

CAC minutes
November 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Jones.

Members Present: Doris Brevoort, Louise Edens, Robin Gosney, Chris Jones, Judy Jones, John Norman, Dick phillips, Valerie Rose, Dave Stevens, Brad Windler, and Cheryl Willis.

There were no guests and no public comments.

Regarding October minutes, Valerie asked for a word-use correction, which was agreed upon by all. The suggestion was turned into a motion by Chris that the minutes be approved as amended, seconded by Valerie, and motion carried. Revised October minutes will be sent to everyone as soon as possible.

As November is election month for the CAC, position duties and voting procedures were reviewed by Brad. Nominations and voting resulted in the 2023 slate of officers as follows:

- Judy Jones, Chair
- Doris Brevoort Vice Chair
- Chris Jones, Special Projects Assistant.

The next order of business dealt with the planned scenario training for CAC volunteers who will staff a table at Skagit station, to provide transit information in conjunction with Customer Service, and recruit for the CAC. The agreed-upon place and date will be Skagit Station conference room, Tuesday, December 6, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM. The deadline to RSVP Brad or Cheryl confirming attendance is Friday, December 2.

The reception for Skagit Transit CEO candidates has been rescheduled for December 8, 5:30 - 7:00 PM at the county office building, 1800 Continental Place, in Mount Vernon. Those who can are encouraged to attend.

A press release regarding CAC recruitment has been published and distributed by Skagit Transit to the usual outlets approximately two weeks ago.

During the WSDOT grant submission season this fall, Skagit Transit submitted funding requests for five buses, funding to continue the 717 bus service, extension of current 40x funding, and funding for a new outreach position of Community Engagement Coordinator, to be bilingual. If funding is granted, recruitment for this position would begin sometime next summer.

Skagit Transit also asked for \$200,000 to fund a regional transit study, combined with Island transit and WTA to study the county connector network, outlining past and current growth, emphasizing the need for future growth, and how to accomplish that over the next fifteen to twenty years. As a consulting firm is already on-call with the agency, if funded, this study will begin in 2023.

Brad then gave an overview of a couple recent conferences he attended, returning with information that may benefit Skagit Transit in future.

Note that Skagit Transit will be closed over Thanksgiving.

Under the heading of Region Awareness, Doris reports experiencing the longer delay time in catching the 206, due to the ongoing extended service cuts, and is concerned with the unfortunate consequence of riders turning back to driving instead of riding the bus.

Some additional thoughts: she states that if there were a bus in the morning that went directly to the South Everett Park and Ride, this would allow people who want to go to Lynnwood or Northgate, to take the light rail, to connect with Sound Transit, eliminating the need to use Community Transit.

As there was no further business, it was moved and seconded the meeting adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Jones

Special Projects Assistant

Skagit Transit has submitted a number of applications, one of which was five buses; we also submitted funds to continue the 717 bus, also for extension of 40x funding for service improvements couple years ago; also filed for new outreach position. asked for 200 thou for region...