

Post Harborside Chat Event Report

Aberdeen, WA – April 13, 2024

The Harborside Chat, held on April 13, 2024, at the Pearsall Building in Aberdeen and organized by The Dialogue Project of the Dispute Resolution Centers of Grays Harbor and Pacific County, facilitated discussions on vital local issues. This document reports the event’s outcomes, and the participants’ expressed interests and needs.

Highlights

- Participants hailed from Aberdeen (78%) and Hoquiam (22%)
- A diverse mix of ages was present with 44% of participants under 50 and 56% of participants 50+.
- 100% of attendees responded to the demographic survey, 66.7% identified as female, 33.3% as male and 0% non-binary.
- The ethnic composition was 78% White, 11% Black/African American, and 11% Asian (not Indian or South Asian).
- 9 community members attended, 30% of the intended capacity.

Participant Responses and Top Interests

Community Member Responses	Number of Votes
Sustainability & vision for the local area <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Pride in the community● Increased trust● Reducing scarcity mindset	5
Housing availability & accessibility	4
All-ages spaces, especially for youth	3
Yard waste disposal as part of waste maintenance	3
Strong upstream support for families	2
Buildings revitalized	2
Safe sustainable support for housing challenges/needs	1
Creative solutions for housing	1
More stakeholder input and involvement	1
Promoting a sense of pride & belonging	1
Business-level protections for discrimination against LGBTQ+ <ul style="list-style-type: none">● "All are welcome" signs	1
Sustainable shared community vision	1

Community beautification projects/and support	1
More opportunities for family and youth to be active	1
Easily accessible resource hub	0
Giving youth a greater voice	0
Constructive, proactive community engagement	0
P.U.D. more engaged w/solar initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Education/understanding ● Beneficial to lower incomes especially 	0
Business diversity	0
Value of dialogue around hot topics	0
Greater community engagement from the general population	0
City-sponsored renovations of houses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Training job opportunities ● Lower-cost housing 	0
Income-based multifamily houses	0