 am. Bruce welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2009 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The proposed By-Laws were discussed. A motion was made to adopt the By-Laws as circulated. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussions are ongoing to find a fifth member to appoint to the Board. Peggy Zoro and Steve Swan will be meeting with a candidate later this month.

Steve Swan gave an update on WWU's Program Planning on the waterfront. A White Paper has been drafted to engage campus discussion and outlines three phases for waterfront development. Phase I - The Technology Development Center; Phase II - a Community Learning Center that would serve as a multi-purpose building. This Center could be used by Bellingham Technical College, Whatcom Community College and Northwest Indian College and would provide easy access to Western programs for the entire community. In Phase III Huxley College and the College of Business and Economics are the cornerstones of the facility at the waterfront and will play a large role in the emerging green economy.

Discussion was held on forming a Land Acquisition Committee. Members will include representatives from WWU and the Port of Bellingham. WWU's representatives are: Rick Benner, Lisa Wochos, Steve Swan and Rich Van Den Hul. Port of Bellingham representatives are: Lydia Bennett, Frank Chmelik, Fred Seeger, Mike Stoner and Rob Fix.

The committee is charged with exploring and evaluating options to bring to the Board for acquisition of land.

A motion was made to adopt the charge to the committee. Motion carried and passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on the Election of Officers to the Board. It was decided that the position of Vice President will become the President after one year. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting in May.

Motion was made to elect the following officers for a one year term:

Bruce Shepard as President
Scott Walker as Vice President
Fred Seeger as Secretary
Peggy Zoro as Treasurer

Motion carried and passed unanimously.

Adjourned into closed session at 11:00 a.m.