

CAC MEETING MINUTES

July 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Jones

Members Present: Doris Brevoort, BJ Carol, Robin Gosney, Judy Jones, Dick Phillips, Valerie Rose, and Dave Stevens.

Guests: New CAC applicant BJ Hedahl, Senior Center Coordinator Jackie Cress, Skagit Transit IT staff member and Photographer Nick Bergman, and Doris Brevoort's sister, Marcia Brevoort.

Under Public Comments, Dave Stevens asked for clarification between the real time bus schedule and the rider guide schedule.

Valerie moved June minutes be approved as submitted, BJ seconded, motion carried.

Jackie Cress then gave an overview of the Burlington Senior Center services and activities and fielded questions.

Judy then reported on the new June 28 boosting of the CAC recruitment post on social media, which has resulted in one submitted application and four interested. The positive reactions to the post are in the triple-digits with several comments.

Next, Brad spoke on the Skagit Transit development plan, discussing what the agency hopes to accomplish over the next five to six years. The first year of the plan is fiscally constrained, based on the current budget, with the other years based on what can be accomplished within the time frame. Members are asked to look over the budget and give feedback, especially on sections five and six, to include service, facility, and equipment changes, and noted activities.

This all starts with the public outreach process, going to the board for approval in August.

For the staff report, new bus shelter styles were discussed and final recommendations are to be made. The shelters with the perforated aluminum walls would seem to be the least susceptible to vandalism, according to overall feedback from maintenance staff, and the design team will put together the recommended combination of shelter and seating. The goal is to have a preferred and an alternative, then bring those recommendations back again to the CAC for discussion.

Robin is recommending fold-up benches to minimize moisture to the seating when not in use, plus would give extra standing room when needed.

Dave is recommending larger semi-seats, if available. Doris also pointed out the multipurpose use of the seats for holding extra accessories for a passenger awaiting a bus.

Brad also reports increase in ridership this year for both the Dairy Berry Parade and Logerodeo Parade, along with twenty-seven percent increase in ridership since June.

For our round table session, Doris asked how Skagit Transit participates in any disaster plans, transporting persons to safety. Brad explained that in cases of emergency, the county emergency management takes over to direct how and where Skagit Transit services are most needed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Jones

CAC Chair