

Manchester Community Advisory Council Minutes

March 5, 2024 Public Meeting

Manchester Library Meeting Room

Members in Attendance: Carol Malmquist (Chair & Northern Neighborhoods), Janelle Overton (California Neighborhood), Susan Shaw (Port of Manchester), Sharon Holst (Colchester Neighborhood), Genti Brierly (At-Large), O Ray Pardo (Friends of the Manchester Library)

Excused Absences: Carrilu Thompson, Ana Langone, Russ Higgins

Guests: Scott Diener, Carla Lundgren, Trace Richard, Debra Knodel, Jim Brewer, Dennis & Juwariah Owens, Paul Nuchims, Stewart Lombard, Maddy Feiste, Troy Violette, Tom & Jan Shandra, Frank Tweten

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

Guest Speakers:

Carla Lundgren, Kitsap County Critical Areas Ordinance Update Lead Planner, spoke on the required update to the CAO, to ensure consistency with the county's Comprehensive Plan Update and development regulations. For information on all aspects of it, including public comment: <https://www.kitsap.gov/dcd/Pages/Critical-Areas-Ordinance-Update-2024.aspx>

Trace Richard, South Kitsap Fire & Rescue Community Risk Reduction Specialist gave a talk on preparing for wildfire season and the importance of keeping vegetation off the ground near houses. For more information: <https://skfr.org/public-safety/>

I. Administrative Items

Approval of the minutes from the February 2024 meeting: Genti (motion), Sharon (second); minutes approved.

II. Business Items

- A. Discussion of the request for county funding for safety vests and pet collars. Motion to approve the letter sent to the Board of County Commissioners: Sharon (motion), Gentry (second); motion approved.

- B. There was a short presentation of plans by the Port of Manchester to build a community center on Port-owned land adjacent to the library. It is proposed to be a 2-story, 7,000 sq. ft. building with offices on the first floor and an events space above. The chairman of the PoM board has stated that any tax increase to pay for such should be by vote of the residents of Manchester.

III. Announcements and Public Comments

- A. Frank Tweten spoke of wanting to build 4 houses (2 single-family residences with one auxiliary dwelling unit each) on property he owns above the Carbon restaurant. He would like for Manchester to change zoning to accommodate this.

- B. The next meeting of the MCAC will be held April 2.

- C. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm: Janelle (motion), Sharon (second); meeting adjourned.