

Pierce Transit
Community Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG)
Pierce Transit Training Center
Rainier Conference Room
Minutes – April 27, 2017 **REVISED**

CALL TO ORDER

Cody Bakken called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

CTAG Members Present: Cody Bakken, Denise Edington, Tommy Manning, Sandy Paul, Hongda Sao and Richard Zalucha

CTAG Members Absent: Chris Karnes and Steve Schenk

Pierce Transit Employees Present: Penny Grellier; Business Partnership Administrator, Peter Stackpole; Service Planning Assistant Manager and Kevin Zinski; Fleet Manager

INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions transpired.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 23, 2017 minutes with suggested corrections were signed.

Tommy Manning motioned to approve the March 23, 2017 minutes. Denise Edington seconded. Motion carried.

CTAG MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

Penny Grellier reported on an upcoming event in conjunction with the Downtown to Defiance Trolley happening on Friday June 2, 2017 at 9:30 AM. An invitation to the public will soon follow.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Betsy P. Elgar, local businesswoman and transit rider, read a statement pertaining to Pierce Transit's service and submitted a copy to the CTAG Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Service Change – Peter Stackpole: Peter Stackpole reported on Pierce Transit's March 12th service change. Peter informed efficiency was the key factor for changes in the system map, routing and time points. Peter did report some routes now have temporary stops and estimated time points at specific stops. Any issues from the March service change will be addressed when the September service change rolls out.

Cody asked if any communication is being sent out about the estimated arrival times and temporary route stops. Peter confirmed they are currently working on it.

2. Transit Future – Kevin Zinski: Kevin Zinski reported Pierce Transit will be purchasing a fleet of energy efficient coaches in the near future. Included in the fleet are coaches with engines which meet the EPA's mandated 2017 greenhouse gas emission regulations.

Kevin also reported Pierce Transit is preparing to purchase three electric vehicles in 2018. Kevin shared types, cost, mileage range, charging times and infrastructure and other general specifications pertaining to the electric coaches.

Kevin reported on a wheelchair restraint system which is currently being tested on a select number of coaches. This new restraint system eliminates the need for the coach operator to restrain the rider. This mechanism will only be available on 40 and 30 foot coaches.

MEMBER DELIBERATION

Richard Zalucha spoke about the parking issue in the Downtown Tacoma area and if there was any transportation alternatives planned for the area in the next five years.

Penny Grellier spoke about inviting Janine Robinson to speak about the 72nd Street Veteran's Housing Development and the Creative Placemaking Project.

PIERCE TRANSIT NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hongda, Tommy and Denise reported on their volunteer outreach at the Puyallup Spring Fair. Gig Harbor Maritime Festival is on June 3rd.

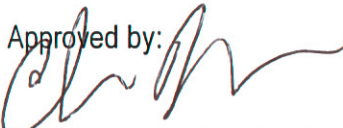
ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Chair, Chris Karnes at 6:57 PM.

Submitted by:


Penny Grellier, Business Partnership Administrator

Approved by:


Chris Karnes, CTAG Chair