



## MINUTES

### CITIZENS ADVISORY NETWORK REGULAR MEETING

Monday April 22, 2024 6:00 p.m.

Three Rivers Transit Center, Conference Room Kennewick, WA

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88161679988?pwd=fxrppdq7U7NCfNysoYymMxYiXmfUTu.1>

Meeting ID: 881 6167 9988 Passcode: 155544 Dial In: (253) 215 8782 or (888) 788 0099

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#### 1. CONVENE CAN MEETING

Convened at: 6:00 PM

Chair, Ed Frost

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Secretary / Recorder, Dennis Kreutz

Representing	Attendee Name	Title	Status
Citizen Advisory Network	Ed Frost	Chair	Present
Citizen Advisory Network	Dori Luzzo-Gilmour	Vice Chair / Recruitment Chair	Present
Citizen Advisory Network	Dennis Kreutz	Recording Secretary	Present
Citizen Advisory Network	Frank Cuta	Member	Zoom
Citizen Advisory Network	Bernie Vinther	Member	Present
Citizen Advisory Network	Laurie Price	Member	Present
Citizen Advisory Network	Mathew Howie	Member	Present
Citizen Advisory Network	Nayeli Aranda	Member	Absent
Citizen Advisory Network	Brooklyn Hufstader	Member	Absent
Citizen Advisory Network	Ulises Navarro	Member	Absent
Citizen Advisory Network	Vanessa Pruitt	Member	Present
BFT Staff	Brian Lubanski	Sr. Mgr. Customer Service	Present
BFT Staff	Imelda Collop	Planning / Development	Present
BFT Staff	Kevin Sliger	Chief Planning / Development	Present
BFT Staff	Gabe Martin	Planning Manager	Zoom

#### 3. COMMENTS BY GUESTS:

NONE

Chair, Ed Frost

#### 4. MINUTES MARCH 2024 MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: Chair, Ed Frost

Discussion: None

Motion to Approve the Minutes by: Dennis Kreutz  
Second to Approve the Minutes by: Dori Luzzo-Gilmour  
Minutes Approved unanimously by a Voice Vote of the CAN Members: YES

**5. OLD BUSINESS:** Chair, Ed Frost

A. See February Meeting Minutes Item 6.C.

BFT ACTION: The results of Finance Department Fare Impact actual costs will be presented to CAN in the April CAN Meeting.

BFT Kevin Sliger stated that the Fare Impact is going to be opened back up for Public Comment.

B. In the February CAN Meeting BFT Imelda Collop presented information regarding new rollout of Audio.

CAN Members Discussion: An investigative CAN Team consisting of Vanessa and Frank will meet with Imelda and present findings in the April CAN Meeting.

BFT Gabe Martin is working on revisions with a meeting scheduled for May1.  
BFT ACTION: BFT will update CAN with status during the May 20 CAN Meeting.

C. Washington Initiative 2117 (Repeal sections of the 2021 Climate Commitment Act so that Carbon Tax Credits are not collected) which if enacted would result in a significant amount of funding to BFT.

BFT ACTION: Kevin Sliger has previously committed that the CAN will receive a BFT Presentation regarding the quantified information that BFT has put together regarding the potential impact of the loss of the funds.

BFT ACTION: BFT will be presenting a plan in the June BFT Board Meeting, for anticipated reduced services should CCA funding be cut.

BFT ACTION: BFT will update CAN in the June or July CAN Meeting.

**6. NEW BUSINESS:** Chair, Ed Frost

A. Report of the April BFT Board of Directors Meeting.

CAN Member: Mathew Howie

1. The following was entered into the Board Minutes:

**CAN Recommendation 2024-03**

**Recommendation that BFT Board NOT recommend Tax Cut be put on Ballot.**

2. Board discussed the issue raised by Director Didier that they might want to lower the Transit Tax Rate .1%, from .6% to .5%.

Board discussed the impact to budget of loss of funding due to repeal of CCA Tax

Board deferred until 2026 further discussion of recommending that Tax Cut be put on Ballot. CAN discussed that the resolution could be put back on the Agenda as early as the next meeting.

CAN had lengthy discussion about the impact of loss of services should Franklin County remove itself from BFT as recommended by Commissioner Didier in the Franklin County Commissioners Meeting this past week. The CAN voiced that it is against this happening.

B. Frank Cuta requested information from BFT on the status of Paratransit Passes for Veterans.

BFT Kevin Sliger stated that this is being evaluated.

C. Assign CAN Member to attend BFT Board Meeting in May.

Dori Luzzo-Gilmour will attend.

**7. BFT BOARD / BFT STAFF COMMENTS:**

BFT Kevin Sliger stated that BFT Management is meeting with Teamsters Union in May to continue discussions regarding VIA being subcontracted additional services.

**8. CAN MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Dennis Kreutz asked BFT why the Public Comments that are electronically sent to the Board are not posted on the BFT Website so they are available to review, as are the Public Comments on Zoom.

BFT stated that the written Public Comments are shown as a summary currently.

CAN Members discussed and decided that a CAN Recommendation should be put to the Board in the May Board Meeting requesting that the written Public Comments be made available to the public.

CAN ACTION: Dori Luzzo-Gilmour and Dennis Kreutz will draft a Recommendation.

**9. OTHER:**

**10. NEXT MEETING:**

A. Regular CAN Meeting Monday May 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair, Ed Frost

A. Meeting adjourned at: 7:55 PM