

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

Thursday, March 13, 2014 5:00 p.m.
Skagit Station Conference Room
Mount Vernon, WA

Susan Pole called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Committee Members

Susan Pole
Valerie Rose
Oliver Berentson
Dick Phillips
Tommie Yturalde
Caroline Nazareno
Louis Edens
Craig Edens
Joy Kane
KB Johnson

Skagit Transit

Dale O'Brien
Dennis Digges
Troy Fair
Carolyn Chase

Members of the Public

None

I. Public Comment:

None.

II. Approval of minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting was made by Craig Edens and seconded by Oliver Berentson.

III. Notes from the field:

Louise Edens will be making a presentation at the Anacortes Library on May 14th at 7 PM about riding the bus from the rider's perspective. If this presentation is successful, Louise plans on making the presentation at other libraries.

There was discussion about the notice at March's Point regarding the temporary closure of the outdoor toilet there. The wording of the notice was odd and passengers were amused by it. Dale O'Brien expressed the ongoing challenge of bathroom vandalism.

IV. General Update:

Alger Park and Ride opened March 3rd. It will be closed March 17 and 18 for construction modifications to the entrance and exit.

The group discussed developments with the Transportation Day event at the Cascade Mall scheduled for July 19th. A ST bus will be parked inside the mall one week in advance of the event, July 11th. The parked bus will be the wrapped bus with children on it. A bus outside the mall will be giving trips to passengers. Volunteers from ST will be needed to drive the outdoor bus, staff an indoor table, and to staff the indoor bus. The committee working on the event plans to give out free tickets for a goodie-basket raffle. Three baskets are being discussed. Goodies are to be donated by the Mall, ST, and Community Action. There will be a coloring table for small children and possibly an art contest for older kids. The group passed around an example of the artwork that came out of such a competition in the Salem area.

Susan Pole discussed the idea of broadening community perceptions of who rides transit and about branding Skagit Transit in a way that encourages a broader cross section of the community to ride. Joy

Kane spoke about the importance of the community embracing those that ride Skagit Transit out of necessity.

IV. Unfinished Business:

None.

V. New Business:

Susan Pole raised a broader concern and question about who the CAC is and why it exists. Recently, there has been some effort to make ST drivers more aware of the group.

Joy Kane brought up the idea of a provisional approval for dial-a-ride passengers so that they have transportation during the 21-day processing period.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Susan Pole, Chair
Skagit Transit Citizens' Advisory Committee

Attest:

Carolyn Chase
Transit Planner