

**AICAB REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES (Revised)**  
**April 10, 2015 @ Anderson Island Community Clubhouse**  
**(AICAB Approved)**

**Members Present:** Joe Howells, Carol Paschal, Rich Sullivan, Dave Albertson, Ann Dasch, Pat Owen, Ed Stephenson, Lauren Kirby, Buzz Thome, Bobbi Sullivan. At the request of the Chair, Dave Jacobsen will serve as Recording Secretary for the meeting. A quorum was confirmed.

**Special Guests in Attendance:** Doug Richardson, Pierce County Councilmember; Alice McDaniel, Pierce County Councilmember Assistant. Jeffrey Mann with P.C. Planning and Land Services. Valerie Thorsen, with P.C. Ferry and Airports Administration. Sheriff Paul Pastor, Lt. Carr and Deputy Hoffman with the P.C. Sheriff's Office.

**Call to Order and Verification of Quorum:** The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman Howells at approximately 6:00 P.M.

**Adoption of Agenda:** The proposed agenda was unanimously approved.

**Approval of Prior Meetings Minutes:** It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes as written.

**AICAB Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rich Sullivan noted that the only change since his last report was an expense of \$203.00 for website management and hosting. The checking account balance is \$183.60. He is preparing a request for reimbursement to the County in the amount of \$466.85.

**Public Forums:**

**Pierce County Comprehensive Plan Status.** Jeff Mann noted that this will be a follow up from PALS previous visits discussing incorporation of the Community Plans into the County-wide Comprehensive Plan as well as revisions to the Comprehensive Plan itself. Mr. Mann referenced a handout entitled Land Use and Economic Element Policies noting how principals and standards shared by all communities are now incorporated into the overall Community Plan, and how those items unique to the Anderson and Ketron Islands Community Plan are now also stated in the Comprehensive Plan as a "refinement and addition to the Comprehensive Plan". Items that are addressed by other regulatory documents, or that were deemed redundant or no longer relevant, have been deleted from the Community Plan.

Member Albertson expressed concern that there is apparently no way on the PALS website to pull out all the Anderson and Ketron Island unique policies into a single document or file. Mr. Mann indicated that can be a future refinement for the site. All of the background information from the initial formulation of the Anderson and Ketron Islands Community Plan will also be available on the site in the future.

As part of the updating of the Community and Comprehensive Plans required by the Growth Management Act, some issues affecting rural communities in particular did surface. Mr. Mann referenced a handout titled Staff Report. The County was required to review the Agricultural Resource Lands (ARL) criteria and designation in areas outside the urban growth areas in Pierce County. A proposed change to the

County's previous ARL criteria will delete a requirement for a specific minimum yield per acre for grass/legume production as it is not relevant to the majority of crops grown on Pierce County. The new criteria will expand the areas designated ARL from about 12,000 acres to just over 65,000 acres total for the County. This change will not alter established "current use" designations. All affected property owners have been notified of the proposed change, and public meetings have been held to discuss the impact of this change on development potential. In 1997 the Legislator significantly reduced the areas where rural commercial centers can be established. The County has reviewed the existing rural commercial centers, including the Anderson Island Neighborhood Center against the Limited Areas of More Intensive Rural Development (LAMIRD) criteria. Those criteria require that the commercial use had to already be in effect in 1990. After that review, the County has made some modifications to the Community and Comprehensive Plans. The Island General Store complex existed in 1990 so it meets the criteria and remains in the Plan. However the small triangular property to the South of it (Nelsons Corner) does not meet that LAMIRD criteria and will likely be removed from the rural commercial area. However, PALS would be interested in AICAB's comments on this proposed action. Note that this Plan change does not prohibit home-based businesses. Also, other existing commercial property uses may continue under non-conforming use policies. In response to an audience question regarding possible development of "aging in place" adult group homes, Mr. Mann indicated that would likely be considered a "residential use" and allowed, but only if supported by the Community Plan elements for Anderson Island. Changes to the Community Plan elements require authorization by the County Council.

