

CAC
MINUTES
October 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Jones.

Members Present: Doris Brevoort, Ray Bock, BJ Carol, Robin Gosney, Madeline Handzlik, Chris and Judy Jones, John Norman, Menette Partin, Dick Phillips, Irene Prokuski, and Dave Stevens.

There were no guests or public comments.

Dick moved and Ray seconded the September revised meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Motion carried.

Our CEO, Crystle Stidham, then gave an update, starting with the recent MOA Phase 2 event with Representative Rick Larsen, where a video tour of the project was given. One goal is to submit consolidated grant requests for further funding, to be awarded in June.

Crystle also reports there is now a press release on the Skagit Transit site, showing the potential impact to Skagit Transit if the Climate Commitment Act, (CCA), is repealed.

She states there have been necessary budget cuts for personnel that, for now, impact administration only. However, should the CCA pass, the impact could expand to affect services.

In staff reporting, Stevie shows overall ridership slowly regaining pre-Covid numbers.

Stevie then outlined the upcoming Phase Two public engagement events, starting October 11 in Anacortes, and ending November 2 in Sedro-Woolley. Soon to be posted.

Ridership is asked to take a second survey, developed using resulting data from the first survey taken last spring. Highlights include requests for improved safety and comfort conditions at

Skagit Transit Station and bus stops, improved efficiency of circular fixed route loops, and better connector service to ferries and buses/light rail.

A grant is being submitted that would fund micro transit to all of Fidalgo Island. One idea is to comeingle with para transit service, and subcontract for any additional coverage necessary.

Cheryl then gave an overview of the month's marketing events.

Members Ray and David, Robin and Monette participated in the National Week Without Driving Challenge ride-along events, sponsored by Skagit Transit. They reported positive communication with drivers, plus an opportunity to educate other riders about the annual event.

Next, nominations were officially opened for the slate of officers to serve in 2025. Members have until the November meeting to turn in any nominations to Cheryl. Nominations and voting will take place at the November meeting. Then, the vote of newly-elected officers will be brought to the next board meeting for approval.

Under committee reporting, a recommendation was brought forward to utilize the space behind the bus driver for posting real time service changes that would be readily visible to passengers.

For the Round Table, Judy announced the creation of a Facebook group for Skagit Valley nondrivers. This group, although operating independent of Skagit Transit, will help publicize transit happenings, along with nondriver news and important state legislation affecting Washington nondrivers.

With no further business, it was moved and seconded the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Jones

Cac Chair