

DRAFT R.I.I.A. BOARD ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2017 7:00

All Saints Center, Raft Island

7:00 Meeting called to order

Welcome remarks, Charlotte Crain, President, introduction of board members: Rich Swenson, VP, Anne Scea, Treasurer, RJ West, Secretary, Jim Cushing, Matt Hurley, Doug Van Dorn, Jessie Williams, Trish Burnett, Mike Hirko.

Derek Young, Pierce County Councilman, made some remarks concerning priorities including public safety and policing in the rural areas. 1) Property Crime Task Force is going after the highest yield criminals. Prosecutor has discretion to go after priority offenders who get no deals. 2) He chairs community development committee (bugs, bunnies & parks) which passed a new shoreline plan and is negotiating with Dept. of Ecology; comprehensive plan updated but was vetoed by the new county executive. He has steered more money for parks back to this side of the bridge, funded by real estate excise tax and general fund revenue. 3) Behavioral health issues: opioids, mental health, homelessness; mental health bill failed because it required a super majority, executive has instituted mobile health units and diversion center to keep mentally ill out of jail.

In response to questions, Young gave the following answers:

- Bridge tolls: that some revenue was received from the general transportation budget which will keep tolls down for a few years. Seattle tunnel will have large cost overruns and they have to have more money to cover their overages. He intends to trade our toll increase for dealing them any subsidies. 30 year bonds on bridge, we're 10 years in. ST3 raised vehicle licenses \$70 for people in

King County, but Pierce County residents on this side of the bridge typically have a couple hundred dollars per month in tolls.

- Bike Lanes and chip sealing: Will see more chip seal, it's the easiest way to extend the life of a road. It keeps roads from getting to the point of being much more expensive to repair; shoulders need improving which will be easier since the passage of the charter amendment which allows the county to do work in house. Should see more and more shoulder projects. Bike lanes, should begin with routes which are major collectors and focus on them.

Mr. Young left and the meeting continued.

Minutes approved as corrected.

Budget is not much different than last year, primary differences:

- Grounds maintenance was increased because the service is more expensive than having Island resident Tom Straub who has done the work for the past several years.
- Legal fees reduced
- Road maintenance decreased because of imminent replacement, but there is some tree work to be done.
- Want to add street sweeping in late fall back in.
- Replaced concrete steps on North Beach, will do some work on dock and float this year.

Roads: Miles, the road contractor, was hoping to get the road project started in April, or May at latest, but is waiting for the rain to stop. May have to break the project into two parts.

- Survey markers in roads need to be preserved.
- There will be good communication so residents will know where the crews will be working.

- What type of speed bumps are going to be put in? if people drove like normal people we wouldn't need speed bumps, board's concern is liability for installing something that doesn't work.
- After the survey on the styles of humps, it turns out that those humps are designed for a 25 mph limit, they are 'calming devices' but cars can speed over them at 30 mph. A "calming device" is a warning reminder and doesn't actually slow down the traffic if people are determined to speed.
- David Paly - If you can drive a steady 20 mph around the island rather than put on breaks and drive 10, you get around the Island 30 seconds faster.
- The debate is on safety vs. speed.
- Peter Joyce, policeman for 32 years has experience with lots of speed calming devices, the bumps may be a problem for people, but they are the only thing that works.

Ballot:

- Introduction of Candidates:
 - Matt Hurley – President
 - Charlotte Crain – Vice President
 - RJ West – Secretary
 - Anne Scea - Treasurer
 - Doug Van Dorn – Trustee
- Budget
- Security Camera Policy and replacement

Discussion:

- Paly: What is the cost of camera and maintenance ?
Hurley: There is no maintenance cost; cost of camera is included in security budget.

- In regard to the Jenson Property: Burnett moved to accept short sale offer from Bank Of America of \$990 for 6 months of back dues. Seconded by Hurley. Unanimously passed.

Election results:

President Hurley
VP Crain
Secretary West
Treasurer Scea
Trustees
 Swenson
 VanDorn

Budget approved

Camera approved

Parks:

South Beach Dock Work – Mike Neill and Shawn Taylor will do some minor maintenance this week on nails, screws, loose boards and push the big project to the fall.

Roads:

- Alder – drainage problems, Swenson went with Day to look at where drainage might go.
- Motion to approve \$1100 to fell tree blocking culvert near Park and Raft Island Dr. Passed.
- Matt Hurley is having someone look at trees in danger of falling on the road
- Scott Woods complained about tree falling over the road corner of Park and Madrona. Tree is leaning over the road. Janet will write the tree owner a letter.

Adjourned at 9 pm