Mr. Mann also noted that the criteria for construction of schools in rural areas will change but the County will incorporate "flexibility" into the Comprehensive planned for those districts that do need to address school expansion in rural area. A further update that is driven by recent court cases will address detached accessory dwelling units (ADUS) in rural areas. In rural areas, adding a "detached" accessory dwelling unit will now have to comply with the established density requirements for the property. In response to a question from the audience, Mr. Mann confirmed that any future commercial development in a rural area like Anderson Island must meet the LAMIRD criteria – including that use having been established in 1990 or earlier. Councilman Richardson confirmed his understanding that the commercial use has to have been in effect, not just planned in 1990, or that the property is surrounded by other LAMIRD recognized commercial uses.

**Pierce Count Waterborne Transportation Study (WTS) Status.** Valerie Thorsen noted that this comprehensive study was last done in 2003. They will be looking at population and demographic trends for the Islands through 2034 as well as possible changes to ferry service that could enhance the Islands' vitality and livability. They are also looking at the financial sustainability of the ferry system and the 14 year capital needs of the system. A study advisory group of stakeholders was formed including representatives from the Riviera Community Club, the Fire and School Districts, the Town of Steilacoom, AICAB, and Anderson and Ketron Islanders at large. There will be advisory group meetings on April 16<sup>th</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Steilacoom Town Hall. Information on the study and its progress is available on the Ferry System website. The study as three phases, beginning with a current situation assessment including facilities, ridership and financial analysis, and a review of perceived strengths, challenges, opportunities and threats to the ferry system. This first phase included two surveys – an origin and destination survey of current riders, and a survey sent to 3,352 Island residents and property owners. Phase two will develop alternatives for moving forward. Ms. Thorsen shared several examples of ideas brought up by the County Ferry Committee and the WTS Advisory Group. These will be evaluated along with the survey responses. The final phase of the study will evaluate alternatives and develop a draft action plan. During

this phase there will be two public meetings - which are yet to be scheduled. While survey results are still being compiled, Ms. Thorsen did share a couple of interesting notes. They received 884 survey responses from the on-board surveys. This represents about 29 percent of the total riders on the four runs where the survey was offered. Approximately 56 percent of those survey respondents indicated they are employed, with 22 percent of those that are employed indicating they are planning to retire within the next five years. Ms. Thorsen noted that train traffic delays and safety are important concerns of the Ferry Administration and they will be considered in the study. The study will produce a series of both near-term and long-term goals, with near-term changes occurring as early as the next County Ferry System budget cycle. The long-term goals will be scoped for three possible ridership growth possibilities – no growth, low growth, or high growth.

In response to a question from the audience, Ms. Thorsen noted that the black ramp mats that were in place during the use of the Rhododendron were in place because of that specific ferry's low car deck height. The mats readily wear out, are expensive and have been deemed unnecessary with our current ferries. In response to a question from the audience regarding extra ferries during the US Open, Ms. Thorsen noted that in the last SoundWaves newsletter it was indicated that Pierce County will schedule an extra, one-hour earlier morning ferry during the week of the US Open, Monday through Friday, but not a later evening boat.

From a show of hands, it looked like the vast majority of Islanders did receive the post card with instructions for completing the ferry survey.

**Criminal Activity on Anderson Island.** Sheriff Pastor provided a handout titled The Sheriff's Log which outlines the Department's broad goals, and challenges to, and strategies for achieving them. He is here to specifically address the recent spike in property crime on the Island – our “burglary and theft problem”. He assures us that they are doing something about it, although it isn't easy or quick to solve property crimes. Know as well, the property crime problem is not unique to Anderson Island. Pierce County has about 3,000 burglaries a year affecting a population of about 392,000 throughout the unincorporated County. The Department has about 279 people dedicate to crime prevention and response. Of the 3,000 or so burglaries a year, the Sheriff's Department is able to effectively focus on about 700 of them. The limitation is limited resources. “We can't do everything for you, but we will do everything we can for you.” While Tacoma is able to spend approximately \$350 for every person in the City for policing, only about \$127 is available per person in unincorporated Pierce County. To help do more with less, the Sheriff is establishing a proactive burglary prevention/property crime reduction team to focus on the high volume burglary suspects.

