



ANDERSON ISLAND CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD

AICAB Meeting

November 10, 2006 7:30 p.m.

Community Clubhouse Anderson Island, Washington

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Debbie Lowe at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Jim Singer (Treasurer), Peter Seto (Vice Chair), Marshal Ivie, Anthony Tognazzini, Randy Anderson, David McGoldrick, Chuck Hinds, Debbie Lowe (Chair), Phyllis Zander

Member absent: Erik Hodge, Secretary

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Peter and seconded by Dave that the agenda be adopted.

Passed unanimously.

Introductions

Debbie introduced Lucy Stephenson, CPS, who will serve as non-member Recording Secretary. This is a volunteer position, and she will transcribe the minutes and send them to Erik Hodge, Secretary, for distribution to the Board and to the County.

Debbie introduced Marshal Ivie, newly appointed member from the Fire & Rescue District, who replaces Tom Huffar.

Debbie announced that Phyllis Zander, member from Riviera, has been reappointed for a four-year term. Confirmation of Sunny Pepin as member from AIHS will be completed in time for her to be officially on the Board by the December meeting. Sunny will replace Jim Singer.

Approval of October Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Chuck and seconded by Randy that the minutes be approved as read. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Singer reported a checking account balance of \$591 and a Store Account balance of \$45.17. He stated that we are current with the County. We have billed and received payment for all expenses to date. Yet to be billed is the hall rental of \$40 for tonight's meeting. We will have a December meeting and preparations for the January 2007 meeting. We will end up with about \$500 remaining to be rolled into the 2007 budget. We are in good shape financially. Jim invited questions, and there were none. Jim's term on the Board is completed, making this his last meeting. Debbie thanked Jim for all his hard

work as Treasurer. Good job! Jim said once the new treasurer is elected, he will go to Key Bank and change signatures on the account. He also will train the new treasurer.

Dick Muri talked with Debbie regarding a request to the County from the Community Club for \$5,000 to remedy an infestation of things from the woods and possibly some dry rot. It will require \$2,000 to get on a program of regular debugging. The County prefers that a request be as close to \$10,000 as possible so they will send the money to AICAB to forward those funds from our account to the Community Club account. Bernice Hundis suggested that AICAB formally let the Community Club know the plan and notify them when funds are available.

Old Business

Update – Bathroom Construction at Lowell Johnson Park – Merry McNutt

Merry reported about the \$19,500 County funds available for this project, which needs to be billed and paid NLT December 1. The delay is due to their still waiting for the water system proposal. She said they are expecting a \$3,500 invoice. There is a \$33,000 building materials list, including a 10% markup which they hope to avoid by having Tony McNutt buy and deliver materials, if possible. As well, there is a septic materials list of \$5,500 provided by Doug Sherrill which can be used towards spending the \$19,500 this month. Merry will order materials and contact Dick Muri's office right away to coordinate the required paperwork for transfer of funds before December 1.

Questions from the floor were invited, but there were none. Debbie indicated that Merry's report is good news and thanked her.

AICAB Ferry Committee Report

Chuck Hinds reported that he, Ed Stephenson, and Elmer Brown met with JoAnn Boring, Principal Planner for Pierce Transit on Tuesday, November 7. The purpose of the meeting was to try to coordinate bus schedules and the ferry schedule. People stand on the ferry as it is arriving at Steilacoom dock and watch the Pierce Transit bus depart, with another bus not due for an hour or more. Chuck told Ms. Boring the cost of the ferry is going up; the number of people riding the ferry is increasing, and parking in Steilacoom is staying the same. The new ferry has the same amount of cars but expands the total number of passengers to 350. He requested three times--morning, afternoon, evening--when ferry riders could have a minimum wait. It may sound simple, but we are at the tail end of the route and they have heavy ridership to Pierce College. To change the schedule, it will take a lot of effort, but they will look at the routes and get back to us, hopefully by the January 2007 meeting, which is a county meeting with higher predicted attendance. It gives us the opportunity to get more input from people regarding their concerns. In answer to Marshel's question regarding a survey, Chuck said Pierce Transit will try to get a survey out. If Pierce Transit is able to change the schedule, it will be no earlier than June 2007. Another thing they discussed is that in 2008 the Sounder is coming to Lakewood near the old Costco site on South Tacoma Way. This will affect the bus from Lakewood

Center to airport; the airport run will go to the new facility instead of Lakewood Center. A 5-story parking garage is being planned for short-term parking. As building continues in that area, there is a chance that someone will build long-term parking nearby where a person could park there and take the bus to the airport. Chuck will try to have Pierce Transit on the January agenda. He noted that Monday through Thursday those who are still employed do not have a lot of flexibility, but it would be nice for retired people to take the bus and go to Lakewood Center to shop, eat at a restaurant, then see a movie, and then be able to get home at a reasonable time. It is not convenient now with the long waits for bus and/or ferry. Chuck says, "Change it and the people will come."

Jim asked how much longer we need to have the "Sight Blight" sign up that tells us how much money was spent on the ferry dock. We can call and get it taken down.

