

Minutes – October 11, 2005 Quarterly Meeting

Date, time and location of the meeting:

October 11th, 2005 at 19:00 PDT (7PM)

Public comment portion begins at 20:00 PDT (8:00 p.m.)

Time meeting was called to order:

19:02 PDT (7:02PM)

AICAB members present and absent, and name/title of guest speakers:

Listed in order by seating position from CAB members' left to right:

1 Randy Anderson [RA]

2 Anthony Tognazzini [AT]

3 Chuck Hinds [CH]

4 Tom Huffar [TH]

5 Phyllis Zander [PZ]

6 David McGoldrick [DMc] - Secretary

7 Debbie Lowe [DL] - Chair

8 Dick Muri [DMu] (Guest) Pierce County Council Representative, District 6

9 Peter Seto [PS] - Vice-Chair

10 Erik Hodge [EH] - Recording Secretary

Absent:

Jim Singer [JS] – Treasurer

The two-initial abbreviations in square brackets, e.g., [AB], were used throughout these minutes for AICAB members as well as others who spoke

Including the following:

[DMu] Dick Muri - Pierce County Councilman, District 6

[LS] Leslie Swalley – Assistant to Dick Muri

Guests:

Toby Rickman [TR] - Pierce County Deputy Director

Don Peterson [DP] - Bridge Engineering Supervisor

Rick Johnston [RJ] - Pierce County Solid Waste Analyst

Scott Redman [SR] - Surface Water Advisory Board (SWAB)

[DL]: Calls for additions to agenda?

[DL]: Has one to add: will cover AICAB meetings. Calls for motion to adopt agenda.

[RA]: Moves to adopt agenda.

[PZ]: Seconds the motion

[DL] Calls for vote.

[Vote recorded]: 9 aye, 0 no

[DL] Reports that no requests were received for changes to minutes of July Q2 meeting. Asks for corrections, changes or additions..

[no changes requested]

[DL]: Minutes stand approved.

[DL] Requests CAB members review minutes from budget request meeting on Aug 24, 2005, and asks CAB members to fill in blank spaces.

[RA] Advises that he seconded the motion for the \$6,000 for the Crime Task Force budget

[DL] Thanks Randy and asks CAB members to add his name to the first blank. If no other additions, need a motion to approve.

[DL]: Calls for vote to approve minutes from budget review meeting

[PS]: Moves to approve minutes.
[DMc]: Seconds the motion.
[Vote recorded]: 9 aye, 0 no

Treasurer's report: (read by [[DL] in absence of Treasurer]) see attachment, increased expenses for meeting for flyers and postage to registered voters. \$59.38 is balance from \$500 account which will is usually reimbursed by the County within 2 weeks.

[DL] Old business: none.
[None to add.]

New business:

Election of officers for 2006.

[RA]: Are we open for nominations? Moves to nominate [DL] as AICAB Chair.
[DMc]: Seconds the motion
[PZ]: Asks about lengths of terms
[DL]: Officers' terms are for 1 year
[DL]: Addresses question about public comments
[DMc]: Moves that nomination be closed
[PZ]: Seconds the motion
[RA]: (Simultaneously) seconds the motion
[DL] Calls for vote
[Vote recorded]: 7 aye, 1 no

[DL]: Nominations for Vice Chair
[RA]: Moves to nominate [PS]
[CH]: Seconds the motion
[DL] Calls for vote
[Vote recorded]: 8 aye, 0 no

[DL]: Nominations for Secretary
[TH]: Moves to nominate [EH] as Secretary
[RA]: Seconds the motion
[DL] Calls for vote
[Vote recorded]: 8 aye, 0 no

[RA]: Moves to nominate [JS] as treasurer
[TH]: Seconds the motion
[DL] Calls for vote
[Vote recorded]: 9 aye, 0 no

[DL]: Request by Pierce County official, Jerry Bryant, to change this meeting to Oct 14th came too late due to mailings already sent. [DL] initially asked Jerry Bryant if weekend meeting would be more convenient for him, but he replied no, that his weekends were also busy. The following week he sent email request to change meeting to Friday, after it was too late. Should we consider Fri night meetings from now on? Tonight, we have 3 county officials attending in addition to normal attendees from off island. Occasional or change every quarterly meeting to Fridays?

[DMc]: Move to Fridays is better for islanders as well as county officials, will involve amendment to by-laws.

