

BIS/CC Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes of September 11, 2024, Regular Meeting

Called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Gerry Worley

PRESENT: Gerry Worley, Kimi Kinoshita, Eleanor Weinel, Sue Coble Bunn, Sheila Curwen, Mike McCloud, Linda Holt, David Huether, Jamie Mittet (via Zoom)

ABSENT: Ann Lovejoy, Barbara Ochota, Tressa Johnson

STAFF: Reed Price, Mary Gibbs

GUESTS: Bill Luria, Clarence Moriwaki

SUQUAMISH LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT read by Mike McCloud

ANNOUNCEMENT - Sheila

Sheila requested volunteers to assist participants at the October 13 Resource Fair with whatever they need. A signup sheet was circulated.

CONSENT AGENDA - Gerry Worley

Gerry advised that the Resource Committee minutes are missing from Consent Agenda. **Agenda passed** as presented.

COBI/CITY COUNCIL REPORT - Clarence Moriwaki

Clarence stated the council had a very busy meeting with the highlight being COBI receiving the highest rating for their financial audit. As recommended by the Planning Commission, a request for a crematorium on BI was denied and crematoriums banned in the future.

The EIS comp plan and Winslow Sub Area plan were discussed and dedicated study sessions on these subjects scheduled both before and after the October 10 deadline for public comment. The public is welcome to attend these sessions but not to comment.

Clarence discussed Initiative 2117, Climate Commitment, and its negative impacts on ferry service and Kitsap County transportation. He stated the council does not usually take political stands but because 2117 affects funding for our community, the council voted to oppose it.

The council passed proposed parking changes including changing 15 minute spaces to 3 hour parking and adding a bike parking area.

PSI substation upgrades were discussed as well as the high cost of road maintenance and problems with the intersection of SR305 and Winslow Way.

BUILDING PROJECT - Bill Luria, Eleanor Weinel and Reed Price

There was extensive discussion of the latest building design and the process for estimating project costs. Bill thanked the Council and city staff for helping move the project forward and developing a cooperative relationship for the future. Eleanor discussed plans to date and noted the Tree Preservation Ordinance has been addressed. Next phase will show walls in place, openings and approximate size.

CAPITOL CAMPAIGN - Reed Price

Reed reviewed the Alford Feasibility Study, Ostera findings and donor meetings to date. Although we have assurance, we have the capacity to raise \$10 million, if costs increase to \$15 or \$20 million that will be more difficult. It appears BISCC is not the number one priority for some major donors, so we need to increase awareness, tell our story and build relationships. Good news is there appeared to be no negative opinions in the community about our project.

BOARD FORMAL VOTE**1. Motion to assign funds** Mike McCloud /second Eleanor Weinel

Based on the recommendations from the Alford Group, I move that for the duration of the capital campaign, all undesignated planned gifts be given first priority in support of achieving the campaign goal unless a gift is otherwise voted on by the Board to support operations or to the endowment fund. **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

NEW POSITION - Reed Price

Reed advised he is moving forward on Ostera recommendation to hire a Major Gifts Director. He hopes to hire a qualified person by the end of 2024. Major donor work should be completed in 2025 with construction in 2026.

FUNDING - Bill Luria

Bill advised we did not receive a WA Dept of Commerce Building and Communities grant but Reed pointed out it was a good experience in looking at our low-income population and starting to work with legislative supporters to get direct earmark funding. More political advocacy will be needed in the future.

We did receive a Resiliency Grant of \$36,000,00 through Seattle/King County to help with evaluation of emergency preparedness and resiliency hubs.

BREAK

LEARNING AGENDA - Gerry read IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Advocacy) program review written by Ann Lovejoy who organized this program in 2018. IDEA provides one or more Something To Talk About podcasts and other facilitated conversations on challenging topics each month as well as BI Reads book discussions, and field trips. Ann is currently working to develop a larger team that can provide a wider range of IDEA related events.

David pointed out the importance of this work given the fact major universities across the country are eliminating diversity programs and classes. Kimi wanted to give credit to Ann for taking on this important work which is a major component of Something To talk About. Eleanor suggested the possibility of IDEA being a formal committee should be discussed in the future and no one person should be responsible for this important work.

Nominating Committee - Eleanor reviewed responsibilities of this committee including developing a list of qualified potential future members. Diversity is a major ambition as well as refining materials used in the process. A small grant is available to work with consultants to restructure protocols. That work has been put on hold. Hopefully the grant can be extended into 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gerry encouraged everyone to attend The EDGE Comedy Improve fund raiser event September 14. Kimi enthusiastically offered raffle tickets for sale. Other upcoming events are the Resource Fair October 13 and Capital Campaign Training board training October 22.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Next meeting Oct 9.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Coble Bunn, acting Secretary

10/9/2024

Date of Approval