

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

Thursday, November 12, 2009
5:00 p.m.
Skagit Station Conference Room
Mount Vernon, WA

Oliver Berentson called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members

Oliver Berentson
Don Downing
K.B. Johnson
Valerie Rose
Dick Phillips
Herb Van Wyk

Skagit Transit

Mary Lozeau
Dennis Digges

Members of the Public

Suzanna Lytle

I. Public Comment:

None.

II. Approval of October 09 minutes:

Oliver Berentson moved to approve the minutes. K.B. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. Information Items:

Notes from the field:

Valerie Rose stated Doris Brevoort was unable to attend today but wanted to share information regarding cross walks. Valerie noted Doris rides the 90X daily to Everett and noticed passengers do not use the cross walk at Skagit Station when disembarking the bus. Doris recommended that the drivers remind passengers to use the crosswalk. Valerie added that she regularly rides the 80X to Bellingham and that has been going smoothly. Valerie stated that passengers she has spoken with are grateful that weekend service is available. Valerie inquired if we have advertised that the 615 to LaConner goes to the casino and recommended the casino also advertise bus service is available.

General Update:

Dennis Digges reported the South Mount Vernon Park & Ride was paved and the construction will be delayed while we wait for lighting and bus shelters to arrive. Dennis noted we hope to have the Park & Ride operational in mid January. Dennis noted that Dial-a-Ride ridership is up

12% and busy as can be. Fixed Route ridership is down 1.6% for October 2009 compared to October 2008.

IV. Unfinished Business:

Dennis shared photographs of several different bus shelters and indicated staff is seeking a new look with visibility for drivers to see in the shelters and passengers can see out. Valerie Rose indicated she prefers a bright green color instead of a dark green which would blend in with the landscape. Dick Phillips suggested local school children provide artwork for one of the panels which could help discourage graffiti. Valerie suggested using solar panels for lighting.

V. New Business:

Valerie Rose stated Ken Peddicord moved to Jefferson County and has resigned from the committee.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Valerie Rose, Chair
Skagit Transit Citizens' Advisory Committee

Attest:

Mary Lozeau
Clerk of the Citizens' Advisory Committee