[PZ]: Don't deviate from meeting to meeting; always on Fridays is better than varied days.

[DL]: Community plan work will require coordination with County & Ketron member who will attend. We don't know how often or where those meetings will be held. They could be separate meetings, or maybe in AICAB quarterly meetings or both.

[RA]: Agrees w/[DMc]

[CH]: Can sleep in on Sat morning if meeting goes late, Fridays good but leave flexibility for other times.

[RA]: Need to revise bylaws

[DL]: Article 5 says 2nd Tues of 1st month of each quarter.

[DMc]: Bylaws can be changed no less than 30 days prior to next meeting. Propose bylaw change be voted on at next meeting.

[PS]: Will you [DMc] write the letter and submit to AICAB chair or bylaw committee

[DMc]: Will do so for next meeting unless special meeting before then.

[DL]: Next meeting will be the January (Q1) meeting.

[RA]: Or it must be at a special meeting.

[EH]: We should get public input on this.

[DL]: Will put notice in Sounder asking for input.

[PS]: Tuesdays may not be a problem for County officials.

[LS]: Likes Fridays.

[DL]: Asks [DMc] to write that up and submit it.

[RA]: Thinks we should have special meeting for this to get January meeting to Friday.

[DL]: Don't know County PALS person who we'll be working with yet, so we can't get their input.

[DL]: Terms of AICAB members are as follows. Expiration dates for each term:

[DL]'s term ends Oct 1, 2007

[AT]'s term ends Oct 1, 2008

[JS]'s term ends Oct 1, 2006

[EH]'s term ends Oct 1, 2007

[PS]'s term ends Oct 1, 2007

[CH]'s term ends Oct 1, 2007

[TH]'s term ends Oct 1, 2006

[DMc]'s term ends Oct 1, 2008

[PZ]'s term ends Oct 1, 2006

[RA]'s term ends Oct 1, 2008

[DL]: Each AICAB member can serve no more than two consecutive terms. Terms' expiration dates were staggered since this is a new organization.

[DMc]: Each group needs to submit nominations for an AICAB member how many months prior to County Council meeting?

[DMu]: 3 months prior.

[PZ]: For LUAC (Land Use Advisory Council), how is change in AICAB members going to be handled?

[DMu]: Hopefully re-nominations of same people will happen.

[DL]: Update to Community Plan could be up to a two-year process.

[DL]: Calls for additional business?

[AT]: Reminds board: there are two sections: bylaws, and articles. Article 7: shall collaborate with County. We should communicate verbally not with paper.

[PZ]: Communication is improving, not perfect yet. Confusion about what we are and why we're here. We're here to facilitate things with the County. We haven't overcome the confusion yet. Will require more community involvement.

[DL]: Friday meetings will be helpful for weekend residents, will foster better communication.

[RA]: Need to remember that there's not just one member per organization for communication, but any organization can contact any of the ten AICAB members. Idea of

AICAB was to get a broad representation from island. You are not restricted to just taking your gripe to your organization's nominee.

[DL]: With only four meetings per year, we've come a long way considering there hasn't been a lot of meeting time to do it. Have worked through tough problems with great community support. AICAB is chartered by Pierce County, not just an Island board. Optimistic about this.

[RA]: Intention of AICAB is not to usurp or replace existing organizations or structures on the island. AICAB took on issues that AIA didn't want to handle (e.g., garbage issue). We're here if your organization won't or can't handle a problem, especially something requiring communication with the County.

[DL]: adjourn for now.
Meeting adjourned at 7:49PM PDT

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8:01PM PDT

[DL]: Calls public-comment section to order. Tells about the speaker sign-up sheet next to door. Will follow the order of issues as listed on agenda. Will not return to issues already visited. This portion of meeting is being recorded as customary. All comments from the floor need to be from the lectern no matter how brief. Everyone has a three-minute limit. [PS] will oversee w/timer. To enable all to hear discussion requests that personal conversations be kept to minimum. Please keep in mind that we are looking for solutions, not just objections. Need to be able to move forward with recommendation to county.