Sheriff Pastor introduced Lt. Todd Carr and Deputy Travis Hoffman. He noted that the three of them had driven around the Island today and observed that there are a lot of remote, hidden, and overgrown properties that would be “nice pickins” for a burglar. “We want to work harder than we have been, closer than we have been recently, with your Island Patrol.” “We will find ways to work closer ... that's just sensible.”

Lt. Carr shared some of the challenges in serving the Island with very limited resources. They will be working harder to get a more visible presence with marked vehicles on the Island. They did just replace the patrol cruiser that remains on the Island for use when they have to come over by small boat. They drove around the Riviera Community Club, and it is, quite frankly pretty inviting for burglars, especially

with all the unoccupied properties. “My guess is, . . . , the folks doing this, live here.” The Sheriff’s Department does have a number of good, workable leads. They did collect a finger print, but unfortunately it turned out to belong to a man who has been deceased since 2008. They want the tips to keep coming in. The likely way these guys will be caught is from some “good luck” with the information that comes in from the community. Both the Detective Unit and the Community Service Team are working on this.

In response to a question from an audience member as to how many thefts have occurred, Lt. Carr said that what he knows now is there have been 8, possibly 9 burglaries that have been reported. He expects there may be more that will be reported once part-time residents return to their Island homes. These cases are all in the Riviera C.C. In response to a question from an audience member, Lt. Carr confirmed that there were some weapons taken in one instance. Also taken have been a cross bow, baseball cards, big screen TV’s, smart phones, “things like that”. In response to a concern from a member of the audience that “advertising” that we don’t have an adequate police presence actually attracts thieves, Lt. Carr noted that “the bad guys already know that”. The Sheriff interjected that we are teaching bad lessons. We are teaching the bad guys that they only have a one in five chance of being investigated, and we are teaching good people not to bother to call in because it is likely nothing will come of it. “Do me this favor . . . if you are victimized please call” so they can adjust the investigation to the new information. A member of the audience commented on the need to report what we see, even if it may be a neighbor or friend who is involved. “We are not helping our friend and neighbors by remaining silent”.

Lt. Carr noted that in reviewing the reports and calls, he is seeing that people often don’t have the information they need to reclaim their items if they are recovered. They don’t have serial numbers or haven’t photographed or uniquely marked their items. That limits law enforcement’s ability to prosecute and then to get your items back to you if it can’t be demonstrated it is actually yours. He noted they have to be very specific in what they are looking for when getting a search warrant from a judge. Lt. Carr also encouraged folks to document anything you see in your neighborhood that looks out of place. Jot down - don’t trust your memory - date and time, vehicle color and make, license number, etc. Then if a problem is later discovered, your information may be valuable to the investigation. If you see something suspicious call it in to the Sheriff’s non-emergency number. In response to a question from an audience member as to what may be driving this current spike in crime, Lt. Carr doesn’t believe it is related to drug or gang activity, but rather someone figuring out there is an “opportunity” to steal with all the vacant homes and the limited law enforcement presence on the Island.

In response to a question from an audience member about the availability of a list of things people can do to reduce the likelihood of a burglary, Lt. Carr indicated something like that could be provided. The Sheriff also noted that with the help of Island Patrol there are ways that property owners can “harden the target”. You also need to lock doors and you just cannot leave anything in an unlocked car. Sarah Garmire identified herself as the President of the Volunteer Island Patrol and noted that we regularly put crime prevention tips in the monthly Island Sounder. In response to a question from an audience member regarding a possible correlation between rising drug use and increased property crime, Lt. Carr noted there could be a correlation, but his experience with the Island is that there is no direct tie. The Sheriff’s Department narcotics folks are well aware of the drug-related problems on the Island but he cannot discuss specifics. The Sheriff interjected that people who steal to get money to buy drugs, also steal to buy food and pay the rent. These are people whose value set is that of a thief.

