

SUQUAMISH COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 7th, 2023

6:30 – 8:00 PM

In person only – Suquamish Police Classroom

18490 Suquamish Way, Room 118B on the lower, west side of the building

SCAC Board Members:

Tom Curley, Erin Bischoff, Ed Mullaney, Hannah Moss, Brenda Austin, Martha Burke, Patty Charans

Quorum: Yes

Kitsap County: Jim Rogers, Senior Planner for Kitsap County Department of Community Development, Haylee Anderson, Policy Analyst, Commissioner Christine Rolfes

Community Members: Colleen Mriglot, Ace Haynes

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:32 p.m.

MEETING AGENDA

Opening Items

1. Land Acknowledgement: 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. Public Comment:

Kevin - Asphalt path on Division – asphalt has become unusable for strollers. Who should we contact? [See.Click.Fix](#). Kevin will reach out to the County as a starting place. Tom said the Tribe might be interested in assisting as well. Kevin will report at the next meeting what he finds out.

Would be nice to have the new County Administrator, Victoria (Torie) Brazitis, attend a future SCAC meeting.

3. Introductions: Attendees went around and introduced themselves.

4. Old Business:

- Approval of November meeting minutes - Martha made a motion to approve the minutes, Ed seconded the motion. All were in favor. Minutes approved.
- October meeting minutes were not written. Suggestion to provide the October agenda in the minutes section of the SCAC website so the public can review the topics discussed.

5. New Business

A. [Comp Plan Update](#) –

- **Dec. 15, 2023:** Draft Comp Plan Documents Released (includes Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Comprehensive Plan Elements, Capital Facilities Plan and Development Regulations released for public review)
- **Dec. 15, 2023 - Jan. 31, 2024:** Public comment period on the draft Environmental Impact Statement – Assesses any countywide, planning-level, adverse impacts from the different growth proposals (released in mid-December)
- **January - March 2024:**
Outreach, including virtual/in-person meetings, community advisory council presentations
Briefings and work sessions with Board of County Commissioners and Planning Commission
- **April 2024:** The County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to select a preferred alternative which will include aspects from one or all of the preliminary alternatives
- **August 2024:** Final EIS, Comprehensive Plan Elements, Capital Facilities Plan and Development Regulations released for public view
- **December 2024:** The Board of Commissioners will make a decision on the final version of the proposed Comprehensive Plan

B. 2024 SCAC Chair(s) and Secretary Election

- Discussion on how we would like to re-envision the SCAC
- This committee feels more procedural and a repository for County information and less of a place to build community
- SCAC Chair(s): Tom is willing to fill in until a Chair comes forward
- Secretary: Martha will fill in temporarily

C. Develop 2024 Work Plan

- Not discussed

6. Public Comment & Good of the Order

Ace- UCC meal on Wednesdays — try to have the community engage - all are welcome. 5-6:30 p.m.

Christine Rolfes - Suggested having the next meeting at the church or school and have a town hall-like meeting; Perhaps change the date (Jan. 4 is difficult)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. Next meeting is January 4, 2024