

## **CAC MEETING MINUTES**

**February 13, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Jones.

Members Present: Doris Brevoort, Ray Bock, BJ Carol, Louise Edens, Robin Gosney, Madeline Handzlik, Chris and Judy Jones, Daniel Kihangu, Dick Phillips, Valerie Rose, and Brad Windler.

Guests welcomed this month were consultants Sam Zimbabwe and Hailey Brey, of Kimley and Horn. In addition, our CEO, Crystle Stidham, was present.

There were no public comments.

The January minutes were approved as submitted, with the motion brought forward by BJ and seconded by Chris.

At this time, our committee Liaison, Brad windler, represented Skagit Transit in expressing appreciation to the CAC members for their active service on the committee. Skagit transit coffee cups in like-branded totes were distributed, and refreshments were provided.

Our guest consultants, currently working with Skagit Transit on long-range planning, gave an overview of the three plan components the Comprehensive Operations Analysis, Regional Transit, and Micro Transit Studies. The committee also shared with them an organized, thorough list of recommendations made to Skagit Transit during meetings throughout 2023.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend the Board approve the amended draft language to the CAC by-laws. The board vote will take place at the February 21 meeting.

The committee will be moving forward with plans for an educational excursion, April 4, experiencing route 615. This could be quite fortuitous, as one member during the meeting suggested adding the annual Tulip Festival to Skagit Transit's list of special events coverage.

The staff report was given by Brad, and included

- Update of a slightly decreased ridership in January, possibly due to inclement weather
- transit Offices closure on February 19 for President's Day, and
- Addition of a loop to the 204 route that now reaches into the Fox Hill neighborhood, formerly having no bus access.

Lastly, CEO Crystle Stidham then alerted us regarding Initiative 2117, which, if passed, would repeal a significant portion of the mass transit budget statewide. The Washington State Transit Association executive director will be educating the general public on the initiative ramifications.

Louise Edens then announced the upcoming February 20th Stuff The Bus event in Sedro-Woolley at the Helping Hands Food Bank, along with Dick's Drive-In food truck in the parking lot. The location can be accessed by routes 300 and 70X.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned, with the motion brought forward by BJ and seconded by Ray.

Next meeting, March 12.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Jones

CAC Chair