

Suquamish Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

ZOOM Meeting, July 1, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Martha Burke (Chairperson); Laurie Kadet (Co-Chair), Brian Albro, Brenda Austin, Marian Pierce, Lisa Lindsay, Carol Larsen, Kevin McDonald, and Tom Curley.

QUORUM: YES

OTHERS PRESENT:

County Staff: Commissioner Rob Gelder; Darren Gurnee (Senior Planner, Kitsap County Department of Community Development) and Liz Williams (Planning Supervisor, Kitsap County Department of Community Development); and Katherine Shaffer (Commissioner Gelder’s office representative to SCAC).

Community: Eric Martin, Brynn Felix, Susan Griggs, Jan Hall, Louise Barbee, Alan Trunkey, Ron Coglon, and Bethany McDonald.

Other Governmental Partners: Chief Mike Lasnier and Dep. Chief Mark Williams, Suquamish Tribal Police.

PROCEEDINGS

Meeting began at 6:30 PM with a reading of the SCAC Land acknowledgement statement: “We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is within the aboriginal territory of the Suquamish people. We are privileged to share in the natural beauty of the Central Salish Sea and honor its people’s history and traditions.”

The June minutes were approved.

Meeting Core

Chief Lasnier and Deputy Police Chief Williams provided a presentation titled “The Nature of the Suquamish Police, Now and the Future” to the gathered audience. He discussed the Patrol, Marine Patrol and other divisions of department. Questions from the audience spanned discussion of:

- Mental health police response and the state of support to this concern locally
- Hiring and funding challenges in Washington State (and locally)
- Chief Lasnier noted current laws are challenging to all WA State Police but there is a legislative session coming and the hope is that the laws will be corrected appropriately. Commissioner Gelder concurred, that WA State politicians are challenged with a limited legislative session and being able to make the right decisions in that abbreviated time (rather than be “year-round” politicians that have time to fully understand the issues and address them appropriately).
- The MOA with the County is working well and appreciated by all stakeholders after five years of run time.
- Are tribal individuals that are jailed offered the same services for medical and youth care as the County? Chief answered yes, and sometimes even more due to their tribal status.

Darren G. from Kitsap County gave a presentation on Kitsap County Zoning Changes. The proposed changes are intended to increase housing equity and diversity, increase

economic development, and makes the code easier for use. The Project is completing the Analysis phase in July and will enter “Consideration” phase from July 2021-March 2022. The PowerPoint presentation (along with other documents) will be made available in the future on the County DCD website [<https://tinyurl.com/ZoningUseTableUpdate>]. The best way to stay informed is to sign up for the “Gov delivery” email updates.

The July Community Picnic was finalized for waterfront park, 10 July from 1-3 PM. Bring friends, family and games and your own picnic. The SCAC team will bring chips, sodas and water. Look for more details on Facebook and other locations.

We introduced our new member Brenda Austin - welcome Brenda!

7:50 PM: other community updates:

- County updates (Commissioner Gelder) - Tom C asked Commissioner Gelder how the County re-opening up. The goal is to return to a “modified” normal (incorporating Lessons Learned with ZOOM and other aspects from COVID) on 12 July through August.
- Garden Club (Martha B.) - Expect another July garden tour .
- School report (Kevin McD) - School hasn’t selected a new principal yet.

Public Comment.

There was discussion about the SCAC standing up a Subcommittee for Planning review as needed. This will be a discussion item in September.

The meeting closed at 8:17 PM.

There is no August meeting, and the next meeting will be September 2, 2021 at 6:30 pm in person at the UCC in Suquamish as well as on ZOOM.

Minutes submitted by: Recorder, Brian Albro

MINUTES APPROVED:

(Chairperson’s Signature)

(Date)