Introductions made by [DL]:
Dick Muri [DMu] - Pierce County Councilman, District 6
Leslie Swalley [LS] – Assistant to Dick Muri
Guests:
Toby Rickman [TR] - Pierce County Deputy Director
Don Peterson [DP] - Bridge Engineering Supervisor
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[RA]: Tanner Electric.
[AT]: Crime Task Force. County has decided we are served by the South Hill Precinct now. They can respond quicker and have more officers. Scheduled: Sheriff's dept representative to come to Anderson Island at 6PM on the 25th to talk about stolen identity and how to prevent it from occurring.
[CH]: Park Board. Levy in Nov 40Cents/\$1000 70K, 40K maintenance & repairs
[TH]: Fire Dept. New fire boat will be here in a few weeks, is faster than the old boat. October is fire prevention month so change your smoke detectors.
[PZ]: Riviera. Have new manager: Michael Wilchenski.
[DMc]: Quality of Life committee. Have been dealing lately with issues involving Vega bay pollution.
[DL]: Anderson Island Association. Annual fall Island cleanup was done in Sept; Sounder deadline for submissions is 15th of every month; topic for Nov mtg, 1st Wed, concerns butterflies; library funding may be discussed
[PS]: Booster Club.
[EH]: Community Club. Generator has been ordered and will be here in a week or so. Fair was a success.

[DMu]: Budget season, to County Exec Oct 18th, then 1.5 months to discuss. Pierce County property tax revenues were up 2% for the year, sales tax revenues were up 8%. There were no amendments to changes of land use for Anderson Island. Emergency Management is a hot topic, health board has 6-12 months to plan for possible pandemic flu outbreak. Balance was reached between environment & property use, one

environmental group sued though and won on one count. Proposed county legislation for those properties near salmon-bearing streams would require 100' setbacks, no-touch areas. Made public-safety improvements: new jail requires room for 20 new people per the 10,000 new residents coming into the county each year. Opened new jail to prevent having to do so many early releases to make room. Progress House work-release facility is totally unacceptable to the Pierce County Council; local Lakewood and Steilacoom elected officials are in battle with state over this. Need option over Western State Hospital location. What happens is these people are phased into the community 70 people at a time. Groundbreaking for new golf course was today, didn't attend (and didn't vote for it). Entrance to Fort Lewis: statue added + nice interpretive center using both public funds and private donations. Nov: vote. Performance audit already being done in County. Alarm ordinance was passed to cut down on way too many false alarms. Looking at better system for verification before officer goes out. 50+ advis. boards across county right now, really make a difference on how County does business. Library: initiative 747 reduces your tax rates, library costs going up 3% but they are capped at 1% additional funding per year, will have to decide what libraries get to stay open, ...etc. \$750,000 multi-purpose room coming to the island from the recently-passed school bond proposal..

[DL]: Ferry system rate increase and schedule change. Asks [TR] and [DP] to sit at the table to address questions. Special Town Hall meeting called by AICAB was on Aug 24, received a lot of input/feedback at that meeting. Proposed schedule and revisions have been put on hold for later review, so we can still provide input.

[TR]: Summary: reasons for change:

1) 2004 was substantial increased ferry from 70 to 89 runs/week. Fuel costs have gone up substantially \$2/gal 2004 to \$2.85 this year. Budget for next year doesn't reflect adequate increase (was done in May before gas prices really soared). Costs of materials has also gone up due to raised transport costs. 60% of operating costs would be recovered in the fare box, but probably won't this year due to fuel costs. Next year needs dry dock, so that will make it cost more for the year, can run between \$300K-\$500K for dry dock. Security costs during MARSEC level 2 were \$500 per day for 35 days. We have three proposals on the table (displayed on overhead projector) We're here to collect Anderson Island citizens' input.

[DP]: Fuel was actually between \$1.35 and \$1.40 last year. BC Ferries will be increasing rates \$2.50 per car, \$.70 per passenger, Washington State ferries also hit hard by rising fuel costs.

[DL]: Received Speak-up form from Ed & Lucy Stevenson: recommending option 'D': retain commuter fares with 10% increase, 10% increase for seniors/disabled, introduce youth commuter fare only 10% higher than current single fare, increase motorcycle fare by 10%, increase fare for vehicles under 20 feet by 10%, increase adult and youth single ticket prices by 20%, increase all vehicles 20 ft and over by 30%, apply the summer surcharge to single ticket price only and increase by 30%. Could also change to 30-day expiration on commuter passes. Option 'E': increase all existing rates by 25% and give Pierce County residents a 15% discount.

[DL]: We realize that a raise in rates is inevitable. The question is what is the least-painful way to do this?

[PS]: Will there be a fare increase next year too?

