

## **CAC MEETING MINUTES**

**November 12, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Jones.

Members Present: Doris Brevoort, Ray Bock, BJ Carol, Robin Gosney, Chris and Judy Jones, Daniel Kihangu, Monette Partin, Dick Phillips, Irene Prokuski, Valerie Rose, Cheryl Willis, and our CEO Crystle Stidham, standing in for the prospective CAC Liaison.

There were no guests and no public comments.

It was moved by Dick and seconded by Ray the October meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Motion carried.

Next, Crystle gave a report, starting out with the glad news that I2117 did not pass, allowing Skagit Transit to keep its CCA funding for existing and expanding service.

Nevertheless, she states we all must remain vigilant in our efforts to further support mass transit funding for our county.

The long-range transit plan is moving forward, with the goal of finalizing the regional piece and local route portions by June 2025. The goal will be to implement net zero changes recommended by the consultant first. Skagit Transit staff will pursue grant opportunities to assist in implementing recommendations that require additional capital or operating funds.

Stevie Mathews, who has been our CAC Liaison, is no longer with Skagit Transit. Her position is currently posted on the Skagit Transit web site. Meanwhile, Crystle and Cheryl will work together in the absence of a Planning And Outreach Manager/Liaison for the committee.

Cheryl then gave an overview of the various public events, in which Skagit Transit participated, reaching from October through November.

From November 24 – January 31, Skagit Transit will be participating in the Mount Vernon Shop Local event, by offering a 30-day pass, among other trinkets, as part of the grand prize grab-basket. Punch cards can be picked up at the Mount Vernon Chamber Of Commerce or Tri-Dee. If one purchases five dollars or more with a participating local business, they receive a punch on the card. A fully-punched card gives an entry for the grand prize. The drawing will be on February 1.

Elections were held for the 2025 slate of officers, and they are as follows:

- Chair Judy Jones
- Vice-Chair Irene Prokuski, and
- Special Projects Assistant BJ Carol.

In the Round Table session, Doris brought up a concern, wanting to understand how Skagit Transit handles routing when, for instance, the freeway is closed. She notes the freeway has been closed a couple times this year, and is interested in the agency's protocols in such cases.

Judy suggested she get with Crystle, and discuss the situation.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Jones

Chair