

Skagit Transit Community Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes December 8, 2020 -Virtual Meeting

Committee Members

Chris Jones - Chair
Judy Jones – Co Chair
Joe Kunzler – S.P.
Valerie Rose
Robin Gosney
Dick Phillips

Skagit Transit

Brad Windler
Cheryl Willis

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm by Chris Jones

II. Introduction of Guests

None

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Meeting Minutes

Will be distributed to members after the meeting due to glitch with recording device download and staffing. Suggestion presented that CAC members shall undertake all the processes of meeting minutes. Brad Windler will bring the topic to the managers and will report next meeting.

V. 2021 CAC Chair & Co-Char

Chris Jones current Chair turned over the meeting to Judy Jones incoming Chair. Judy thanked group for their confidence in her leadership and expounded upon her appreciation for all in the group. Discussion ensued regarding changing the By Laws and the wording regarding the Special Projects position. Joe made a motion to table the position By Law changes until early in the New Year. Judy seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Judy Jones stated she would be reaching out to the CAC membership this month.

VI. Review of My Ride (Real Time Info) ADA set up

Brad noted that Cheryl and he himself reviewed accessibility options with vendors for MyRide display kiosk. A button on the kiosk with audio information appears to be the best feature.

VII. Bus Stop Redesign

Several new bus stop designs were distributed in the meeting. Comments regarding the sign options occurred. Each group member stated 1st and 2nd choice from the options. Close majority liked option A.

VIII. Guest speaker invite to CAC meeting

CAC members are interested in inviting a Washington State Ferry staff member to the February CAC meeting.

IX. Review Start Times of CAC Meetings

The group marked on their calendars that the January 2021 meeting will start at 4:30pm.

X. Skagit Transit Closure Dates

Brad noted that Skagit Transit shall not operate on December 25 and January 1st.

XI. Roundtable

Brad updated the committee on Skagit Transit year end finances, indicating that the agency is in a pretty good position going into year 2021. Savings in fuel cost occurred due to less ridership requested for the Paratransit division. All drivers have been retained and there have been no job layoffs. Cares Act funding and strong sales tax collection provided support.

Addition to the current transit service schedule will occur when the Skagit County Health Department officials update guidance allowing for upgrades. New member applications were sent to all CAC members so applications can be provided to any potentially interested individuals.

Joe nominated self for Special Projects position for time being. Judy seconded the motion and the vote carried.

Brad explained that HEPA filters are part of all Skagit Transit vehicles.

XII. Adjournment

Joe made a motion to adjourn. Judy seconded the motion. The motion carried to adjourn at 6:00pm