

**Pierce Transit
Community Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG)
Pierce Transit Training Center
Rainier Conference Room
Minutes – February 25, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

CTAG Chair, Chris Karnes called the meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

CTAG Members Present: Cody Bakken, Denise Edington, Chris Karnes, Tommy Manning, Sandy Paul, Roland Santos, Steven Schenk and Richard Zalucha

CTAG Members Absent: Bridgett Johnson and Hongda Sao

Pierce Transit Employees Present: Penny Grellier; Business Partnership Administrator and Janine Robinson; Senior Planner

INTRODUCTIONS:

Introduction between current and new/alternate CTAG members transpired.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cody Bakken suggested some grammatical changes to Discussion Item 5 of the January 28, 2016 minutes.

Chris Karnes motioned to approve the January 28, 2016 minutes with amended suggestions. Cody Bakken seconded. Motion carried.

CTAG MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

PUBLIC COMMENT

Betsy Elgar, local business woman and transit rider read a statement pertaining to Pierce Transit's service.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Base Master Plan & Dome District Transit Oriented Development (TOD) – Janine Robinson: Janine Robinson discussed the Transit Oriented Development Project regarding the vacant property next to the Tacoma Dome Station, which Pierce Transit currently owns. Last year, a developer was interested in purchasing the property and constructing a 3-4 story apartment complex with one floor of retail space. Due to gaps in their funding, the developer was unable to secure parking for the development, ultimately causing them to back out of the purchase agreement. Janine also informed that Pierce Transit, in cooperation with the City of Tacoma, will be releasing a new property purchase proposal. Both Pierce Transit and the City of Tacoma would like the development to be oriented around public transportation.

Janine also discussed the Base Master Plan pertaining to Pierce Transit's facilities. Pierce Transit will be hiring a consultant to oversee and assist with this expansion process. This process will look at

Pierce Transit's needs through year 2040. Items of interest include expansion of the bus wash, maintenance buildings, location of a possible satellite base and other areas which support the fleet department. The proposals from the consultant will be evaluated in March and the planning process will begin in May. If and when expansion construction occurs, all monies spent on the project will come from a mixture of capital and potential grant funding.

2. Identify Contacts in Outlying Communities to Invite – Chris Karnes: CTAG members discussed groups, organizations and individual community members they would like as attendees at future CTAG meetings. Attendee groups included college and high school students. Members proposed conducting a joint survey to students centered around their needs and if those needs are being looked at.
3. Smoking at Bus Stops – Cody Bakken: CTAG members discussed areas of high smoking activity and how to take action. Penny Grellier informed members to contact her with any future areas of a high concentration of smoking in non-smoking sections of bus stops and transit centers. She will then forward that information to the Bus Stop Planner and Public Safety Officers.

MEMBER DELIBERATION

Tommy Manning spoke about his personal experiences regarding Pierce Transit's SHUTTLE service.

PIERCE TRANSIT NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

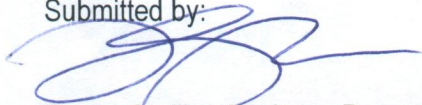
Penny Grellier reported on the following news articles and announcements:

- Route 63 Update
- Article about CTAG published in *The Suburban Times*
- Sustainability Expo at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center on March 5th from 10-3.

ADJOURNMENT

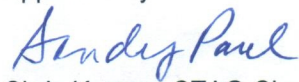
The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m. by Penny Grellier.

Submitted by:



Penny Grellier, Business Partnership Administrator

Approved by:



Chris Karnes; CTAG Chair

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