

CAC MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Jones

Members Present: Ray Bock, Doris Brevoort, BJ Carol, Louise Edens, Robin Gosney, Chris and Judy Jones, John Norman, Dick Phillips Dave Stevens, Cheryl Willis, and Brad Windler.

We had one guest, but was unable to hear from him, due to technical difficulties with the Zoom platform and conference room setup.

There were no public comments.

The minutes were approved as submitted, with a motion by Dick and seconds by John and Ray.

Regarding CAC officer nominations for 2024, BJ's name was submitted, but she had to decline, although planning to be an active member.

Although Dick moved last month the 2023 slate of officers be elected by acclamation, and seconded by John, As the actual elections occurred during this November meeting, with no change recommended to the motion, the official motion carried and vote officially passed.

The draft of proposed by-laws changes made by Doris, Chris and Judy, were reviewed and met the committee's verbal approval. The written proposal will be presented to the members prior to the December meeting for further study.

Regarding the new bus shelter style, Brad presented staff recommendations to the CAC, which mostly matched the committee's recommendations, with one exception. Staff recommends the perforated metal walls, instead of glass, due to rampant vandalism issues and related costs. The CAC agreed with the rationale, and this information will be forwarded to the appropriate staff.

Under staff reporting, Brad states ridership saw a 16% increase over last year at this time, and it looks like 2023 will finish out with an 18% increase over 2022. Paratransit has enjoyed a 26% increase over 2022.

Cheryl reported good attendance of the 30th anniversary commemoration by CAC members, ridership and friends, and that an employee celebration was held as well. Doris reported that an attendee had taken a train from Salem, Oregon to make the event, and was meeting friends from Bellingham who were also coming.

Cheryl reported that Skagit Transit was involved in the Veterans' Day Parade on Fairhaven Avenue by having a coach in the parade.

The November 23rd transit closure over Thanksgiving was announced.

Under Regional Awareness, Doris asked that with the eminent opening of the light rail in Lynwood, if the committee could be involved in feedback. Brad stated outreach for feedback will begin in February, as part of one of the comprehensive long-range transit studies, examining county connector changes in the coming years, and that the CAC will certainly be involved.

For Round Table, Robin reports the bench at the Peace Health Pavilion has been repaired, and thanked Brad for relaying the need so promptly.

Various route and bus stop questions were fielded by Brad.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Jones

CAC Chair