

**SKAGIT TRANSIT  
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, January 10, 2013 5:00 p.m.  
Skagit Station Conference Room  
Mount Vernon, WA

Susan Pole called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

**ATTENDEES:**

**Committee Members**

Oliver Berentson  
Doris Brevoort  
Frank Damp  
Don Downing  
Susan Pole  
Valerie Rose  
Tom Taylor  
Bill Myers  
Dick Phillips

**Skagit Transit**

Dale O'Brien  
Troy Fair  
Mary Lozeau

**Members of the Public**

Louise Edens  
Craig Edens  
Eddie Pole

**I. Public Comment:**

Louise Edens stated that she rides the bus at least four times a week. Louise noted the drivers are all very courteous and polite. Her favorite route is the 410 and she encourages other Skyline residents to ride. Craig Edens stated that he is a retired bus driver from Los Angeles. Craig reported he enjoys Skagit Transit since it is safe and small enough to be personable among the passengers and drivers.

**II. Approval of minutes:**

Oliver Berentson moved to approve the minutes. Frank Damp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**III. Information Items:**

**General Update:**

Dale O'Brien stated a guard shack is going to be installed on the bus pad in February and the security guard will spend more time on the bus pad area. Dale reported staff is still working on the plans for a deli and improvements to the lobby area and meeting room.

**IV. Unfinished Business:**

Oliver Berentson nominated Valerie Rose for vice chair. Valerie accepted the nomination. Dick Phillips seconded the nomination. The nomination passed unanimously.

Doris Brevoort inquired what our emergency plan is when a bus is delayed on the road. Doris stated her concern is for both the passengers on the bus and those waiting at stops. Doris noted for those on the bus longer than planned we have to think about creature comforts such as bathroom stops and food for passengers with low blood sugar. Doris asked if the drivers are aware of an emergency plan in these types of situations. Dale O'Brien informed the committee our insurance discourage and limit going off route. Dale stated he would prefer a driver notify dispatch of the need to stop at a rest stop prior to making a special stop off route. He stated he would discuss this topic with our insurance and get their guidance.

**V. New Business:**

Susan Pole stated the committee should have some objectives for 2013 and asked the committee to bring their ideas to the next meeting. Susan reported she contacted Skagit Valley College to see if any students were interested in joining the committee.

**VI. Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.**

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Susan Pole, Chair  
Skagit Transit Citizens' Advisory Committee

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Mary Lozeau  
Clerk of the Citizens' Advisory Committee