Toby Rickman, Deputy Director of Public Works informed Debbie that they are "putting the numbers together," but will likely recommend a "substantially reduced" percentage surcharge than the 9% they had initially proposed. The recommendation will be sent to Dick Muri this next week, with a copy to Debbie, which she will forward on as soon as she receives it. Toby said they're beating the 60% recovery goal through the month of October. Also, maintenance costs went down this year because they deferred \$225,000 of work to next year. Ticket sales are up -- they estimated \$1.74 million for 2007, and already hit \$1.6 million through October. Fuel costs have run over - the annual budgeted amount was \$314,000 and by Nov. 3 they've already spent \$317,900. The reduced surcharge recommendation will be reviewed at the Committee of the Whole meeting on Nov. 17th, (which is open to the public), and then go to Council for final approval on Nov. 21 when the Council approves the entire 2007 budget.

Debbie reported on ferry dedication, presently scheduled for Thursday, December 21. First there will be a dedication of the new ferry *Steilacoom* in Steilacoom, which will include County Executive Ladenburg and other officials. They will take about a half hour cruise, presumably during the morning hours, then return to Steilacoom dock where most of them will disembark. Then the ferry will leave for Anderson Island for another ceremony here. Debbie has asked Barbara Lake to cater this event, which will be paid for by the County. The ferry will cruise around the Island. The public is welcome to the extent that the passenger capacity is 350 persons. We are presuming this would take place around 1 p.m. based on the schedule for the dedication of the *Christine Anderson*. Toby also mentioned he would like to have some souvenirs for the dedication, and maybe a big red bow on the ferry. He is thinking of key chains for the souvenir. Yolanda Nelson mentioned the ferry items we used to have at the store, which sold like crazy, but the vendors stopped making them. Another idea was a ferry ticket that could be laminated, or a coin. Bernice suggested it be something that could be put in a scrapbook. Phyllis recalled that the last ferry dedication was in the summer and the weather was beautiful. Other suggestions were we might coordinate with our Fire Dept. Comments: Wish it could be on a

weekend so more people could be involved. Working people could come on a weekend. Debbie said notices will be mailed to Islanders by the County once plans firm up.

Ed Stephenson mentioned that on Nov. 27, the new *Steilacoom* will be launched at Whidbey Island and then towed by tug for final outfitting at a different location on Whidbey.

Anderson Island Hazardous Waste Disposal

Debbie spoke with Rick Johnston, Pierce County Solid Waste Analyst, a few weeks ago. The County schedules "satellite collections" once a year in outlying areas, depending upon availability of County funds. These occur in the summer months and Rick has put AI on the request list for next summer. Satellite collections are only for toxic substances such as oil based paint (not latex), automotive fluids, garden chemicals. They set up a drop box site with a self-contained container where the waste is processed onsite, then haul it off the Island.

Rick explained that it is cost prohibitive for the County to set up an appliance drop off on the Island. LRI charges \$40 per appliance, plus the rental cost for the container and the cost of transporting the container on the ferry. Tacoma Landfill and Hidden Valley Recycling accept appliances, but charges vary. They are still planning to establish a permanent location for the LRI container now located in the AI ferry parking. They expect to construct a concrete pad at the top of that lot, and situate a larger container (to better handle the holiday trash), with a permanent ramp to make drop off easier.

Debbie mentioned Rick is a part-time resident of the Island—has a weekend place here.

Phyllis wants to see us be proactive-- we need to address this now or we will address more serious problems 10 years from now. There is dumping going on in cul-de-sacs where no houses have been built and other places on the Island, and we do not know what we will find. We need to take it seriously. Bernice observed that some people do not have large enough transportation to take big appliances off the Island. Chuck will see if it might be possible for us to get help from State funding or programs. Debbie said Rick was at the Community Planning Board meeting and she introduced him to Marshel. Phyllis and Marshel will work together to see what opportunities are out there. Merry McNutt would like to help and has a friend who can help.

Election of AICAB Officers

Debbie explained that new members take office in January, and election of officers was set up for the quarterly meeting prior to January (October). Now that AICAB meets monthly, election of officers was tabled to this month. Prior to the meeting Debbie asked current officers if any wished to continue in the office they presently held, or if there were a position they would be interested in holding if it

were vacant and if they were nominated. It was noted that several of the AICAB members have heavy responsibilities in other Island organizations and cannot take on yet another office at this time. Peter mentioned that all members should be prepared to serve in some capacity on AICAB (such as subcommittees and special assignments) and not just attend meetings.

When Erik notified Debbie that he would be unable to attend this meeting Debbie asked Erik what offices, if any, he would be willing to accept if so nominated. Debbie read aloud his email response stating that he is willing to continue as Secretary and also to serve as Vice Chair if other AICAB members think that is wise. He said that he would possibly be interested in the office of Chair at some point in the future, but not at present due to time commitments associated with work and family. Peter had indicated he did not want to continue as Vice Chair, nor as Chair. There were no other volunteers for nomination to one of the four offices in AICAB.

