

## Isle au Haut 2025 Comprehensive Plan

### Committee Meeting

January 6th, 2025

6:00 pm: Start Meeting: Members Present (all online) Mike Fedosh, Matt Hastings, Kathie Fiveash, Bob Olney, Christine Hill, Dave Wallstrom, Tucker Runge, Sue Foelix. Absent/Excused: Rita MacWilliam, Kyle Devereux

6:03 pm No minutes from last meeting to approve. Dave needs a few quick notes/agenda to provide to the public on the website. Will see Alice, Averi for these

6:05 pm: Started Brief review of needs for Historical Chapter. Kathie indicated she had extra information. Chris Lewis of the HS joined the meeting briefly. She and Kathie will set up a meeting with the other HS principles to answer lingering chapter questions. Other key HS members: Tom Guglielmo, Bob Smith and Donna Hopkins.

6:15 Reviewed options for distributing community member survey. Survey is one of the primary data and opinion collecting tools for the CP document. Plan to send out in **early February**. Significant time spent discussing options. Available group distribution email lists will be forwarded to Addison at HCPC for an email blast of the survey link. Posting of the link on the IAH Swap Share Trade Facebook page also discussed. Flier posting at the Town Hall, Post Office, and Store of need to fill out survey and links also planned (**Need to identify person to post**). **Bob** will reach out to rest of ICDC board, feels that he can't share emails but could include a survey link in his next outreach letter given importance of plan to ICDC mission. Sue has an extensive email list from her fiber outreach. Chris Lewis has the historical society email list. Discussed power company email, but as this is a private entity, not able to share info. **Christine** will reach out to hub board to see if sharing their distro list is okay (Meeting Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>). Long conversation about printed surveys as well. **Kathie** will ensure that Kim Barter's contact info and address is provided to HCPC staff as that is where Billy and Bernie are for the winter to ensure they can contribute. A paper copy will be sent. Paper copies will be available at Town Hall and Store? to be turned in to **Christine** at the library for those not desiring to access digital version. **Dave** volunteered to enter any paper survey data, but in the interest of confidentiality, a HCPC staffer will enter all the information.

6:40 Most of the remainder of the meeting spent reviewing survey questions. Multiple edits and suggestions from all parties. ICDC does have several questions included due to role as primary affordable housing and micro loan provider for the island. Will have a brief ICDC mission/explanation included at the head of these questions to ensure public understanding of their role.

Discussed focused Hub group questions as well, but felt that as the Hub is still in development, that Question 7 regarding key business/development needs would better prioritize what Islanders see as key would be more beneficial both to the Hub and other local entities as that question already included all of the items in The Hub's stated mission.

Other key businesses and institutions seen as integral to the island were also considered. In the interest of getting the most beneficial information, questions for the Store, Boat Co and possible School will be added in an open 2-part format (What are the benefits provided to the community by XXX, and What are the biggest challenges facing XXX---or something like that).

Averi commented that most communities have too few questions, IAH may be approaching too many. Multiple committee members noted that if this is the best opportunity to get extensive public concerns, dreams, and opinions, maybe being a little long is not a bad thing.

Final conversation focused on the last survey section regarding demographics. This is a key chapter for establishing island needs, but is also noted to be very sensitive. HCPC volunteered to enter all data and present it in a way that no respondents can be identified. We also discussed that taxable value and market value vary greatly and that many homes are generational making it hard to draw conclusions from the survey responses. **Averi and crew** will try to adjust survey format and provide a brief preamble to the demographic questions so that respondents know that their information is not public and that their honest responses are very important.

Thoughts on having a second walk through of the survey discussed. Averi very concerned about multiple reviews and rewrites taking forever and wasting limited time and grant money. (let's not make it a PhD dissertation). As limited time was available for committee review of the questionnaire, she will try to get us a final draft for quick review before distributing.

About 1.5 hrs spent discussing survey.

7:45 Agreed that Recreation Chapter would have to be reviewed next meeting. Averi again cautioned about kicking work forward as we would run out of time. Sue and Dave can take a look at the document before next meeting a look for any glaring holes or stakeholder outreach needs as Rec Chapter committee member reps.

7:55 pm: Rita had emailed regarding three community members interested in helping in the CP process. Kathie will reach out to her to get email contact info. Dave will reach out and see where interests lie and review CP process. Noted that these would be subcommittee/information resources as this group cannot add members to the CP Committee.

800 Adjourn. (MARATHON SESSION COMPLETE) Next meeting January 28th: Chapter-Housing and Recreation

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Wallstrom

CP Committee Chair