[TR]: No. Every other year, so next one is for 2008.

[PS]: When is county planning on changing from 60% to 80% revenue recovery?

[TR]: Goal in study was to get there by 2016.

[PS]: So we should expect at least 10% every other year then?

[TR]: That depends on costs. Waterborne Transportation Study is not an adopted policy of County Council.

[PS]: Washington State ferry system has 60% recovery

[TR]: No, closer to 80% for them. They do not recuperate any \$ for ferry replacement, but Pierce County does include depreciation in maintenance and operations, and we place \$ in account. Pierce County started that 3 years ago.

[CH]: How did you [TR] come up w/figures to get total money needed?

[DP]: Used last year's traffic count, assuming it's about the same for coming years. Tried to keep passenger and senior costs as low as possible.

[RA]: Senior car & driver matches commuter at \$10/trip. But in the summer, seniors have to pay more but commuter doesn't. Many are disabled and have to keep track of different tickets.

[DP]: We're proposing dropping summer surcharge for that reason.

[RA]: Suggests keeping commuter and senior rates steady through the year.

[EH]: Why assume same traffic as last year? It's clear to Islanders that traffic is going up every year and there are a lot of houses being built out here recently.

[DP]: Under-projected that to offset fuel costs also likely being under-projected, also raise in fares may initially decrease traffic.

[CH]: Objects to removing passenger commuter pass, is already paying \$4000 per year to commute with two cars.

[DMc]: You combined the Ketron and AI runs in the analysis, right?

[DP]: Yes

[PZ]: Why does getting rid of commuter passes and having single tickets make more sense?

[TR]: Most transit agencies have higher fares during peak, not lower.

[PZ]: Roads don't cost more, boat costs don't change at different times.

[TR]: Then why charge less at 6AM than at noon. Morning & evening are busiest runs. If you can make more money on peak run then it makes sense to fill up the boat. 60% recovery only.

[CH]: "Commuter" to us is anyone who goes once a day, whenever that is.

[DL]: County needs to recover 60% this year. They don't care how to get there. Each option leads to 60%.

[PS]: If intention is to recover capital costs, how to recover \$2,000,000 from Ketron landing?

[TR]: Will update county-wide transportation plan including ferry system plan, and policy makers will decide that. We don't split up services by neighborhoods. Agency will take what policymakers tell them. Currently costs are lumped into one system, not on island-by-island basis.

[DL]: Point of order on two counts. Amy Reagan and Bob Garmire asked to wait to speak when the AICAB members are finished with the initial discussion.

[DMc]: When is that one-or-two-ferry system policy going to be examined?

[TR]: Transportation Plan update will be next year, last was 1992. This will be a whole rethink. Will notify Anderson Island when this is happening.

[PZ]: Let's let the public speak, board can interject as we go if board has any questions.

[Keith Vollrath]: Has been on island since 1970. Surprised and disappointed that seniors & commuters weren't considered. State has 24-hour service, restaurants, service, Pierce Co Ferry doesn't. Why trucks that take up space on ferry aren't surcharged, state does. 3/4 of rest of year is paid for by everybody else. Lobbyists at county represent builders, trees coming down fast around here. NRPI may be part of lobby to County as they don't want rates raised in summer? Vehicle count & truck count going way up.

[Dennis Warner]: Live on Yoman road, P.C. transit system only recovers 16% of revenues from fares, so why 60% on ferries? Should look at a vision where mass transportation is seamless, and ferry falls under Pierce Transit, reduce management overhead, facilitate federal funding. Realizes history of system: ferry was here before mass transit system was created. We don't have a state transit system. Should coordinate it all together.

Rates should be equitable based on Ketron runs & how much they pay for their services. Mass transit system, businesses are at a loss, suffer due to rates.

[Marshall Ivie]: Is motorcycle rider, if there ends up only being a \$2 difference between motorcycle and commuter car ticket, will drive car on inclement days and that'll crowd the

ferry more. Can fit four motorcycles in one car space. Need more leeway between those fares.

[Amy Reagan]: Suggests floating a levy every year, or could increase property taxes to cover ferry costs, or float a levy like for the parks.

[Jeanette Kirkland]: Is school district aware?

[PS]: Already called Sam Scott of Steilacoom School District who was surprised and didn't budget for the 40% increase.

[Wayne Bridges]: Follow up on Amy's suggestion: property tax increase, make sure we have different fee structures, one for residents one for non-residents. Option 'A' will cost him \$800-1000 more per year.