Debbie invited nominations for Chairperson.

Dave nominated Debbie Lowe, and it was seconded by Chuck. There were no other nominations and the vote for Debbie was unanimous.

Debbie invited nominations for Vice Chair.

Jim nominated Erik Hodge and Chuck seconded.

There was discussion as to whether one person can serve in two offices. Debbie had previously checked the AICAB By-Laws and Pierce County Ordinance No. 2004-25, Chapter 2.61 of the Pierce County Code setting forth the composition of the AICAB, and neither contain any reference discouraging or prohibiting one member from simultaneously holding more than one office. Debbie also discussed with Dick Muri in case he knew of any regulations that would prevent that, or construe any negatives. Dick said that he saw no problem. There is no rule that prohibits this, and Erik's time in the secretary position has been lightened with our now having a Recording Secretary. Dave pointed out that quite often on Boards one person fills two positions.

Secretary duties include: distribute the minutes, take care of website, handle some of our correspondence as corresponding secretary, take care of the Yahoo website, which sends out announcements to people who want to be on distribution, and take care of the reader board notices about AICAB.

The office of Vice Chair in 2007 is expected to be a much easier job than in 2006. Debbie commended Peter for his help and some good suggestions, strategies, solutions, and support during some extremely busy and stressful times as AICAB was getting organized and established in the community. The Vice Chair responsibilities now should mainly be the ability to take over as Chair if the Chair is absent. Although there is not a succession plan for the Board offices, the Vice Chair position could be considered as "Chair-in-Training" should that person be nominated in the future, but it is not automatic that the Vice Chair

would be next in line for Chair. Marshel pointed out that vice chairman also has parliamentary responsibility.

Jim asked if it is our intention to continue to rotate chairing the meetings in the coming year. Debbie assured him that she would like to continue doing that—it allows attendees to get to know the Board members better. It is not required that every member chair a meeting, but it can be rotated amongst those who would like to.

Debbie asked if there were any other nominations for Vice Chair. Peter nominated Marshel, but there was no second.

Randy moved that nominations be closed. Marshel seconded. Passed unanimously.

The vote for Erik as Vice Chair was unanimous.

Debbie invited nominations for Secretary. Peter nominated the following members who each declined.... Marshel, Randy, Phyllis, and Dave.

Randy nominated Erik, and Chuck seconded.
Dave moved that nominations be closed; Randy seconded.
Nominations were closed with the vote 8 yes and 1 no.

The vote for Erik as Secretary was 8 yes and 1 no.

Debbie invited nominations for Treasurer. Phyllis nominated Anthony, and Debbie seconded.

The vote for Anthony as treasurer was unanimous.
Jim will begin the transition with training on procedures prescribed by the County and getting the new signature at the bank so that Anthony is ready for the December meeting.

To recap: The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Chair	Debbie Lowe
Vice Chair	Erik Hodge
Secretary	Erik Hodge
Treasurer	Anthony Tognazzini

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Proposed By-Law Revisions

Debbie had distributed copies of the By-Laws prior to the start of the meeting. Proposed changes are in bold print. It is required that it be sent to members 30 days in advance of a meeting so that they have time to review them.

Members will read and reflect on these changes for discussion at the December Board meeting.

Surface Water Management

Phyllis brought up the need to use these monies (approximately \$800,000 once 2006 funds are included) to benefit Islanders and not just sit in the bank indefinitely.

Suggestions from Phyllis and others include:

- Install underground power lines to lessen the number of power outages we experience as the result of trees falling on lines. Discussion from the floor revealed that the Riviera is splitting the cost of underground power lines with Tanner, and the cost for just Section 23 is over \$500,000.
- Regarding power outages we experience each winter, Charlene Holt mentioned that it would be beneficial to have someone from the State government tell us which trees should be felled to help prevent spread of diseases and danger of trees falling, and to be better stewards of our trees on the Island. It seemed that resource is probably not available to us due to lack of enough knowledgeable State employees and inaccessibility to people's private property.
- The County wants to use some of these funds to enhance shellfish operations around the Island. The question was raised whether Islanders or commercial fishermen get the benefit from this. Two areas with problems are Amsterdam Bay and the Yacht Club in Oro Bay. Surface Water Management does not apply to salt water except situations affected by sewage treatment so that you can have a shellfish habitat.

We will put this on a future agenda to discuss further. That is a large amount of money, collected from property taxes on the Island, which should be spent for a meaningful project on the Island that meets the required criteria.

Issues from the Floor

Debbie asked if there are any issues from the floor.

Yolanda would like the Island to have a plaque honoring our Island veterans. Debbie asked her to put together proposal of what would be required and where it might be located and present that at a future meeting.

There were no additional issues from the floor.

Youth Violence Prevention program

Debbie announced that she received email notification of an informational Young Life meeting scheduled for Monday, November 13, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Clubhouse. Directors of the Young Life program will be in attendance, and presentation will focus on activities of our Island youth.

Adjournment

It was moved by Chuck and seconded by Marshel that the meeting be adjourned. Passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.