

DRAFT MINUTES

October 11, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Jones.

Members Present: Doris Brevoort, Louise Edens, Robin Gosney, Chris and Judy Jones, Dick Phillips, and Cheryl Willis.

Joe Kunzler presented as a guest, and states he is very happy with the new Sedro-Woolley and Burlington routes. He appreciates having a 711 convenience store close to Skagit Station. He would also like to see transit service running later in the evenings. Some minor discussion ensued, suggesting a type of on-demand service, to cover the occasional out-of-town rider, trying to connect into Skagit County.

It was then moved by Chris Jones and seconded by Dick Phillips to approve September's minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Prospective member John Norman then presented to the committee his reasons for wishing to become a member. He would bring six years' driving experience with Sound Transit, plus other managerial experience elsewhere. He is also a regular rider of Skagit Transit, and feels he could offer valuable transit input to persons having questions who attend the senior centers in the county. The vote to accept his member application was unanimous, and will be brought before the Skagit Transit board for official endorsement.

Overall feedback from the September 22 trip to Concrete was very positive, and members would like to participate in another such trip.

Under the topic of staff reporting, Cheryl mentioned that the current reduced bus schedule will continue through November, due to a driver shortage.

Next, a press release will be going out to recruit for CAC membership, and is currently awaiting approval before release.

There is also a plan to have volunteer CAC members to participate in Skagit Transit marketing events, plus staffing a table at Skagit station, in order to promote CAC member recruitment and, in general, educate the public regarding bus service and pass availability. Doris mentioned the need for literature availability, and recommended a large poster accompany the table. Cheryl stated there would be scenario training, to make sure CAC members have all the same information. Robin stated we should also have literature available for routes and passes. Judy asked Cheryl to send out CAC recruitment literature currently available for committee member viewing.

Next, Cheryl mention that funding is being sought for additional shelters and 11 more semi-seats to be placed throughout Skagit County.

For the Region Awareness report, Judy states the low-funds warning for Umo passes seems to be in effect now.

For Round Table discussion, Doris brought up the alternative idea for transportation to Northgate Station: One or two buses could possibly go to South Everett park and ride to drop people off, meeting a bus to then go to North Gate Station.

Judy mentioned CAC elections will be held next month, and advised people to give thought to either running for office or on their vote.

Lastly, with no further discussions, it was moved by Chris and seconded by Dick the meeting adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Jones

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