

CAC MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2023

Items I-IV

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Jones.

Members Present: Doris Brevoort, Madeline Handzlik, Robin Gosney, Dave Stevens, Chris and Judy Jones, John Norman, Dick Phillips, Valerie Rose, Cheryl Willis, and Brad Windler.

There were no public comments.

Chris Jones made a motion to accept the September 2023 minutes and it was seconded by Valerie Rose. Motion carried unanimously.

Item V

Brad Windler provided a review of the officer positions of the CAC along with a review of how nominations and voting were handled. After the review, the floor was opened to nominations and Dave Stevens nominated all current officers to continue in their current positions. They all accepted. Louise Edens had called staff in advance of the meeting to nominate BJ Carol for Co-Chair.

A question was asked if she could nominate without being at the meeting and we had allowed it in the past. Staff did say they would contact BJ, who was also not at the meeting, to see if she would accept the nomination. Since there were no additional nominations, a motion was made by Dick Phillips and seconded by Jon Norman to accept the sole nominees for Chair and Special Projects Coordinator as the officers-elect for 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Item VI

A discussion was had about how to deal with members who have not attended meetings in a long period of time. Chair Judy stated that having inactive members on the roster caused issues with reaching quorum at meetings. Judy stated that she had been in consultation with the Skagit Transit CEO and CAC Staff Liaison on this matter. The CEO suggested that language be added to the bylaws to deal with this situation. After some discussion on what exact language to use, it was decided that the three current officers would meet separately and propose language at the next CAC meeting.

Item VII

Cheryl Willis gave a briefing on the 30th Anniversary event and its activities. She asked all members to promote the event. She also asked if any members could volunteer that it would be greatly appreciated. Chair Judy Jones volunteered to help in whatever capacity she could be of assistance.

Item VIII

The CAC considered an application for membership from Ray Bock. Mr. Bock made a short speech stating his history in Skagit County and interested in joining the CAC. A motion to approve Ray Bock as a new member was made by Dick Phillips and seconded by Valerie Rose as well as Jon Norman and Dave Stevens. The motion carried unanimously.

Item IX

Brad Windler gave a report on a recent event called Community Connect where staff was present to help provide resources to the homeless population in eastern Skagit County. He then introduced Rogelio Conejo as Skagit Transit's new Community Engagement Coordinator. Rogelio gave a short talk on his background and what his role would be at the agency. CAC members expressed happiness that he had joined the team.

Brad Windler gave a short update on ridership and that September 2023 ridership was over 13% higher than September 2022 ridership.

Item X

During the Regional Awareness Report, Valerie Rose talked about a recent 90X experience that she had with the driver staying in a slow lane even when the opportunity presented to move to a lane was moving at a better speed. Brad said he would ask Operations if that was a policy or not.

Item XI

Robin Gosney had the only talking point for roundtable. Robin said there were benches near the PeaceHealth hospital that had their wooden planks removed. Robin asked if those could be replaced. Brad Windler stated that Skagit Transit did not own any wood benches but would try to find out who owned them. Staff will work on getting them restored or replaced with seating owned by the agency.

Dave Stephens then motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Valerie Rose. It was accepted without objection.