An audience member who identified herself as one of the victims of the recent burglaries wanted to commend the Sheriff's Department for their responsiveness and communication. While Lt Carr cannot talk about specifics of that case, he did just talk to the detectives and they are well aware that this is a priority right now. Evidence was collected at the house, but results are not back yet. The reality is that burglars often wear gloves and take other steps to limit the evidence left behind. However, they seldom take the initiative to remove serial numbers or other identifying markings. Board member Thome expressed his concern that Islanders actually comment on the lack of law enforcement to the media or on social media. Certainly the bad guys read that as well. Please stop sharing that kind of information. A further concern is the posting of information about vacations or infrequent visits to the Island that allow the bad guys to figure out when your house will likely be unattended.

A member of the audience asked if a bond or special levy could be passed by the Island community to provide additional funding for law enforcement. Sheriff Pastor noted that would require a special law enforcement district which is not allowed by State law. However, the Sheriff noted that the Volunteer Island Patrol has some funding to bring deputies to the Island on "overtime" as they deemed warranted. Deputy Hoffman noted that he and one other Deputy do come to the Island for such overnight "overtime" shifts, generally two nights each for the Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day weekend holidays. They come over on the last ferry from Steilacoom, stay overnight, and return to the mainland on the first boat the next morning. Councilman Richardson noted that the Council provides a budget proviso to the Sheriff's Department to provide funds to the VIP for the overtime deputy shifts and for the Volunteer Island Patrol's vehicle and equipment expenses. He agreed to take a look at some additional funding to expand this unique arrangement. In response to an offer to allow the deputies to stay in private homes overnight, it was noted that when they are here they are actively patrolling. On a personal note, the Sheriff indicated that he returned his recent salary increase to the Department to support operations.

Audience member Bob Garmire observed that over the years when we've had a spike in crime on the Island, with a resulting increase in the law enforcement presence, some people begin to complain that they are being stopped and ticketed for speeding, no seatbelts, expired tabs, no insurance, etc. While we have a tradition of being "a little loose" over here, we can't have it both ways. "If you want more police protection, than follow the rules". Lt. Carr concurred, "I would highly recommend you don't drive suspended, ...you have insurance,... you get your tabs, ... you might get a warning for rolling through a stop sign out here, but you won't get a break for the rest of the stuff."

In response to a question from an audience member regarding recommended alarm or camera systems, Deputy Hoffman suggested contacting a community that has a Crime-Free Housing Program like Tacoma or Lakewood to see if you can sit in on a seminar, or if they can share some of the training materials or information they provide to private community (e.g. condominiums, homeowner's associations, apartment complexes) managers on burglary- and theft-proofing multi-tenant properties. Or go online and look up "multi-tenant housing crime prevention". The available, affordable technology has grown a great deal. He also recommends trimming or removing plant growth that interferes with "natural surveillance" of your property – especially away from your windows - so that people walking or driving by can see your house and see if something suspicious is happening. "Stop providing cover for the burglar." Also be prepared with paper and pencil to take detailed notes if you see something suspicious in your neighborhood. "If it makes you suspicious or question something, write it down." This may provide an important clue if something does happen. There are a number of things you personally can do to help yourself and help each other, as well as help law enforcement.

