

CAC MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Jones.

Members Present: Doris Brevoort, Ray Bock, BJ Carol, Louise Edens, Robin Gosney, Madeline Handzlik, Chris and Judy Jones, Monette Partin, Dick Phillips, Valerie Rose, and Dave Stevens.

We also enjoyed two guests, Julie Myers, Mobility And Senior Services Manager from Community Action Of Skagit County, and CAC applicant Irene Prokuski.

There were no public comments.

The motion carried unanimously to approve the April minutes, with the motion brought forward by BJ, and seconded by Dave.

At this time, Skagit Transit's new Planning And Outreach Supervisor/CAC Liaison, Stevie Mathews, was introduced, and gave an overview of her work experience in the transit industry, then answered questions from committee members. No doubt, we are all looking forward to her participation and interaction with the CAC.

Cheryl then announced the new driver class of seven, now out on buses with staff trainers. At least two have their commercial driver's license, and may be ready early to solo.

Cheryl then gave a brief overview of the three events that took place involving Skagit Transit – The Anacortes Street Fair, the blood drive at Skagit Station, and the veterans' information and services event at the Skagit Fairgrounds.

During the Connector Committee session, the question of our CAC member pass coverage came up. While Skagit Transit has a region-wide pass agreement forged with Whatcom County a few years ago to accommodate the intercounty bus traffic, Valerie posed the question of coverage for the CAC member cards.

While it is generally recognized our passes have some limitations, Cheryl will be speaking with Skagit Transit's fares supervisor and will be contacting us soon with more detailed clarification.

During our round table session, Monette asked if the recent survey results have yet been tabulated. Apparently, according to Cheryl, the consulting team is still compiling that information.

Doris announced the light rail has opened a run on the east side from Bellevue to Redmond, and encourages everyone to give it a try. Like Doris, we all are anxious to see how connectivity will work, getting Skagit County ridership effectively and efficiently to the light rail this summer, as it expands toward this area. Fortunately, Doris was able to speak to the consultants regarding her ideas of bypassing the Everett Station for a couple of those runs, in order to get ridership to and from work in a timely manner.

Irene is very excited about being able to connect to the light rail via the 512 and the 90X routes, as she travels to and from the airport. She is also excited to see service come to Lynnwood.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Jones

CAC Chair