

AICAB SPECIAL MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

February 11, 2016

(Subject to AICAB Approval)

Members Present: Joe Howells, Rich Sullivan, Dave Albertson, Bobbi Sullivan, Pat Owen, Buzz Thome, Lauren Kirby, Carol Paschal, Elizabeth Emerick, Chris Frye.

Call to Order and Verification of Quorum: The Special Meeting was called to order by Chairman Howells at approximately 6:30 P.M. The roll was called and a quorum was confirmed. The pledge of Allegiance was observed.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Approved as written.

Purpose for Special Meeting: Chairman Howells explained the purpose of the Special Meeting is to continue the discussion/review of the Waterborne Transportation Study. After AICAB's discussion in the Modified Committee of the Whole, the audience will be invited to participate in the discussion.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2016, as written.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as presented.

ADJORNED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AT 6:30 P.M.:

Chairman Howells explained that no motions will be made during the Committee of the Whole, and that once we reconvene to our general meeting, he will ask for motions.

Chairman Howells also stated since we are a board of 10, it is possible to have a 5-5 tie vote. He will abstain from voting to avoid a tie. In the event of a tie without his vote, the vice chair will cast the deciding vote.

A committee of the Pierce County Council will be meeting on Feb. 23 to discuss the WTS. We will submit feedback for that meeting.

Tonight's discussion will focus of the early and late runs, fare revenue target and the fuel surcharge.

Extra Ferry Runs:

- We should ask for the expansion of service for this year, and ask the county to fund it.
- Increasing lateness of the ferries should be addressed
- We should raise the idea of looking into stretching out the current schedule, but Chris warned that it has been looked into, and it's too late at this point to bring new ideas to the table
- An early Monday morning run could help weekenders get off the island, and still get to work. This would take some of the pressure off Sundays.
- Audience comments:
 - We need to accommodate people who want to live here and work off island. This would help attract young people.
 - We may save fuel by not having to push the boats to run as fast.
 - Weekenders love having an extra ferry to extend their weekend.
 - Both early and late runs are critical for workers.
 - Several people love the small town feel of the island, but appreciate the need to grow.
 - Many are paying for apartments in town when they'd rather commute from the island, but the current schedule doesn't allow for that.
 - We need better coordination with public transportation by the terminal in Steilacoom.
 - Hand vote of audience was taken. For adding an early morning ferry, 22 were in favor and 5 were opposed. For adding an evening ferry, 21 were in favor and 5 were opposed.
- It was suggested that when presenting our recommendations, we use the format of the WTS report. Amy and Chris will draft language.
- Chairman Howells will convene a quorum before the Feb. 23 meeting to approve the recommendations submitted by AICAB.

Fare Revenue Target:

- The cost formula base method is preferred
- It should not include depreciation

Fuel Surcharge:

- What's proposed is taken in part from the State's method. If Pierce County adopts a surcharge at all, it should mirror the State's method in total.
- There was not support for the surcharge, but if imposed, it should be calculated annually.
- Both the Board and the audience agreed on this.

Modify the County's Level of Service:

- Raising ticket prices during premium times punishes regular users.
- The whole section should be stricken
- Some members would rather lease the second boat out rather than run two boats in the summer.
- It was felt that any savings from modifying levels of service would not lower ticket prices – but it could offset depreciation.
- It was decided to hold the discussion on the Ferry District until the next meeting.

Reconvene Anderson Island Citizen Advisory Board:

The chair reconvened the Board at approximately 8:25 P.M.

Chris Frye will draft policy language to be voted on at an Executive Session, to be held before February 23. Lauren Kirby will fill out the Policy Position Papers for each topic.

The next AICAB meeting was tentatively scheduled for February 25. If it is not necessary to hold this special meeting, we will wait until the next quarterly meeting on April 18.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.