

CAC MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Jones.

Members Present: Ray Bock, Doris Brevoort, BJ Carol, Robin Gosney, Madeline Handzlik, Chris Jones, Judy Jones, Monette Partin, Cheryl Willis, and Brad Windler.

There were no guest speakers or public comments.

It was moved by BJ and seconded by Ray the November minutes be approved as submitted. Motion carried.

As this December meeting is virtual only, due to Skagit Station conference room maintenance, Brad reminded all of us that January will resume with both in-person and virtual meetings.

As all present had received copies of the proposed 2023 By-Laws, the revisions were reviewed and voted upon through, roll call, resulting in a unanimous recommendation for the Board vote of approval at their December meeting.

Next, new CAC member applicant Daniel Kihangu introduced himself. Having moved into the area, he rides the bus to and from his work in Seattle, and is a positive contributor to the community. The committee unanimously voted the Board approve his CAC membership.

Cheryl then recommended an educational excursion aboard the 513/615 route, as it will be experiencing several new changes in the coming year. The idea met with favorable comments, and more details will be discussed in 2024.

Under the staff report, Brad stated although ridership has slightly decreased compared to other months, possibly due to inclement weather, that there still is an over-all increase from 2022 at this same time - 20% for fixed route and 24% for paratransit.

The 2024 slate of officers were given an official welcome by the committee.

Parameters for future snow routes and holiday closures were announced.

Starting January 2, 2024, there will be increased service on routes 513 and 615, with other changes coming later in the year.

The three Skagit Transit studies will be taking place, and anticipating CAC member participation.

Various questions from members were fielded by Brad during the round table session.

Next meeting, January 9, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Jones

CAC Chair