

Pierce Transit  
Community Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG)  
Pierce Transit Training Center  
Rainier Conference Room  
SPECIAL MEETING Minutes – November 16, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE**

CTAG Members Present: Cody Bakken, Chris Karnes, Tommy Manning, Sandy Paul, Hongda Sao, Steve Schenk and Richard Zalucha

CTAG Members Absent: Denise Edington

Pierce Transit Employees Present: Alex Mather; Government and Community Relations Officer, Dana Henderson; General Counsel and Penny Grellier; Business Partnership Administrator

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Dana Henderson introduced herself to the Board.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Sandy Paul motioned to approve the October 26, 2017. Cody Bakken seconded. Motion carried.

**CTAG MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORT ON ACTIVITIES**

Chris Karnes reported on the Sound Transit Tacoma Link Expansion open house he attended on November 8<sup>th</sup>, and the HCT Study open house.

Sandy Paul reported the Transform Project work is continuing, but no new meetings have occurred. A survey was conducted by Spaceworks to gather ideas on uses of space.

Penny Grellier reported the Board of Commissioners have approved a continuation of the Downtown to Defiance Trolley Pilot Project. Project configurations including route mapping and surveys are currently under way.

Penny also reported the Tacoma City Council will have a public hearing on their budget, and a Safe Routes to Schools Coordinator position is in question. Those interested in supporting it can attend this hearing on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Betsy Elgar shared general comments on public transit.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Dana Henderson reported on the existing CTAG policy and presented a draft of a revision that is more succinct. She asked that CTAG members give input on this by early February.

2. Alex Mather updated CTAG members on state and federal government priorities and legislative activity regarding transit and related issues. CTAG is invited to help with advocacy efforts.
3. The group bid farewell to outgoing members Richard Zalucha and Steve Schenk, and thanked them for their terms of service.
4. Cody presented the group with a letter of support for the HCT project. Cody motioned to approve, Tommy seconded.

### **MEMBER DELIBERATION**

Considering public comment given at our October meeting regarding seats for elderly and disabled, as well as recent positive messaging concept; how about fresh on-board announcements on giving up seats?

### **PIERCE TRANSIT NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Tommy was nominated as CTAG rep for SHUTTLE RFP
- December 28<sup>th</sup> CTAG meeting has been cancelled
- New member orientation is Saturday January 20, 2018. Vice-Chair will attend.

Members enjoyed taco truck offerings as a year-end celebration supper!

### **ADJOURNMENT**

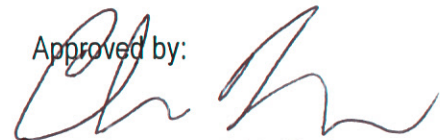
Meeting was adjourned by Cody Bakken at 6:46 PM

Submitted by:



Penny Grellier, Business Partnership Administrator

Approved by:



Chris Karnes, CTAG Chair