

SUQUAMISH COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 4, 2023

6:30 – 8:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

SCAC Board Members:

Brynn Felix, Laurie Kadet, Martha Burke, Tom Curley, Erin Bischoff, Carol Larsen, Ed Mullaney

Quorum: Yes

Presenters and Community Members:

David Forte, Melissa Mohr, Steve Nichols, David Tucker, Rev. Zackrie Vinczen, Abraham Blaylock, Mark Williams, Chris Miller, Kevin McDonald

Opening Items

Meeting called to order: 6:30 p.m.

1. Land Acknowledgment

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is within the ancestral territory of the “People of Clear Salt Water” (Suquamish People). Expert fishermen, canoe builders and basket weavers, the Suquamish live in harmony with the lands and waterways along Washington’s Central Salish Sea as they have for thousands of years. Here, the Suquamish live and protect the land and waters of their ancestors for future generations as promised by the Point Elliott Treaty of 1855. “Every part of this soil is sacred in the estimation of my people. Every hillside, every valley, every plain and grove, has been hallowed by some sad or happy event in days long vanished.” Chief Seattle 1854.

2. Introductions

- Introduced ourselves to one another
- There are currently three vacancies on the SCAC. If you are interested in

applying to fill one of the vacancies, please visit [this website](#).

Old Business

1. Approval of April meeting minutes

Tom made a motion, and Martha seconded it – Tom noted that this year’s Chief Seattle days is open to the public. The event is scheduled for the third weekend in August. Brynn moved to amend the minutes to reflect the change. All were in favor. Motion approved.

2. Updates on 2023 Workplan

- Earth Day Cleanup Debrief - Tom provided an update that the Earth Day Cleanup was successful, with a good turnout of community members. 32 volunteers participated and collected 73 bags of trash.

3. Bylaws Committee Update

The committee discussed proposed stylistic changes; Laurie made a motion and Tom seconded it. All in favor. Motion approved.

New Business

1. Kitsap County Stormwater Project Update by David Tucker

Presentation

- 91% of stormwater will go through the treatment, the remaining 9% bypasses the treatment due to the large volume
- The vault will be 175’x27’; pre-casted and comes to the site in chunks
- The mulch in the vault will be replaced annually; the media is proprietary and certified by the state and is replaced periodically
- Native plants will be planted along the pipe (which exits to the Sound)
- Kitsap County received permission from Suquamish Tribe via the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for the easement (2 feet behind the sidewalk)
- Construction slated for 2025
- Traffic mitigation - A lane for traffic will be maintained in front of Sully’s; flaggers will be used to direct traffic

- Stormwater Outreach – One to two months before construction begins, an outreach team will communicate with the community on what to expect
- Construction is slated to begin in 2025 and it is estimated that the project will take 11-12 weeks of onsite work
- The Suquamish Tribe is now slated to host the Canoe Journey in 2029 (this project will be completed)

2. Kitsap County Roads Division Presentation on Transportation Improvement Plan by David Forte, Transportation Planning Manager, Melissa Mohr

Presentation

- Funds - Money comes with lots of strings/restrictions on how to fund projects property tax, fuel tax, misc., transportation impact fees on private development, grants
- Projects are identified - by reviewing rolling data on safety, congestion, and traffic counts as well as public suggestions

<https://www.kitsapgov.com/pw/Pages/TIP-Form.aspx>

- Competitive project selection - each project is scored and ranked

Evaluation System

- In the early stages of reviewing non-motorized improvements along Augusta
- Public Comment (via email sent to Chair Brynn Felix)

John Williams: I have reviewed the Transportation Plan and the TIP documents. I saw no mention of providing safe, non-motorized transportation route between Suquamish and Kingston. However, the Port Gamble STO route was on the schedule as a "path for non-motorized access", even though there is already a bike-able shoulder on Port Gamble Road connecting Port Gamble with Highway 104.

Until all communities such as Suquamish have safe, non-motorized routes to essential services, recreational projects such as the STO should be put on hold.

Informational Items

1. Public Safety Update from the Suquamish Police Department

- There are currently two open positions in SPD - one in patrol and one in fish and wildlife
- SPD is seeing an uptick in car prowls
- Compare to 2022, SPD is experiencing an increase of call volume by

68.7%

- Federal Funding Matrix is being adjusted (potential change in 2024-25)
- 7.5 calls a day
- Huge increase in speeding
- There is a grassroots effort organized by community members to put in a 4-way stop at Indianola Road/South Kingston
- SPD expects 10-15k people for the Canoe Journey and for Chief Seattle Days
- Aug. 18 Shop with a Cop Comedy Show - At Clearwater Casino and is a fundraiser for the holiday shopping in December
- Mark Williams (Suquamish Police Department) generously shared his cell phone and encourages community members to call him with concerns 360-535-3339

2. Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in helping volunteer at the Canoe Journey or for Chief Seattle Days, please reach out to Rev. Zackrie Vinczen via email at minister@cedarsuuchurch.org

3. Upcoming Events and Activities

- a. Hood Canal Bridge Closure Update - the state recently announced that it will not be doing long weekend closures this summer
- b. Work Party fo North Kitsap Heritage Park on May 13 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Work includes invasive species removal, planting and trail maintenance
- c. Kitsap Public Health District - if you are on a septic system, you now need to get your building permit approved by KPDH

Public Comment

- Laurie shared that on May 5th there will be a walk from the Suquamish Administrative Offices to the House of Awaken Culture in honor of missing and murdered indigenous women

Adjournment 8:01 – Next meeting is June 1, 2023 at Suquamish Police Classroom

Minutes submitted by: Recorder, Erin Bischoff