

ANDERSON ISLAND CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD
July 11, 2019 MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

Attendance: Current members David Albertson, Dave Jacobsen, Ellen Kaspi, Wade Winkler, Larry Nelson, Kelly Hallock, Eric Cunningham, Jim Cook and Tiffany Waggoner were present.

Call to Order and Verification of Quorum: Chair David Albertson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. A quorum was confirmed and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag was observed.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote to accept the agenda as written.

The following special guests were introduced: County Executive Bruce Dammeier and his Administrative Assistant Alice McDaniel, Representative Doug Richardson and his Administrative Assistant LJ Rohrer, Pierce County Sheriffs Larry Minturn and Travis Hoffman, and Pierce County Traffic Engineer Rory Gridley.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote to accept the minutes for the April 11th and May 9th AICAB meetings.

It was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote to accept the AICAB Bylaws as amended.

Jim Cook, representing the American Legion was welcomed as a voting member of AICAB.

It was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote to accept the Quarterly Treasurer's Report. Kelly Hallock requested that this be relabeled as the Year to Date Treasurer's Report, and this was agreed.

DISCUSSION:

- Dave Albertson read the email submitted by Kendel Lyman of the VIP regarding ferry line management. Kendel stated that gaps in the ferry lines have always been a problem. She also opined that for the two-ferry service on Friday and Sunday, while a late start (afternoon/evening) on Friday is okay an earlier start (morning) on Sunday for those leaving the island would be better.

Dave also read the response from Debi Ross, the Interim Ferry Administrator, stating that she is working with the PC Traffic Manager, the Sheriff and the City of Steilacoom to address this issue. Dave said that he met with Debi on the Steilacoom side and brought up the issue of the driveways alongside the ferry lines, especially the one closest to the dock. Since there is really no way to access several of these marked driveways, all but one will likely be "unmarked" when the new lines are painted.

- Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier was introduced and addressed the group, saying that he was here to listen and to see what is happening on the island.
- Pierce County Council Chair Doug Richardson spoke next. He said that he was here for the Salmon Bake and sees a lot of good things going on here.
 - As for ferry line management, he brought up that the members of the VIP no longer felt safe managing the ferry lines, so the county code was modified to follow the state ferry guidelines and Steilacoom also adopted the ordinance as written. The county has provided additional funds to the sheriff's office to have them assist with ferry line management.
 - PC Sheriff Lt. Larry Minturn addressed the group, stating that his office is currently doing an education process in ferry line management. He said that officers have encountered people being abusive to ferry employees. He noted that an officer must be present to address such issues, but that citizens should continue to report issues. He also said that citations are not yet being written at this time.
 - New signage and road line painting will be done soon. When doing new ferry line striping, the rest of the island roads will also be done.

- Bill Palmer expressed concern that a sidewalk was still being required for the new water department where sidewalks will neither be needed nor appropriate
- Doug Richardson has proposed amending the code requirements to be able to waive sidewalk requirements on the island. The potential amendment will require that the county consider traffic and speed threshold to allow waivers.
- It was brought up that island organizations continue to place sandwich boards to advertise events in the walkway up from the ferry, which hinders walkers. It was determined that AICAB will handle that issue.
- Regarding the three infrastructure requests made at the last few AICAB meetings, their status is as follows:
 - The street lighting along Yoman coming up from the ferry dock is currently in process.
 - Re-stripping of the ferry parking lot is underway and should be completed soon.
 - A crosswalk at the store is being researched.
 - New stairs have been approved for the transfer station.
- Doug and Bruce Showed a Certificate of Appreciation to be presented to Joe Howell for his work with AICAB.

Other Business and Issues:

- On the issue of the island's boat launch repair and lease, Bill Palmer gave a progress report., saying that we will be submitting a new plan which is expected to be approved. No work can begin until fall.
- Regarding ferry issues, there will be a ferry committee meeting on August 22nd. Further ferry discussion is deferred until that meeting.
- Regarding the Community Plan, the committee reported that they are awaiting word of a firm timeline for a new plan before proceeding further.

Adjournment: It was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting.