

# SUQUAMISH CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 1, 2023 @ 6:30 in-person meeting only

Suquamish Police Training Room, 18480 Suquamish Way NE, Suquamish

## **ATTENDEES:**

### **SCAC Board Members:**

Ed Mullaney, Martha Burke, Brenda Austin, Carol Larsen, Tom Curley, Hannah Moss, Brynn Felix (Chair)

**Quorum:** YES

**Kitsap County Commissioners' Office:** (none)

### **Community Members:**

Mike Magee, Lisa Magee, Jason Maher, Mandy Maher, Mark Williams (Suquamish Tribe PD), Abe Blaylock (Suquamish Tribe PD), Douglas Shaw, Troy Meyers, Aaron Wheeler (Suquamish Tribe IT), Ace Haynes. From Kitsap PUD: Allison Cotner, Stephanie Hall, Angela Bennink

## **OPENING ITEMS:**

**Meeting Called to Order at: 6:35 p.m.**

**Reading of the 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.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of the May 2023 Meeting Minutes: Tom Curley motioned to approve the minutes, and Ed Mullaney seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT #1**

No public comments, but roundtable introductions

## **WORKPLAN REVIEW:**

Noted that the meeting topic of broadband was an item in the workplan.

## **MEETING CORE:**

### **Meeting in August with no July meeting:**

The county recommends all CAC's take July off to take more time to explore the hybrid live/Zoom option. SCAC normally takes August off, so Brynn Felix motioned to take July off and have an August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to bring SCAC into commonality with other CAC's. Tom Curley seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Presentation and discussion of bringing broadband to local neighborhoods:**

Angela Bennink (KPUD), talked about the role of KPUD in water distribution, and now telecom/broadband treated the same way. Sewer is not in the purview of the KPUD. Provide service to schools, libraries. Community-owned, no discrimination about who is on the network, started as a backbone from Port Orchard to Kingston. In 2000, the authority was granted to KPUD to provide broadband service. "Middle Mile" is the backbone (KPUD) with "Last Mile" your driveway. Widme was underserved for internet access, which drove KPUD to find a way to provide service. Similar to water service, a Utility Local Improvement District (ULID) is the instrument (financing mechanism) that provides the structure to provide service. KPUD provided the distribution cabinet and connection. Cost per home was \$4,652 per home. Tribal land in trust cannot be part of a ULID, since there cannot be a lien on federal land. 20-year lien, can be paid back earlier with no penalty, have to be the home owner (to place a lien on house). Interest rate at the time was 10%, with KPUD adding ½% to cover their administration costs over the 20 years. This allows KPUD to provide broadband right to the house. NoahNET is owned by a group of PUD's, and all restrictions lifted during COVID on last-mile service, which allows KPUD to be the last-mile provider. Widme was their 3<sup>rd</sup> project, not at 45. Steps to get an LID: community presents petition 50% plus 1 of homes (desire to participate), verify home ownership, create design for costing, resolution and public hearings. With water, you much participate. With telecom, you can decline and opt out. On Widme, 121 homes total with 86 participating. Can opt-in later, at the same buy-in price plus connection price (which could be several thousand) – so never less expensive to wait. Once LID is finalized, can't add in outside the area later. Value of home increased with broadband. \$4600 amortized over 20 years is about \$29 per month, plus monthly service. Six possible service providers. Gigabit is

the default. \$70/month for 100 megabit, \$90 for Gigabit (per month). Possible coordination with the Suquamish Tribe to expand this service within the Port Madison Indian Reservation. Fiber is already in place that can be built off, so cellular would be slower.

Broadband is high speed internet. Should be at least 25mb for school work. By 2028 the governor has set a goal of 150gb upload and download for the entire state of WA. Low orbit satellites (StarLink) another solution, but trees and rain reduces service, cost is about \$135/month, with \$400 for antenna cost.

KPUD is also working on micro-septic treatment for individual homes, to reduce nitrogen getting into groundwater from septic systems but still local recharge. Kingston is now connected to the county-wide water supply, to deal with pump failure or whatever.

Doug Shaw and Troy Meyers talked about their path to get broadband – a little more than a year. Value of the house goes up, amortized cost is minimal, everyone is happy with fast internet. They showed the technical aspects of fiber cable, and talked about how fast their service is.

## **Memorandum of Agreement between Kitsap County and Suquamish Police**

### **Department:**

The Suquamish Police Department (SPD) has civil jurisdiction over natives and non-natives within the Port Madison Indian Reservation boundaries. The SPD has more training than is required by state law. State authority comes from the state (WAC RCW 1092) and not the Kitsap County Sheriff's Department (KCS), though there is an inter-local agreement with KCS. This means better policing, with more police officers available, since there are just two deputies north of Silverdale. When you call 911, you get blue (SPD) and green (KCS) but only pay for green. SPD will usually be first on-scene in Suquamish. 1,730 hours of Tribe police training for SPD before an officer can be alone on the street, state standard is 400 hours. Continuing education after academy is 136 hours for SPD, state requirement is 24 hours. SPD is very selective of candidates, and so is perpetually short staffed.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT #2**

Bainbridge ferry will have no car service between September 7-13.  
Canoe Journey will be in Suquamish July 28-30 with thousands of participants.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. The next meeting is on October 5, 2023.

