

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

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 5:05 p.m.
Skagit Station Conference Room
Mount Vernon, WA

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Committee Members

Joy Kane
Valerie Rose
Dick Phillips
Lynne Jordan
Doris Brevoort

Skagit Transit

Carolyn Chase

Members of the Public

Chris Burks
Susan Rapp

I. Public Comment

Susan Rapp said that she wished the buses would run later in the evenings and on weekends. She also said that having Saturday service on the 90X would be helpful even if it were just one run in the morning and one run in the evening.

Chris Burks said that he seconded Susan Rapp's comments about later service and weekend service. He also said that he has a lot of experience riding the 90X and that Saturday service is needed. He spoke about needing to work late or on weekends and having to get a hotel room for the night because there was no public transportation option. Chris also talked about how the fare machine on the 90X was often not working correctly and asked about Skagit Transit switching to ORCA.

Staff discussed the high cost of buying into ORCA and that there was no plan to begin looking into new fare collection technology.

Joy Kane said that she understood the comments about later service and explained that a late bus made her miss a connecting bus. With no later buses for her to wait for, she had to call a family member to pick her up from Skagit Station. She explained that after having that experience once, she didn't want to risk repeating it.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Dick Phillips moved to approve the January 2016 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Doris Brevoort and passed unanimously.

III. Bylaws

The group went through the existing By-Laws and discussed changes suggested by staff and CAC members. There was no quorum and no decisions were made but the group decided to bring a tracked-changes version of the By-Laws to the April meeting. Some of the big ideas coming out of the discussion were:

- Consider using the name "Community Advisory Committee" to be more inclusive. Another suggestion was "Riders Advisory Committee" but it was mentioned that this may discourage non-riders from participating.
- The Group discussed changes to the "Objectives" section that eliminated some items that were inappropriate for the CAC to work on.

- Adding a Code of Conduct section that addressed communications with the Press, lobbying efforts, and CAC communications to the Board.
- Eliminating some of the language about term limits and attendance surrounding membership on the committee.
- Language that encourages more CAC discussion of their experiences and observations while riding the bus perhaps even a dedicated agenda space for "Notes from the Field".

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Joy Kane, Chair
Skagit Transit Citizens' Advisory Committee

Attest:

Carolyn Chase
Service Development Planner