

The Friends of the Portland Streetcar - 19 December 2019

In attendance:
Carolyn
David
Lenny
Raymond
Reza
Stephen

- Board update - David
 - Board is supportive of keeping two-way communications with FPS
 - PSI had a full audit this year
 - Last two years was a summary
 - Everything AOK
 - Brookville cars have not started production yet
 - ETA 6-9 months late
 - Expected Spring/Summer 2021 for revenue service
 - Establishment of an extreme weather policy
 - Streetcar would go fareless under/above certain temperatures
 - Board wants a broader discussion with TriMet and others to explore the idea further
 - Fare policy update
 - Cashless still in research
 - Dan met with city commissioner, head of PBOT, and TriMet GM
 - Review of master agreement between TriMet/City/PSI
 - State of good repair budget for cars in need of midlife overhaul
 - Creation of a Streetcar Controller role being considered
 - Would add five openings in 2021 operating budget
 - Need to expedite critical issue review by city/PBOT
 - Request to have a third-party review of the current operating structure
 - Portland is the only system with a city/agency/non-profit agreement
- Dan OK'd continuing to meeting at PSI in evenings or otherwise
- How to grow Membership
 - As large and as broad of a membership possible would be ideal
 - How to communicate among members?
 - Consider creating a Mission Statement
 - Last draft mission statement created for PSI: Portland Streetcar provides accessible, affordable public transit connecting and transforming our community.
 - How can we adapt this for use by FPS?
 - David will send an email after New Years with suggested language/draft mission statement and purpose of FPS
 - Lenny suggested continuing to have monthly meetings amongst a core group of members, but also consider meetings with a larger group on a less frequent basis
 - Stephen purchased friendsofportlandstreetcar.org for the group
 - TODO: Grow a social media presence for the group
 - TODO: Build out website
 - TODO: Establish group branding/logo
 - How can we get the word out that Streetcar is independent of TriMet?
 - The group discussed the new maps still using line colors that overlap with the MAX
 - How many members from CAC are willing to continue with FPS?

- David will send an email to the group after New Years asking what “positions” members everyone is interested in taking on
- Original fleet is in need of overhaul
 - Loop lines are not getting the 12 minute frequencies Lloyd was promised in exchange for parking meter revenue
 - PBOT is not giving Streetcar the attention it needs
 - How can FPS join with other organizations to change this?

Next meeting:

Thursday, 16 January 2020 at 6pm

Meeting will be held at the Portland Streetcar Customer Service Office

Proposed agenda:

- Decide on a mission statement
- Establish who will do what for the group
- Continue working on advocacy/action plans
- Continue discussions on how to grow membership