

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

Attendance: Current Members David Albertson, Dave Jacobsen, Wade Winkler, Larry Nelson, Kelly Hallock, Elizabeth Emerick, Ellen Kaspi, Eric Cunningham, and Tiffany Waggoner were present. Nominated potential member Jim Cook (American Legion Post 365) was also present. It was noted that Jim's appointment is pending with the County Executive and County Council.

Call to Order and Verification of Quorum: Chair David Albertson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:36 p.m. A quorum was confirmed. 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 approve the agenda as written.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: The Minutes from the January 10, 2019 meeting were distributed and reviewed. It was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote to approve the meeting minutes as written.

Approval of Vice Chair: It was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote to approve Dave Jacobson as Vice Chair.

Welcome: The Board welcomed new member Jim Cook, who represents the American Legion Post 265.

Reports to the Board: Dave Jacobson gave the Treasurer's report stating that he had made a payment of rent to AICC for the last year.

Introduction of Guests: Chair Albertson welcomed guests Pierce County Councilman Doug Richardson, his assistant LJ Rohrer, and Toby Rickman representing the Department of Public Works.

REPORTS:

Chair Albertson ceded the meeting to Councilman Doug Richardson, who reported on the following matters:

- Doug introduced Toby Rickman, the head of Pierce County Public Works.
- The Council passed an ordinance to increase the AICAB members from 10 to 11. This will be effective in ten days.
- The county is getting serious about increasing broadband internet coverage.
- The citizens of Pierce County approved a biannual budget process; the county is now working on the 2020-2021 budget.
- Cell service will soon be improved on the island due to new aerials for cell service that are being installed.

Ferry Issues:

Lauren Behm has resigned as Airport and Ferry Administrator. A new manager for the ferry should be assigned soon.

It is reported that 80% of the drydock work on the ferry is done and it should be back in service in early or mid-May.

The Legislative Tracking Board will engage the town of Steilacoom and the PC Sheriff for ferry line support. They are expected to pass an ordinance to allow the Sheriff to ticket people for line jumping in the ferry lines.

A roundabout will be added at Rainier Ave. The design work is finished, and funding is pending. There will also be a ticket kiosk at the top of the hill. This is due for construction in 2020.

Amy Reagan and Wade Winkler volunteered to pass on ideas for the roundabout.

Islanders want adjustments to the two-boat schedule to cover later ferries. Islanders also want more interaction regarding ferry times. As soon as the new ferry manager is onboard, AICAB will have a Ferry Committee meeting.

Wade Winkler mentioned that there was supposed to be a survey regarding ferry time changes and suggested that this be re-done.

The Coast Guard is the driving force behind the ferry training schedule. Jim Cook suggested tabling discussion of the training schedule until the Ferry Committee meeting.

Road and Traffic Issues:

Each year, \$60,000 is available for traffic safety improvements in Pierce County, of which \$10,000 is available for District 6. AICAB should consider whether they want more lighting on the road from the ferry.

During the meeting, Jim Bixler contacted Tanner and reported that street lights would cost \$200 per pole, plus \$10 per month for each light.

There is also interest in a crosswalk at Nelson Corner. Toby noted that county standards must be met, but that street signs count as traffic control.

Doug and Toby both say that there is no requirement for sidewalks at the Fire Station or the Water Department building.

Repairs to E-J road: the county was not successful in getting right-of-way for repairs, so they must purchase the property from the owner. Therefore, no repairs this year.

A request was received to use golf carts on the roads on the island. Council is looking into the ordinance currently in existence in Tahalee that could be adopted on the island.

Larry Nelson requested some Yield signs for several intersections. Doug will look into this.

Other Business and Issues:

- Boat ramp: the marina boat ramp is now about 50 feet longer than expected. We already have permits for a 100-foot ramp, but we need the extra length for the fire boat at low tide. Doug will look into this.
- John Saatela requested stairs for the dump to access certain bins. Doug will look into this.
- School bus parking for drop-off and pick-up is a problem. Public works will look into this for us and will talk to the school district and the traffic department.
- Doug suggests that we do an “after-action review” of what things worked and what didn’t after this winter’s storms, and document this for the future.
- It was announced that medication disposal is available at the fire station.
- It was noted that we have a lot of dead and dying trees that have root rot on the island. Dave Albertson mentioned that the county cannot go onto anyone’s property to take care of the trees.

Community Plan Update:

Dave Albertson will send all AICAB board members a link to the current Community Plan so that we can be prepared to work on this.

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