

Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee (LIFAC)

Wednesday, April 13, 2022, Regular meeting starting at 6:00 PM, In Person & Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

LIFAC members: Judy Olsen, Mike McKenzie, Todd Lagestee, Reid Johnson, Rich Frye, Jim Dickinson, Cris Colburn

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – approved sent via email 4/11

LIFAC INTERNAL BUSINESS

1. Meeting Discussion and Planning – first in person meeting since the start of 2020
 - a. Cris Colburn asked about starting the meeting at 6PM considering ferry schedule, it was decided that the committee would continue meeting at 6PM
 - b. Hybrid meeting discussion – as long as the committee is able to offer a Zoom option there will be an online option for joining the meeting. The committee does not have a zoom account so we rely on a community member to give us access to that option.
 - c. Bill Sager – operates the current zoom account that the committee uses, will present zoom options and features in May meeting
 - d. June Meeting – asked Roland Middleton to present a summary of the current status of the ferry lease, flood issues on the peninsula and history to the committee
 - e. County Budget Review – put in request for July meeting with Civic Council to review the annual ferry budget and actuals for 2021

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ferry Operations – Rich Hudson
 - a. Dry Dock -
 - b. Last car ferry run will be Thursday, 5/5 at 9PM from Lummi and 9:10PM from Gooseberry
 - c. Passenger ferry will begin (unless delayed by weather) Friday, 5/6 at 5:40AM
 - d. NO Ferry on Saturday, 5/21 until the Whatcom Chief returns, likely evening time
 - e. 2023 Dry Dock will be in late May/early June
2. Ferry Replacement Update – Roland Middleton
 - a. RAISE Grant (\$25 Million) has been submitted as of 5/12, full submission will be posted on county website.

- b. CRAB Grant (\$10 Million) has been submitted and all effected citizens are encouraged to reach out to elected state and county representatives to support the urgent need for funding a ferry replacement.
 - c. \$5.3 Million has officially been added to the state budget to go towards the Lummi Island ferry replacement. Those funds will be used towards Gooseberry terminal work, starting the permitting process and completing an alternative power analysis for converting the new ferry to be electric.
3. Dock Update – Mike McKenzie
- a. Parks and Recs was given a presentation for the public dock, no timeline still but the response has been positive.
4. Public Awareness –
- a. Tome Deadline – Thursday, April 14, 4PM – Reid will submit
 - b. Letter and Phone campaign – Mike McKenzie will prepare and distribute. Will focus on CRAB Grant now and later in 2022 RAISE.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rich Frye – Presented the concept of a smaller ferry replacement being more environmentally friendly and able to provide similar service. The concept of a 24-26 car ferry making 2-3 runs per hour was presented. Roland objected that 3 runs per hour is not a feasible plan due to worker break requirements.

End of Meeting – 7:40PM