

Skagit Transit Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes

June 9th 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chris Jones

Judy Jones

Craig Eden

Louis Eden

Robin Gosney

Joe Knunzler

Valerie Rose

Dick Phillips

Doris Breevoort

SKAGIT TRANSIT

Brand Windler

Cheryl Willis

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chris Jones at 5:09

2. INTRODUCTIONS

none

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. SUMMER BREAK

Discussion- Joe would like to further discuss how to recover ridership and fares for Para Transit.

Chris agrees with these concerns

Brad suggests one or two informal meetings by Zoom in late July and August

Joe made a motion to have at least one meeting in July, which will include the transit development plan and it was seconded by-----? And carried

5. REPORT BY BRAD-

Fixed route back to charging fares last week

Social Service agencies getting on board with the touch pass system

Para Transit fares will begin on August 5th, letters have gone out to all passengers about the fares. 6 month grace period for free passes while customers get used to paying

Touch pass cards or phone apps for Committee members to get their free ridership on our buses

6. FOOD DRIVE UPDATE BY CHERYL

May 29th in Anacortes at Safeway, STUFF the BUS. Bus parked right in front of the store at one door and a bin at the opposite door for donations. Manager of Safeway very supportive and made announcements throughout the day.

People would come out the door and bring non- perishable food items out to be weighed and then stuffed in the bus. A large donation was made by the Safeway staff. Ended up with 1115 pounds of food that went to the two Anacortes food banks.

Cheryl is reaching out to other communities to help with their food banks if they would like to

7. ROUND TABLE

Robin looking forward to more bus service in Sedro once the buses go back to normal schedules
Joe wondering about how we will service the mall now that it is mostly closed. Passengers will be using stop out on Burlington Blvd

Valerie concerned that the buses windows don't open to get air circulating. New buses have Hepa Filters. Some people have allergies to fragrances. Brad will have operations come and talk to the group about the windows.

Robin has problems with fragrances, but open windows can wreak havoc with hair/

Chris wondered if Skagit Transit has a fragrance policy.

Judy wondered if the windows don't open because of air conditioning and heat. Brad will invite operation staff to discuss in September

Cheryl commented that newspapers usually refuse to put press releases out again after once publishing them

8. ADJOURNMENT- Robin made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dick Seconded it, Carried

