

AICAB MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 2017 @ Anderson Island Community Club

Members Present:

Joe Howells, Carol Paschal, Pat Owen, Buzz Thome, Dave Albertson, Lauren Kirby, Elizabeth Emerick, Chris Frye, & Larry Nelson; Absent: Bob Lyden

Call to Order and Verification of Quorum:

The executive session was called to order by Chair Joe at approximately 6:33pm and a quorum was declared. The pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Adoption of Agenda:

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to approve the agenda as written.

Adoption of Minutes:

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as written

Introduction of Guests

Steve Wambach, filling in for Lauren Behm while she is out on maternity leave

Treasurers report

Carol Paschal – Still paying service charge at bank and is still missing document needed to switch to a different bank. Document needs to come from IRS.

Old Business:

Transmission reduction gears – Bob has been liaison on this, said he doesn't really have any new information at this point.

7:40pm run update – Will be implemented starting May 1st with the summer season rate change.

Other – Ferry Line Etiquette – Lauren and Dave – 2 different proposals

- Dave – part of the issue is people filling empty spots, should encourage people to not leave empty spots.
- Lauren – Fill vacant spaces under two conditions: if not loading, or if no cars in lane 3. Honor the cones. Don't over fill lanes beyond the obvious limit. Don't pull in to lane that is already loading. Differing of opinion for what the tone should be. I viewed it as guidelines on how to load the lanes.
- Dave – Rule of thumb is to use the golden rule. Want to have conversation with ferry staff to make sure they would be participants.
- Chris – present it in way that is neighborly, this is how it is typically. Talk to Steve K. and let Steve talk to the boat staff.
- Carol- in favor of non-golden rule version
- Elizabeth – in favor of non-golden rule version as well, golden rule is essentially what it is now and it isn't firm enough to help alleviate the issues. It should be more straight forward.

- Chris – change language about parking in lane 3 if space is available in lane 2.
- Clarify motorcycle loading
- Dave -Work on suggestions, get together with Steve K to get HMS on board.
- Steve W.– will bring this back to the County and give them full report. Agrees that the staff parking in lane three needs to be addressed due to the confusion it creates for ferry users.
- Buzz – workers check everybody, and give cards and sometimes help to check with people cutting.

New Business:

Park Levy – Rick Anderson – We have a regular levy every six years, this is the sixth year, and we are looking for another levy to be voted in this year. This covers maintenance and support. We have 10 parks currently, 7 have been gifts, and 2 were acquired by bonds, and only one was paid for (swimming hole). 490 acres of parks including tide lands with 1.5 mile of shore line. Emphasis is on different forms of recreation, secondary portion of mission is to provide wildlife, green belts, etc. They will be asking for 50 cents per thousand this time. They have had 30 cents per thousands, and before that, 40 cents per thousand. They are hoping that people will be generous and are asking for support of board. Think it is reasonable for the benefit it provides. Most of it would be for operations and maintenance, cleaning up vandalism, restoration projects, kid's camp, but we are also looking at improving boat launching areas, improving trails, etc.

- Buzz – please update website for this year's costs for kids camp
- Bill – created website and has had Bob Bidell help with that. Working to get that taken care of
- Carol – In 2007 the reserve fund was \$102,858, but by 2016 it had dropped to \$50,979. The highest year of tax revenue was \$88,700. 2013 tax revenue was only \$40,130, and it had recovered to \$72,968 by 2016. Tax revenue has not been covering operating costs.
- Pat – Where will marina be?
- Rick - not marina, just boat launch for kayak, canoes, etc. Bond will be on the August ballot

Fire Dept. Bond – Not ready will be discussion at a future meeting. Revenues for the fire department have gone down 30% looking at the probability of going for another bond.

Ferry District Bill – Senate bill 5403, passed, House bill 1343, still in committee in the house. If the County implements the district on the whole county it goes through with the legislative body. If it will only be part of the County, the tax payers would have to vote it in. Session is over, so house bill is actually dead for this year.

Other – waiting to hear on sidewalk project

Ann – confused by changes to fares that are being implemented that were not part of the recommendations from the study.

Steve W.– ridership is up, 12% up 1/3 in vehicles. The reason changes in length are happening is to align with the state.

Issue of kids staying on bus – how is the new system working for the kids? If bad have to go back to the bus; seems to be going well.

Tanner meeting is 10am on

Dave- thanks to Steve Wamback for joining us and being sincere.

Buzz – Salmon bake 11:30-2 July 1st

Rick – two positions open on park board this year, Rick and John Larsen’s positions are open

Bill – extra driveway in ferry line, that doesn’t get used. Also people run stop sign.