[Kim Davis]: Is it possible to be part of mass transit for getting federal funds?

[TR]: Already eligible for FTA money, are getting some already.

[PS]: \$665K in 2006

[TR]: Most of that is to go to pay for \$12M MV Steilacoom II, are getting trust fund loan from state. We could use those FTA funds for other things if we get the same repayment deal for the loan as we got for the Christine Anderson.

[Guy Urksbald]: Prop taxes, e.g., golf course in Steilacoom paid for that way. Suggests using biofuel which has gone from \$3.15 to \$2.69, gives better mileage, no modifications needed to boat other than to clean out the old diesel residue. There are over 200 vendors of biofuel in Washington State right now.

[Karin Van Vlack]: Support recommendation to coordinate with Pierce Transit. Would like more effort placed on synching schedule with bus; currently bus sometimes leaves just as ferry is arriving. Support summer surcharge which is peak flow.

[Pat Mercurio]: Another suggestion: better access to island such as resident lane coming and going, would be willing to pay more for a ticket to guarantee getting on boat. Please look at youth ticket impact on School District. Hate to see commercial vehicles getting lumped in with long residents' vehicles, e.g., car pulling boat.

[Dave Kirkland]: Is there time frame on rate increase?

[TR]: Proposal goes this month, consider in November, finish by end of November, effective Jan 1.

[Dave Kirkland]: Suggestion 'E' (show residency) works great. Large surcharge on non-residents.

[DMu]: Was on school board until last year, put kids on bus to save \$. Suggests talking w/district to avoid that.

[Keith Vollrath]: if conclusion is next month, our input now is too late to count.

[TR]: DMu is sitting here with us and we'll consider it for sure.

[DMu]: Things can change on the fly, for instance the alarm ordinance changed in one day last month.

[PS]: If we were to subtract fixed costs (Pierce County owns the ferry), we would have lower fares. If we don't pay for I-5 or bridge, why are we paying for ferry in ticket prices? Largest component is capital-cost recovery.

[TR]: State policy, transportation budget. Not enough in annual budget in one year for the ferry. Policy is currently in pay-as-you go system. Life of ferry is 50 years. State doesn't include depreciation. Other six members of county council's districts are also paying into the ferry.

[PS]: It's our ferry if we're paying that much for it, and paying \$410K for insurance, more than for fuel.

[DP]: Insurance is for total loss only on both ferries as well as both facilities. Self insurance not an option.

[TR]: Insurance policy is a commercial policy.

[PS]: The insurance cost doubles next year.

[TR]: Yes, due to addition of new ferry.

[Mike Hathaway]: We're new residents. Two comments: surprised there's no commuter pass like monthly bus pass. Keep in mind that ferry is for residents and not for tourists.

[Kim Davis]: If County determines that all options are viable, who decides?

[TR]: County Council sets the rates.

[KD]: Will you give all viable options or just one to those executives?
[TR]: Will propose one. [DMu] is here, hearing the options. Will look at options 'D' & 'E', yes.
[KD]: 10% raise in option 'D' is different from going from \$10 to \$12.30. Please look at 'D' & 'E'.
[TR]: will do so.
[DL]: Need to wrap up this portion.
[AT]: How many in favor of commuter pass?
[Majority of hands go up of all those attending]
[AT]: How many in favor of summer surcharge?
[Majority of hands go up of all those attending]
[DMc]: How many in favor of removing commuter pass?
[Nobody in favor]
[DMc]: How many in favor of getting rid of Summer surcharge?
[One in favor]
[Jerry Baughman]: Financing the ferry with property tax is a bad idea if you think it through. Those who ride the ferry on a limited basis would be paying for those who ride it on a frequent basis.
[EH]: There would be no additional rate burden on non-property owners if an Island property tax is the solution, and we don't want to effectively raise rates just for property owners.
[PS]: Move to adopt Washington state fare structure. It's well thought-out. Is similar to B.C. Ferry structure as well. Summer supply and demand is accounted for.
[TH]: Seconds the motion
[PS]: Large trucks will pay more, kids & motorcycles less, State manages fine using this.
[DMc]: Speaks against motion; State adjusts every two years, and will adjust next year and will be much higher. We don't want to marry to that. This also doesn't get to the County what they need.
[RA]: Speaks against motion for same reasons.
[PS]: They haven't given us figures needed to adjust these.
[DMc]: It's our duty to make reasonable recommendations based on projections of ridership. Don't think this is something to work with.
[TH]: We can pick the structure, not the numbers.
[PZ]: Suggests that county come back to AICAB with new numbers so we can look it over rather than pick one right now.
[DL]: Calls for vote on motion to use Washington State fare structure:
[Vote recorded]: 1 aye, 8 no
[TR]: Recommend: vote on whether or not you like summer surcharge, commuter discount.
[PZ]: Moves to retain commuter, summer surcharge
[CH]: Seconds the motion.
[DMc]: In addition, we ask to lower the child fare, and to charge more for large trucks.
[TH]: Seconds
[PS]: Washington State ferry fare structure is same as option 'C'.
[EH]: Keep the structure, but not those specific Washington State Ferry fares.
[PS]: Still needs numbers of actual ridership, which Anderson Islanders don't have, to determine what actual fares will be given that structure.
[DL]: Calls for vote to recommend to use option 'C' (retain commuter fare and summer surcharge) but to lower youth fare and increase rate for large trucks:
[Vote recorded]: 9 aye, 0 no
[DL]: Need to complete this discussion and move on to additional agenda items.

[DL]: Next agenda item: Rick Johnston [RJ] to speak on progress with waste-disposal issues:
[RJ]: At July AICAB meeting he and Norm LeMay came out to discuss refuse disposal problem. We added a container as stop-gap until all LeMay bags were used up. New

solution: People like LeMay bags, but it's suffering from tired management. LRI to retool management to give us back the bag program, with new blue bags. New name is "LRI-Anderson Island bag program", general store will still sell them, same cost for now. LRI will operate at cost, will provide garbage box at same place now by ferry, but permanent site soon that will have landscaping, ..etc. Ferry system won't charge for the space. Call me, not ferry, with questions or concerns. White's Inc is contractor who will keep area clean. Illegal dumpers, if this becomes a problem, will be pursued through Pierce County Health Dept. LeMay Company will service the dumpster. 20-yard container planned, is the shorter one so people will be able to lift bags into it. Will probably have stepping stool at permanent site. Curbside service is totally separate and won't change. New recycling bins have been distributed on the Island.

[PS]: How about the existing special provision for elderly putting LeMay bags on curb for pickup?

[RJ]: Will have to call. Landfill will continue as is. Working on getting 20-yard container for yard waste there. Thanks to AICAB for organizing all this.

[DL]: Thanks Rick for resolving this situation so quickly.

[PS]: Can we get the parking space on Steilacoom now occupied by dumpster changed back to allowing parking for getting tickets?

[DP]: You already can park there in front of the dumpster. It just needs a sign stating that. You can park there for 10 minutes.

[DL]: Next agenda item: Construction of restrooms at Lowell Johnson park.

[PS]: Merry McNutt is not here.

(The day following this meeting [DL] was notified by Merry McNutt that she had been called off-island due to a family emergency and was extremely sorry that she had been unable to present the information she had prepared.)

[DL]: Calls Scott Redman [SR]: Surface Water Advisory Board (SWAB). Committee that does storm-water and surface water management. County Council staff members do attend their meetings. Basin plans are main order of business, talked to AIA last year about water problems, habitat, flooding. SWAB will talk at next meeting. Right now close to completing Anderson Island plan. Plan will move quickly to planning commission in November. Will be available to public after that meeting. Do a rate study, concerns with rate study, concerns about how to provide advice in time held it up for one more year. Will need to see increase to pay for services, right now Islands basin pays different rates from Key Peninsula, will try to adjust those to be the same. Rates are in property tax assessment, \$26/year right now on Anderson Island. Steilacoom pays \$150+.

[PS]: But we don't have problems like they do.

[SR]: Not true, have shellfish-growing area protection and other projects, Vega bay water quality.

[PZ]: Should we pay appropriate to what our services are? We pay for ferry and others don't.

[SR]: 26 basins may be lumped into four basins in County's plan and that could affect Anderson Islanders.

[PS]: There are noxious-weed management and other fees we pay that we don't get benefits from.

[DL]: Next agenda item: Anderson Ketron Island community plan. Asks [DMu] to speak to that.

[PS]: Suggests we delay this to January AICAB meeting since we will discuss it then, anyway.

[DL]: Any questions? Did anyone attend this meeting to discuss this issue?

[LS]: Suggests refer to 15-year-old plan (existing one).

[DMu]: Very contentious in some parts of County, tells you how to use your own land. Will guide where island goes into the future, County is growing by 10,000 people per year. AICAB will facilitate update to the new Anderson Island plan

[DL]: The details of this are also online on [DMu]/County Council Web site www.co.pierce.wa.us/pc/abtus/ourorg/council/district6.htm Select #4, which links you directly to the plan.

[SR]: Please look at the basin plan as part of the discussion, as those relate. Have internal review draft of basin plan but nothing right now for public viewing. Should be public end of November. Will send to [DL] then.

[DMu]: Will post on Web site, asks [LS] to.

[LS]: Post on Web, got it.

[DL]: Next agenda item: Pierce County Law enforcement response.

[DMc]: Defer due to recent developments.

[DL]: Questions from anyone present?

[There are no questions.]

[DL]: Calls on people who have signed up to speak.

[Keith Vollrath]: assessed valuations up 19%, NRI now selling at \$45,000 per lot, up from last year's prices of \$2,000-\$6,000/lot, so assessed valuation will go up even more next year. School, fire will get more.

[DMu]: Not true, services are capped at raise of 1% per year.

[Keith Vollrath]: Bathrooms for parks: \$100,000 is too much, will just invite even more off-islanders to come have parties and screw things up at the park.

[RA]: Money for restrooms not coming out of any taxes, collected on voluntary basis. Will not increase any taxes.

[Keith Vollrath]: But levy will cost us money.

[RA]: Parks haven't cost us at all, all 200 acres were from personal donations, including some from County. We get no \$ from county, state, feds for parks. Is all voluntary, no hired employees. Contracting out maintenance was through White's Inc the last three years. Has only charged for cost and was losing money on it. The new Tom White Park was all done by him at no charge. \$70K per year to manage what we have, including liability insurance, county elections (any elections, not just park-related ones), Tanner Electric for power. Parks get less than what library gets.

[DL]: calls Monique

[Monique Grondin]: Asks AICAB to please list on the Web all AICAB recommendations that are made to the county, and it would be helpful to have meeting notes.

[DL]: Minutes are on Matt Garry's Web site.

[MG]: What about minutes from special meetings?

[DL]: Those are not posted, but we can do that, sure.

[Judy Beck]: Why not have your own Web site?

[DL]: We discussed it during the formation stages. Matt Garry's site has all the island organizations listed, and is easily accessible to someone who might not know where to look for an AICAB website.

[PS]: What is the URL?

[DL]: www.andersonisland.net

[Monique Grondin]: Where can I find the minutes from the last ferry meeting?

[PS]: We had a work session and can't make decisions there. We came up with a recommendation, no decision. Decision has to happen in these public quarterly meetings.

[DL]: Although AICAB called the ferry townhall meeting on August 24th, the ferry committee ran the meeting and AIA secretary took the minutes for that. You should contact AIA to receive a copy of the minutes from their secretary.

[PS]: Organizations that were involved communicated what took place to their groups, but communication to community could have been better, yes.

[Amy Reagan]: 1st: Propose that there be a public forum at the end of the 7PM meeting for discussion or at front end of 7PM meeting

2nd: Referring to discussion during business meeting regarding future amendment to bylaws it appears that AICAB needs a by-laws committee. Other advisory boards like Gig harbor have that. Look at other districts.

3rd: Being told public comment is out of order seems wrong. Didn't vote for AICAB members.

[DL]: We already have a by-law committee consisting of [JS], [DL], [PS]. Any questions should be directed to those members.

[PS]: Requests that bylaw questions not be directed to him.

[DL]: Addresses Amy's third point: Most who attend the AICAB meetings have strong feelings and concerns about the issues. However, it's necessary for all to conduct themselves in a respectful manner. When multiple people are talking, it's impossible for others to hear the discussion at hand. Have discussed this w/[DMu] many times already. AICAB is a County-chartered board, and [DMu] has instructed us to conduct AICAB meetings in like manner to County Council meetings.

[Amy Reagan]: Where and when is the next County Council meeting?

[DMu]: 10th floor of County-City Building every Tuesday at 10 a.m.

[This was added to minutes after meeting: County Council meeting address is 930 Tacoma Ave South, Room 1045]

[PS]: moves to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:34PM PDT.