

Manchester Community Advisory Council Minutes

Jan. 2, 2024 Public Meeting

Manchester Library Meeting Room

Members in Attendance: Carol Malmquist (Chair & Northern Neighborhoods), Carrilu Thompson (Manchester Community Association), Susan Shaw (Port of Manchester), Ana Langone (Business), Sharon Holst (Colchester Neighborhood), Russ Higgins (Alaska Neighborhood), Amber Brown (At-Large), Gentry Brierly (At-Large), O Ray Pardo (Friends of the Manchester Library)

Excused Absence: Janelle Overton

Guests: Deb Knodel, Jim Brewer, Dana Danubio, Tom Smith, Maddy Feiste, Troy Violette, Rashmi Ballard, Bob Ballard, Anne Presson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Carol at 6:30 pm.

Guest Speakers:

Amber Dunwiddie, Kitsap County Administrative Services Director, and Kristofer Carlson, Budget Manager, gave a presentation on the amount of the county budget (\$557,000,000 for 2024), where the money comes from, where it is spent, and the state law limiting how much property tax can be increased. Two sources for this are the county budget site (<https://www.kitsapgov.com/das/Pages/bgt.aspx>), and also the parcel search/tax statement function for any address (<https://psearch.kitsapgov.com/psearch/index.html>).

Madison Feiste of the Kitsap Conservation District spoke on its cost-share program for residents to install rain gardens.

I. Administrative and Business Items

- A. Welcome new At-Large member Gentry Brierly.
- B. Approval of the minutes from the November 2023 meeting: Carrilu (motion), Ana (second); minutes approved with one abstention.
- C. The zoning subcommittee announced it would be meeting to decide on a recommendation for the update to the county's Comprehensive Plan.

II. Announcements and Public Comments

- A. The next meeting of the MCAC will be held February 6.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm: Amber (motion), Sharon (second); meeting adjourned.