

King County Transit Advisory Commission

January 18, 2022

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Teleconference:

Link to join the meeting via computer: <https://zoom.us/j/87261006083>

Dial in information: 1 (253) 215-8782, Meeting ID: 872 6100 6083

6:00 p.m. Welcome & Introductions

- Name
 - TAC: Sonja Tracy, Oskar Abian, David Johnson, Lin Robinson, Cheryl Harrison, Angela Theriault, Mina Barahimi Martin, Aaron Morrow
 - Staff: Lizette Carrasco, Regina Dove, Shelby Cramer
 - Guests: Joey & Laurie (Angela's interpreters)
- Pronouns, if you would like to share
- Access needs
- Check in question: How are you feeling?

6:15 p.m. Consent Agenda, and Announcements, December meeting recap

- Announcements
 - Financial Disclosure Form
 - Reminder to send a completed copy to Lizette ASAP. This is for all members.
 - Customer Communications advisory group (paid)
 - Cheryl is interested. Lizette will follow up.
 - Quorum notes - we cannot hold a meeting without meeting quorum
 - When did this become standard practice?
 - Action: Provide documentation that shows this; this isn't something we've done in the past. Aaron has attended meetings in the past that were the committee at large.
 - If this is an old policy, or determined over time, it raises a red flag
 - No recollection of a policy that requires a meeting being canceled if we do not reach quorum.
 - This is something we can discuss further along in the meeting, re: records, rules, etc.
 - Staffing update
 - Shelby's last meeting as liaison
- Consent agenda
 - Vote: TAC chair (Oskar Abian)
 - 8 in favor. Oskar Abian as TAC Chair is approved.

- Potential future agenda item: fentanyl use on Metro buses.
 - Action: Staff reach out to Safety and request attendance at a future meeting.
 - Why did a driver feel he needed to bring in media, was Metro not responsive?

6:30 p.m. TAC reflection and visioning pt. 1

- Recruitment update:
 - Paused recruitment for now because it's valuable to spend time on reflection/debrief, and determine if there are any changes to the TAC structure/goals before recruiting and onboarding new members.
- A look back members' original intent/goals, group goals, etc.
 - Equity, accessibility, advocacy, and engagement were common themes
 - COVID, service restoration were also top of mind, especially for members onboarded during COVID.
 - Group dynamics of TAC
 - Opportunities for professional development, mentorship
 - Collaboration between TAC members, opportunities to support one another and amplify
 - Spent time talking about communication, wayfinding, and starting with accessibility (instead of tacking on accessibility considerations in the middle or at the end of a process)
- Reflect on 2021 - break out groups
 - Group share out
 - +
 - Good variety of topics
 - -
 - When topics were being presented, they were projects that were just asking for the TAC stamp of approval
 - Made it hard to provide honest or meaningful feedback because it was late in the project process, and if we did we're worried it would derail the project.
 - Make sure that within Metro, they place TAC higher up and prioritize TAC feedback from the beginning, rather than tacking on TAC feedback at the end
 - Which issues are important to touch on every meeting or with a certain frequency
 - Ones that evolve and have more frequent updates
 - One that we can check in with some regularity
 - Some repetitive presentations (e.g. SaFE)
 - This feedback will inform how staff approaches Metro for presentations and how involved TAC is on programs and projects.

- TAC structure – should this shift to better meet our needs?
 - Meeting cadence
 - Monthly is good if we have things to discuss.
 - Fewer than monthly, there's a risk of losing focus, and staff having to re-engaged
 - All present members are fine with monthly meetings
 - If there aren't topics to discuss, it's possible cancel that month's meeting
 - Workplan
 - If we have a workplan ready before recruitment, it can be included as part of recruitment. Potential new members understand that the TAC's goals are XYZ.
 - Should the workplan be based on off term limits?
 - 2 year workplan
 - Hard to predict what will happen in the future, and what the goals are?
 - More time allows for larger projects/processes/goals, facilitate long term goals
 - How TAC's interests align or support Metro's goals
 - Metro is looking further, maybe it makes sense to have a longer term work plan?
 - 1 year plan
 - Good to keep at an Annual Workplan
 - But staff can provide context to the TAC about Metro's larger goals, workplan, two year plans, etc. So that the TAC can have context in their planning.
 - Set up a retreat – TAC annual goals
 - 2 year work plan can feel daunting, especially with unknown funding
 - Grid with goals and ideas? Spreadsheet?
 - Important to consider the timeline in what TAC goals are.
 - Term service
 - Do you want to keep people longer? Is there sufficient representation from the community?
 - 2 years creates more turnover which can bring in more perspectives and can make the experience richer.
 - Question: who are the people who don't tend to come to commissions?
 - Timing. Tuesdays at 6. Shift work or manual day labor makes Tuesday evenings difficult.
 - How do we expand and recruit? The more folks from different communities is important.
 - Possible to offer a 2 or 3 year term choice?
 - Can we meet with community members to better understand their needs?

- With COVID and virtual meetings, it's possible for people to be involved longer. Meeting in person again may change people's priorities and capacity.
- Membership
 - Thinking about all the different marginalized communities, and they include identities in addition to elderly and disabled.
 - Membership should be as diverse as the communities it represents.
 - Any changes will require a Council process (may take up to a year)

[TAC action: participate in discussion]

- Misc – Oskar, if anyone wants to add items to the agenda or have comments in meetings, they can email Oskar or private message him during the meeting, and he can speak on their behalf.

8 p.m. Adjourn