

**Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee (LIFAC) Meeting**  
**Wednesday June 10, 2020**  
Zoom

**CALL TO ORDER**

Rhayma Blake called the meeting to order shortly after 6pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Charles Bailey, Rhayma Blake, Cris Colburn, Jim Dickenson (15 min later via cell), Patricia Dunn, Judy Olsen

**Also Attending:**

WCPW: Rich Hudson (Senior Master), Roland Middleton, Elizabeth Kosa

Kpff team: Cassandra Durkin Todd Donovan - WCC.

Also: Mary Ross, Bill Fox

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**OPEN SESSION** (Comments follow minutes when provided)

No comments.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 12, 2020 MINUTES:**

Motion to approve passed unanimously.

**LIFAC INTERNAL BUSINESS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Update on Operations**-Rich Hudson, Senior Master

Fare collection has resumed. Revised schedule will continue through the summer. Extra runs are made as needed, and actual runs are similar to previous schedule. The current schedule also provides time for enhanced cleaning and allows employee to take their breaks.

Pat suggested an annual ferry report similar to Skagit County's. A copy has been forwarded to Rich.

**Update on Replacement Ferry Project**

Elizabeth provided background on ferry designers and the process. Designers have 150 years combined experience. Crew and maintainers are involved in the design. Safety, environment, noise pollution, functionality, ease of operations and maintenance, redundancy, fiscally responsible choices, passenger comfort and USCG requirements are all incorporated in the design choices. The team has met with all small Washington ferries and incorporating their best practices.

A committee member has expressed a desire to be able to expand the ferry in the future. Elizabeth stated that that type of change in design would require going back through the entire process - hearings, resolutions, etc., and would leave behind the BUILD grant application recently submitted and the anticipated CRAB grant. If this were to happen, a new ferry would be delayed for years and Chief expenses would increase. The new ferry is not being designed for expandability. The Pros says it's cheaper to build new than to expand.

Jim wants LIFAC review of design. Rich noted that LIFAC earlier decided not be involved

in the design. Public works is very involved, the ferry is 90% designed and moving forward. Jim wants to review the design and offer input.

Environmental requirements were discussed.

The ferry BUILD grant has been submitted with awardees possibly notified as soon as September. Kudos from all for the excellent grant application. It was suggested that “thank you’s” be sent to the support letter writers:

- Suzanne DelBene, US Rep <https://delbene.house.gov/contact/>
- Pete Stark, GM WTA [petes@ridewta.com](mailto:petes@ridewta.com)
- Mark Buford, ED, NW Clean Air Agency [markb@nwcleanairwa.gov](mailto:markb@nwcleanairwa.gov)
- Debra Lekanoff, St Rep Dist 40 [debra.lekanoff@leg.wa.gov](mailto:debra.lekanoff@leg.wa.gov)
- Liz Lovelett, St Senator, Dist 40 [liz.lovelett@leg.wa.gov](mailto:liz.lovelett@leg.wa.gov)
- Sharon Shewmake, St Rep Dist 42 [sharon.shewmake@leg.wa.gov](mailto:sharon.shewmake@leg.wa.gov)

The group discussed federal congressional delegation involvement. A propulsion charging system (\$4m cost) was discussed. There are no plans for this.

Rich said there will be a 3 week dry dock. The Lummi Island side dock must be painted - engineers have determined it cannot be delayed any long and the grant will expire soon. PW is looking at ways to compensate for revenue loss through dry dock activities.

Council member Todd Donovan stated that a ferry district tax is very unlikely to pass the County Council. County is not even putting a jail levy on the ballot.

Roland described CRAB funding scenario. He suggested moving forward with the ferry funding workgroup (delayed by the shutdown). He’ll work on getting the group going.

### **Public Awareness**

Items noted above will be included in the next Tome article.

NEW BUSINESS - none

Meeting adjourned at about 7:15.