In response to a concern from an audience member about mailbox prowls and thefts, Lt. Carr noted that while that is a federal offense, don't count on a response from the Postal Service. Rather, find a way to lock your mailbox. He also noted that if you are going to install an audible alarm system, you need to make sure your neighbors are aware of what that alarm means so it doesn't simply get ignored. If you get a video system, make sure it is of good quality so that the images are discernible and useful. Use your personal technology to record observations so you have, and then can share the information. A picture is worth a lot, as is a license plate number. "It is a beautiful Island, and your crime rate is actually much lower than the rest of the County. But when it's your place and your stuff . . . I get it". "Is there drug activity on the Island? I'm sure there is. Is the Sheriff's Department aware of it? I'm sure they are. Is somebody going to come haul all those folks away? Unlikely." But if you see drug activity, or smell it (meth manufacturing smells like cat urine) please report it and someone will check it out. Watch for the telltale signs in people's changing appearance and behavior. In response to a comment from an audience member about frequent "facebook" postings about people being way from home, Lt. Carr encouraged Islanders to "please don't do that". Deputy Hoffman added that they can't over emphasize the importance of continued reporting. In the previous spike of burglaries on the Island, it was actually the 30<sup>th</sup> reported break-in that finally netted the evidence that led to an arrest and conviction.

In response to a question about how to get a response for a break in while someone is at home, Lt. Carr noted the reality is that a deputy cannot usually respond immediately on the Island. So you need to know who your neighbors are and who can help. The Sheriff said he told his family to immediately get out of the house and go to a neighbor's. "There is nothing in the house worth them". If you are feeling personally threatened, then you have the right to defend yourself. "But please think about what that involves ... it ain't like the movies."

**County Council Update.** Councilmember Richardson expressed his appreciation for Sheriff Pastor's responsiveness to the Islander's concerns and his trip out here this evening to meet with the community. Phase 2 of the road chip seal project is scheduled this summer. All the necessary rock material should now be on the Island ahead of the busy ferry travel season. The third phase will be completed in the summer of 2016 and will complete the resealing of all County roads on the Island. (Note: the chip sealing map showing the areas for the three phases is available on the AICAB website at [www.aicab.org](http://www.aicab.org).) State funding for additional security by the State Patrol to augment the Sheriff's Department for the US Open in June was successfully sponsored by Senator O'Ban and Representative Kilduff. The State Transportation Package is working its way through the legislature. It includes \$450 million for I-5 improvements through the JBLM corridor. Phase 1 of the project includes three new interchanges and an additional traffic lane to be completed by 2020. The Council's work has been completed on the Shoreline Management Plan and it is being transmitted to the Department of Ecology for review and approval. Work is now being completed on the Comprehensive Plan which must be adopted by June 30<sup>th</sup> in order to make application for State transportation and other funding. Councilman Richardson served on a six member panel with Senator Murray on the subject of federal sequestration and its impact on the Department of Defense budget. The goal is to protect the investment in JBLM from destructive, across the board budget cuts. Voters approved a levy to upgrade the South Sound 911 radio communication system and the new radios have been purchased and are in the field. The next step is to consolidate all first responder dispatch into one public safety access point facility. AICAB Member Owen asked if the new facility would be in Fircrest on Mildred. Councilman Richardson indicated that is the "preferred site".

## **Unfinished Business:**

**Shoreline Master Plan Amendments – Resolution to Pierce County Council.** Vice Chair Paschal proposed that AICAB formally support the Council-adopted Shoreline Master Plan update, particularly as amended to prohibit industrial/commercial aquaculture and dredge material dumping within the Nisqually Aquatic Reserve within Pierce County. AICAB members received copies of a proposed letter from AICAB to the Pierce County Council, which thanks the Council for its efforts in seeking community input and reflecting that input in the final Plan update and resolves to support the Council in the State’s Plan Approval process. Vice Chair Paschal read the proposed letter into the record as follows:

*Whereas, the Anderson Island Citizen's Advisory Board (AICAB) has been created to serve in an advisory capacity to the Pierce County Council, we hereby resolve, through a full vote of the membership, to support the County Council in their recent passage of the Shoreline Master Plan (SMP) update.*

*The County Council, with the valued support of our representative, Doug Richardson, held meetings throughout the county to get citizen input. The result was a document that addressed the needs of Pierce County residents and owners of property.*

*The Shoreline Master Plan as adopted by the County Council proposes that industrial/commercial aquaculture operations be prohibited within the Nisqually Aquatic Reserve and that there be no further dumping of dredged materials at the waste site within the Reserve. Since Anderson Island is located within the Reserve, we particularly welcome these additions to the SMP.*

