



City of Longview

Cowlitz Transit Authority
Agenda
RiverCities Transit

Minutes Cowlitz Transit Authority

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

4:00 PM

Longview Council Chambers

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by McDaniel at approximately 4:00 p.m. in the Longview Council Chambers.

2. Roll Call

Present: 4 - Todd McDaniel, Rick Roberson, Tom Hutchinson and Anthony Harris (nonvoting member)

Late Arrival: 2 - Mary Jane Melink and Dennis Weber

Excused: 2 - Don Jensen and Gary Schimmel

Staff Present

Corey Aldridge, City of Longview
Jeff Cameron, City of Longview
Brad Windler, City of Longview
Michael Wagner, City of Longview
Tracy Hall, City of Longview

Others Present

Betsy DeSpain, Paratransit Services
Jesse Conway, Legal Counsel

3. Constituent Comments

None.

4. Consideration of Minutes for December 11, 2013.

On a motion by Roberson, seconded by Hutchinson, the minutes of the

December 11, 2013, CTA Board Meeting were unanimously approved.

5. Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Roberson, seconded by Hutchinson, approving all items on the consent calendar as though acted on individually. The motion carried unanimously.

December 2013 Annual Ridership

December 2013 Fixed Route Ridership

December 2013 Paratransit Ridership

November 2013 County Treasurer's Report

November 2013 CTA Fund Balance

6. Consideration of Invoices

On a motion by Roberson, seconded by Hutchinson, all invoices were approved for payment. The motion carried unanimously.

Columbia Security - \$520.00

City of Longview, February 2014 - \$406,763.36

City of Kelso - \$448.75

7. Request from Project Homeless Connect

On January 23, 2014, the Cowlitz Housing First Coalition will host the second annual Project Homeless Connect. This is a one-day event that provides individuals and families experiencing, or at risk for, homelessness with access to vital services. Last year, the Cowlitz Transit Authority approved a free fare day for all fixed routes on the day of the event. A motion was made by Roberson, seconded by Hutchinson, declaring January 23, 2014, as a free fare day.

Project Homeless Connect

8. Manager's Report

Aldridge reported that ridership is down 5.5% from 2012 and equivalent to ridership experienced in 2008. Other transit agencies in Washington State are experiencing a similar decrease for 2012. Research by staff indicates a strong correlation between ridership numbers and unemployment rates.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:10 p.m.

Tracy Hall, Clerk of the Authority

Todd McDaniel, Chairman