

## **Western Crossing Meeting Minutes**

Annual Meeting, May 3, 2011

Port of Bellingham, Mt. Baker Room

10:00 am

Attendance: Bruce Shepard, President, WWU  
Charlie Sheldon, Exec. Director, Port of Bellingham  
Scott Walker, Port Commissioner  
Peggy Zoro, WWU, Board of Trustee  
Glenn Butler, Community Member  
Steve Swan, WWU, V.P. for University Relations  
Lisa Wochos, WWU, Asst. Attorney General  
Frank Chmelik, Attorney, Port of Bellingham

Guests: Rich Van Den Hul and Tim Wynn from WWU

- The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Bruce Shepard, President of the Board of Directors.
- President Shepard introduced and welcomed new board member Glenn Butler. Mr. Butler had a long career with ARCO and is a Founding member of Bellingham Angels. President Shepard acknowledged Butler for his long service to the community and for accepting the invitation to join the WC Board of Directors.
- Motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2010 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- Board member Charlie Sheldon gave an update on the waterfront project.
  - The port is in the process of working on the Planned Action Ordinance. A finished draft of the documents was distributed to the City in December. They will be submitted to the Planning commission in June and adopted in the fall of 2011.
  - Building demolition this fall will include the smoke stack along with three more buildings. Waterway work in the lagoon will be completed this year. The Chlorine plant will also be demolished.
- President Shepard introduced Rich Van Den Hul, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs at Western Washington University to introduce the agenda item regarding a possible Utility District at the waterfront.

- VP Van Den Hul introduced Tim Wynn, Director of Facilities Management at WWU. Tim gave a power point presentation on the Utility District Project which is in the conceptual phase right now. The idea is to develop a carbon neutral, sustainable waterfront district energy plant that could serve WWU as an anchor customer, plus future waterfront buildings and structures in downtown Bellingham.

An investment of about \$300,000 would be needed to develop firm plans and the next steps.

Discussion followed.

- A discussion was held on the election of new officers for the 2011-12 year.
  - A motion was made to elect the following officers:

Scott Walker, President  
Peggy Zoro, Vice President  
Charlie Sheldon, Secretary  
Bruce Shepard, Treasurer

Motion carried and passed unanimously.

- There were no other items for discussion.
- The meeting adjourned into closed session at 10:40 am to discuss possible real estate acquisitions.
- Meeting returned to open session at 11:10 at which time the meeting was adjourned.