

## ANDERSON ISLAND CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD

### July 11, 2024 MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

**This meeting was a conducted at the American Legion Community Center and via ZOOM.**

**Call to Order and Verification of Quorum:** Chair Jacob Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 pm. Present were Jim Cook, Gabe Sachwitz, Bob Bedoll, Tiffany Waggoner, Rick McPhearson, Bob Bedoll, and Jan Koslosky. Absent were Heather Rankos, Jeremy Kamel, Kristan Kennedy, and Larry Nelson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

County guests Jani Hitchen and Becca Book (Senior Planner) and LJ Rohrer with the school district were welcomed.

Minutes from the January regular meeting were noted to have already been approved via Email and posted to the website

#### **Approval of Agenda Items:**

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to adopt the agenda.

#### **Unfinished business:**

- ☐ **Comprehensive Plan Update:** Becca Book, senior planner with Pierce County Planning & Public Works, provided an update on the comprehensive plan. This covered a proposed Council-Initiated Amendment 7 (Short-Term Rentals). PPW is recommending that the council adopt a policy framework to guide the future update of development regulations to address STRs in unincorporated Pierce County. The proposed policy recognizes both the value of short-term rentals and their potential impacts and support, considering the unique needs and character of different community plan areas in future decisions. Re: ferry, the proposed amendments aim to make the ferry more fiscally sound, sustainable and accessible and removes outdated language. The county did not accept AICAB's recommendation to include language balancing affordability of the ferry system. On Rural land uses, "Rural 10" will become "Rural Residential" and Rural 20, 40, Rural Farm, and Rural Sensitive Resource will become "Rural Reserve". The comprehensive plan includes policies that direct growth away from rural areas through removing the rural density bonus.
- ☐ **Villa Beach erosion:** Soil boring was performed on Monday 7/8. The consultant will take a few weeks to get test results back and compiled. The county will then discuss the next steps with the structural engineer and this phase will likely wrap up in September. As for the overall plan, the county hopes to have enough data and analysis to develop a preferred alternative by the end of this year. Unless the work needed is minor repairs and could be done in-house, the county would incorporate the recommendation into the PPW budget development process next year (for the 2026 budget).
- ☐ **Ferry update:** S2: The county is still waiting to hear back from the Coast Guard if they can proceed with a Underwater Inspection in Lieu of Dry Docking next year. That decision is sitting at in their District office, and we are hoping to hear something soon. CA: Coast guard did approve a 120-day extension on the Certificate of Inspection (which now expires 2/28/25). The County is in the process of awarding the Dry Dock bid to Everett Shipyard. They were the only ones who bid. Once that is worked out, the county will work with the Coast Guard and the shipyard to schedule the dry dock inspection after peak season, with hopes of doing it before year's end. The county worked out an agreement with the Town of Steilacoom for lane enforcement that went into effect just before peak season. The Town feels our staffing requests have been very reasonable, but they are having some trouble staffing those shifts and can't force any officers to pick them up. HMS is working with the town to ensure there is a presence around the lanes during high traffic times/days.
- ☐ **Evacuation Plan Update:** in coordination with Division Chief Aaron Reynolds, AICAB has constituted our Disaster Preparedness Committee and will be meeting within the next week to begin our work. We expect to have a brief on our progress and the next regularly scheduled AICAB meeting.

#### **New business:**

- ☐ **Cell service:** Chris Frye of the Riviera Board presented progress for Verizon to mount antennas on the Riv's towers
- ☐ **Meeting time:** it was discussed that AICAB meetings should be moved to 7pm in the future to accommodate working AICAB members and encourage more community participation.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 pm