*We believe there is strong support on Anderson Island for protection of Puget Sound, for keeping public shorelines available to the general public, and for furthering the conservation goals of the Nisqually Reach Aquatic Reserve.*

*We thank the County Council for responding to these concerns.*

Member Dasch asked to clarify if the prohibition on commercial aquaculture was limited to public lands or did it also apply to privately owned tidelands. Vice Chair Paschal noted that the Nisqually Aquatic Reserve only includes publicly owned and DNR managed lands so this amendment, which speaks only to the Nisqually Aquatic Reserve therefore only applies to public lands. Councilman Richardson confirmed that the commercial aquaculture limiting amendment applies to State-owned lands. Member Dasch went on the record as being opposed to any effort to limit the rights of private tidelands owners to use their tidelands without a “really strong, compelling public need to limit a private citizen’s property rights” and cited examples of cooperative projects to sustainably raise native shellfish in Puget Sound. Councilman Richardson reiterated that the intent of the amendment was to specifically restrict “industrial/commercial aquaculture within in the Nisqually Aquatic Reserve”. Member Albertson moved that the letter as presented by accepted for transmittal to the County Council. The motion was seconded by member Thome (and others), and was passed by a voice vote with members Dasch and Owen dissenting.

**Testimony Before County Council by AICAB Chair Regarding Amendments.** Chairman Howells stated that he had testified before the County Council in support of the amendments to the Shoreline Master Plan relating to restricting commercial aquaculture and dredge material dumping within the Nisqually Aquatic Reserve. His actual testimony is recorded on the County Council website. After reading his testimony to the AICAB members, Chairmen Howells stated that Member Dasch had contacted him expressing her belief that he had violated AICAB By-Laws Article 11- Limitation of Authority by making the statement before the Pierce County Council. That Article reads in relevant part:

*No Board member of the AICAB shall represent himself or herself as a spokesperson for the AICAB without prior and explicit approval by the Board members of the AICAB.”*

Chairman Howells noted that as Chair, he has presided over numerous presentations to, and discussions by AICAB on these subjects, and has heard nothing to conflict with his general statement regarding the sentiments of the Board and the community. He did make clear in his testimony that his statement was not based on a specific AICAB meeting or formal vote of AICAB, but rather his observations and reasoned understandings from many discussions and meetings about the dumping of dredge material and commercial aquaculture practices and impacts. He has never received or heard any negative feedback from AICAB members or community members about taking a position in opposition to these practices until now. Given the schedule for the County Council’s action on this subject, there was not time to convene a Special Meeting of AICAB or a community meeting. He also noted that these amendments had already been approved by the Council, and his testimony was not about the inclusion of these amendments, but rather to thank the Council and indicate that we supported their actions. Further, if there is here-to-for unstated opposition to these amendments by AICAB or Island community members, there will be opportunity to give testimony before the State Department of Ecology when they consider the County’s proposed plan. Chairman Howells relinquished the Chair to Vice Chair Paschal for discussion.

Member Dasch stated her belief that it doesn’t matter whether she agrees or disagrees with what the Chair said, rather that she feels he exceeded his authority in making the statement without the prior and explicit approval of the Board. Member Kirby noted that the Chair’s testimony did indicate that his comments did not reflect a formal position of the AICAB. Member Dasch indicated she felt the use of the plural terms such as “we” and “us” implied otherwise. She stated that such unapproved statements by one individual can be misleading and confusing. Member Albertson noted that some statements made on Facebook for example by an AICAB member can be just as misleading. “If the Chair made a technical error, let’s point it out and move on.” Member Stephenson noted the Chair’s position reflects a “consensus that has developed over a period of time, and the Chair is the obvious one to represent that.” He cautioned against “tying his hands” with unproductive procedural restrictions. Councilman Richardson clarified that the Council meeting that day where Chairman Howells had testified was to simply modify or correct a certain finding of fact – a technical change. The Council had already approved the amendments on dredge material dumping and commercial aquaculture and they were already a part of the Management Plan.