Iris – signage is an issue with ferry

Ann - Bus is parking at bottom of ferry lanes again, needs to be addressed

Charlene – input to county for signs on county club based on accident she was in. Need yield signs

Linda – 40 day ticket; Joe will address

PC Guest Presentation/Discussion:

Steve W.– been with PC since 1993, manager of sustainable resource division, manages county code enforcement program and environmental education program. At end of January planning and public works were merged, and administrator of the ferry and airport was put on hold. Lauren will most likely be the customer interaction point with the ferry when she returns on May 15th.

Reference to mechanical issues with ferry, in fact have canceled 6 round trip runs in the last week. Generator on Christine Anderson went down during its temporary use while the Steilacoom was being serviced (fluids flushed, regular maintenance). It is frustrating with not being able to control the issues, and has mostly been working on putting out fires while Lauren has been out and working through policy changes that could not wait for her return. Planning to start the 7:40pm run with the season change on May 1st. HMS was pushing to change the entire afternoon runs to accommodate, County prefers to squeeze it in between the 6:40 and the 8:40. They know that there will be delays on days when the ferry does make a stop at Ketron off the 6:40. Will keep an eye on these delays.

Will be doing two boat runs again this summer, will start on June 30th. Is there an interest in the County providing two boat service for Memorial Day weekend? Wants feedback on that issue.

Issue of 4th of July weekend: 4th of July is on a Tuesday; typically have heavy traffic on Wednesday after, this year this will be on a fuel run day. Do we do two boats on Wednesday? What days do we do two boat services?

With website changes at county alerts have been dropped for some people, will have to resign up for the alerts if you stopped getting them.

With the missed noon run and full loads today, they were authorized to load and leave as soon as they were able, is this something that would be of interest to the community rather than adhering strictly to the schedule.

- From audience: Question about what HMS wanted for the ferry runs in the afternoon with the addition of the 7:40 run. Steve thinks that much more communication and public outreach would be needed to make further adjustments. Can be addressed at a later date if needed due to lots of delays because of not enough turnaround time for the sailings. Audience member feels that adjusting the schedule to meet the needed time as stipulated by HMS
- Carol – Is it true that the speed of the boat is limited to a certain mph? If could speed up when they get behind to catch up.
- Chris – a lot of time they are going against the current and going faster requires more gas and adds to the wear and tear.
- Ann – leaving early is an issue. The reliability is important for the community to be able to plan.
- Lots of support for 7:40pm run

Steve – have to be careful about how many shifts there are with the crews. Hours of service limitations, and overtime, is a hurdle for extended service.

- Chris would be good to try it out, two boat service for memorial day
- Kendall – on holiday weekends island patrol runs the ferry lines, Steve Caputo was not planning on running two boats for Memorial Day weekend. He does have a second crew on call. Steve C. thought it would be a good idea to talk with the community about it. Second boat needs to start at 10:30, not 12:30. Talk to captains about when big trucks should be allowed during low tides. Need to communicate with the crews. The 10:30 start would be for holiday weekends and on Sundays.
- Ann Dasch reiterated need to start 10:30 for second boat on Sunday's during the summer two boat service.

Which day is busier? Monday is the big day. Maybe add three runs instead of 6 like the rest of the summer runs.

Steve – going to take back wish to start second boat to start at 10:30 as they only got authorization to do the same schedule as 2016.

- Dave, need to make a concerted effort to notify the community of any changes to the schedule that are not published. Joe should know about it so we can add it into island publications and on social media to let people know.

Steve – last thing wants to do is run a boat that nobody knows about it.

- Ann Sunday over runs on 10 and 12, not asking to add a run but shift the runs to accommodate the earlier 10:30 second boat.

Steve - What days in addition to Friday are wanted for 4th of July weekend?

- Ann – Saturday due to Salmon bake
- Kendall, need to reschedule fuel run on that Wednesday which will really disrupt the flow of traffic. Thinking of life safety issue as it is usually a 3-boat back up. Request to start 2nd boat at 10:30.

Steve – will look at options for moving fuel run and see what the options are.

- Can we be assured this year that we will not be impacted by dry docking?

Steve – Next dry dock Steilacoom II spring or fall of 2018. He is hoping to have it scheduled in the spring. Christine in Dec 18 or Jan 19. Hoping for Jan for budget purposes. Aware of services issues encountered during the summer of 2015.

- Ann just a heads up April tends to be heavy with RV and boat traffic
- Buzz – Can the boat run while the fuel boats on are island? Would help alleviate traffic issues.
- Joe – Was brought up in January, Lauren was going to look at it.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm