

Minute of February 21, 2017 Columbia County Citizens Transit Advisory Committee (CCCTAC)

In attendance:

Genell Grow, Chair
Sharon Evinger
Bill Eagle
Claudia Eagle
Julie Stevens
Michael Ray –CC Rider Staff
Danny Hernandez – MTR Ops Mgr
Nate Smith - MTR
Catherine Hammond Citizen/Former CC Rider Driver
Charlotte Hart - Resident
Alta Lynch – Resident

Meeting Commenced at 6:35 PM.

ITEM 1: Welcome and Introductions.

Everyone introduced themselves and Charlotte Hart introduced herself and spoke briefly about her interests and about the presentation Michael gave to the Kiwanis Daybreaker's earlier in the day. Catherine also introduced herself and her interest in transit going back to her time as a CC Rider bus operator. Nate Smith introduced himself and described his duties with MTR Western as Lead Sales Manager.

ITEM 2: The meeting began with a quorum. The January 10, 2017 Minutes were approved.

ITEM 3: The By Laws were approved for Michael to begin the adoption process. Michael informed the committee that the next step would be to send the By Laws to County Counsel for review. Any changes recommended would need to be addressed before taking to the Board of Commissioners. The formal name of the committee was changed to Columbia County Rider Transportation Advisory Committee (CCRTAC). Committee members believe this is a name more fitting to the purpose of the committee.

ITEM 4: Michael provided an update on the Rainier Transit Center, stating that Lower Columbia Engineering has gained Rainier Planning Commission approval and has begun the process of submitting permit applications.

ITEM 5: Michael, Bill, Sharon, and Genell gave a brief re-cap of the Planning Retreat that occurred on February 18th. Everyone agreed that the retreat was a success and lots of good work came out of it. We went through the changes made to the By Laws and Michael discussed some of the goals the group thought would be worthwhile to pursue in the coming year.

ITEM 6: Michael gave a brief update on the Transit Coordinator hiring process. Michael stated that the second and final round of interviews occurred earlier in the day and that now he was weighing the candidates.

ITEM 7: New officers were chosen by a unanimous vote of the committee. Sharon Evinger was elected Committee Chair and Bill Eagle was elected as Committee Vice-Chair. Both votes were unanimous.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:15 PM