

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

Tuesday, September 13, 2016 5:05 p.m.
Skagit Station Conference Room
Mount Vernon, WA

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

Committee Members

Joy Kane
Dick Phillips
Lynne Jordan
Doris Brevoort
Joe Kunzler
Valerie Rose
Craig Edens
Louise Edens

Skagit Transit

Brad Windler

Members of the Public

None

I. Introductions

All those present introduced themselves.

II. Public Comment

No Comments

III. Approval of Minutes:

Craig Edens moved to approve the March 2016 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Louise Edens and passed unanimously 7-0.

IV. Staff Updates

Brad Windler presented a number of project updates such as the South Fidalgo Connector and an overview of the Fare structure. An announcement was made about an upcoming public meeting to support the South Fidalgo Connector. The status of the café in Skagit Station was discussed. Other items discussed were the STREETS program, Transit Amenities, and the arrival of a new bus.

V. CAC Goals

Several questions were asked during this period:

- What is the update on having a Fare Free day?
- Are CAC badges honored on WTA 80X buses?
- Route 615, can there be better coordination during bike events or possibly a cancellation of service on these days?

A discussion was held about the level of participation the CAC would have in the development of Skagit Transit's upcoming Strategic Plan. Brad Windler said there would be an opportunity for CAC members to participate with some upcoming surveys.

VI. Member Comments

Louise Eden wanted to say good job to the paratransit drivers who serve the Life Care Center. They are great drivers who provide wonderful customer service. Lynne Jordan wanted to pass along that some drivers may not be aware of those citizens who may be banned from riding. Doris Brevoort said that the bus stop and Division and 6th frequently has a car parked in front of that stop and thought this might be an issue for drivers.

Joe Kunzler discussed paratransit and that there are not fares charged currently. He had reservations about charging a fare when there are forms of revenue like advertising and marketing revenue that we are not collecting. Joy Kane mentioned that Medicaid Transportation is pushing clients onto PT and should Skagit Transit look out for them. Is there a way to put some thought into protecting those who could not afford a fare? Valerie Rose said that it sounds like means testing and it makes a lot of sense. Joy said who could we work with to assist with paying for paratransit?

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Joy Kane, Chair
Skagit Transit Citizens' Advisory Committee

Attest:

Brad Windler
Service Development Planner