A member of the audience suggested that a motion be made by the complaining member to be voted on. Member Dasch noted she wasn’t sure exactly what to do. She re-read the relevant section of Article 11 of the By-Laws aloud and stated “we have to vote about it”. A member of the audience noted that it appears “other people have done the same thing on this Board” so “maybe everyone gets their hand slapped” and “you just be careful in the future.” Member Thome expressed his concern about postings on Facebook by AICAB members and suggested that nobody post anything on Facebook regarding AICAB business. A member of the audience indicated he felt it was demeaning to the Chair to require a “public slap on the hand” for stating what most of the group agrees with as indicated by tonight’s approval of the letter.

Member Albertson proposed “to let it go with” a motion for approval of the Chair’s statement in arrears. The motion was restated by member Stephenson “to approve in arrears the statement made by the Chair to the County Council”. The motion was seconded by member Thome (and others) and was approved by voice vote with members Dasch and Owen dissenting.

A discussion was initiated by member Thome regarding the need to impose restrictions on AICAB member's on commenting on AICAB business on Facebook or any media. Member Dasch expressed concern about limiting "our first amendment rights". Member Kirby expressed concern that "it was a little premature for that" given the recent discussions by the Board about using Facebook as a tool to educate the public on issues. "There needs to be more discussion on what's appropriate ...". A member of the audience asked what the purpose of posting AICAB business on Facebook would be. Member Dasch indicated her intent in posting on Facebook is in "trying to make sure people know what the issues are and come" to AICAB meetings. A member of the audience expressed concern that posting on Facebook, a media not used or referenced by everyone, could result in incomplete feedback.

After a few attempts to phrase a motion to impose restrictions on public comments by individual AICAB members on AICAB business on Facebook, Member R. Sullivan noted that he agreed with Member Thome's concerns about the potential for misleading information on Facebook, but he also agreed with Member Dasch's concerns about limiting individual first amendment rights. Member Howells moved to table the discussion Facebook use. The motion was seconded by Member R. Sullivan (and others). It was unanimously agreed by voice vote to table the subject of member communication restrictions until the procedural questions can be fully discussed in the context of how AICAB can most appropriately and effectively communicate with the public and the County.

The Chairman reassumed the Chair.

**New Business:**

None.

**Issues and Comments from the Floor:**

Chairman Howells asked that Islanders follow an appropriate "chain of command" when escalating a concern or issue. In a way, it is disrespectful when we simply bypass those in the chain of decision making and take our issues around them to a higher authority. AICAB is the official point of contact with the County on most Island concerns including ferries, land use, roads, schools, and public safety. Come to AICAB first.

Vice Chair Paschal noted that there has been some major vandalism in the parks. Please be aware and watchful for problems in the parks. The only Park that allows open fires is on the beach at Andy's Marine Park. If you see fires or smoke coming from any other park please report it immediately to the Fire Department. If you see vandalism in the parks please report it to a Parks Commissioner and the Volunteer Island Patrol.

Councilman Richardson commented on the earlier discussion about Local Improvement Districts to raise funds for local concerns not being an option for raising revenue for crime prevention. Folk can always make a donation to the Volunteer Island Patrol. Those donations are tax deductible and can help fund more law enforcement presence on the Island. Kendel Lyman added that VIP is increasingly being involved in assisting the officers in investigations, including securing crime scenes and gathering evidence such as taking photographs. An audience member noted that the charitable organization information does not appear to be provided on the VIP website.

An audience member who is a new resident complimented the AICAB for its efforts and thanked Councilman Richardson and Assistant Alice McDaniel for their community involvement. He declared his intent to get involved in working on community issues.

Member Dasch asked if anyone had agreed to stand for election as AICAB Secretary. The Chair indicated no one had, but he would welcome a discussion with any member who may be at all interested or willing.

**Announcements and Adjournment:**

The Chair adjourned the 2015 second quarter Regular Meeting of the AICAB at approximately 8:35 p.m.