

## SUQUAMISH COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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

### **ATTENDEES:**

#### **SCAC Board Members:**

Brynn Felix, Laurie Kadet, Erin Bischoff, Ed Mullaney, Brenda Austin

Quorum: Yes

**Presenters and Community Members:** Eric Martin, Mandy Maher, Jason Maher, Don Fenton, Debra Hurd, Marla Powers, Patty Charnas, Doug Heyman, Marianne Metzger, Ashley Oksmick, Bethany McDonald, Kevin McDonald, John Gibbons, Brian Stevens, Noel Learu, Kristel Dillon, David Vliet

## **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. Welcome Commissioner Rolfes

- Sworn in on June 20, 2023
- Looking forward to representing the Suquamish Community
- Bio & contact information available [here](#)

## 3. Introductions

- Attendees introduced themselves

### **Old Business**

#### 1. Approval of June meeting minutes

Will be approved at the September meeting

#### 2. Vacancy Update

Three vacancies – application and more information are available [here](#).

### **New Business**

#### 1. Kitsap County Critical Areas Ordinance Update – Carla Lundgren, Planner with Kitsap County Department of Community Development

##### [Presentation](#)

- The last review was conducted in 2017; the requirement used to be to update the plan every eight years but it is now every 10 years.
- The target adoption is June 30, 2024 (although it could be later in 2024)
- 66% of Kitsap County falls in one of the critical areas
- Have not received much public comment yet but suspect that will

- change soon
- Standing working group members - thanks for their dedication
    - Did not record the meetings but will provide written summaries; will send an email via the county when the summaries are available
  - Draft amendments in late 2023 and public comment will open in January 2024
  - Questions
    - Well permitting (that's a question for Kitsap Public Health)
    - How does the plan accommodate future changes due to climate change? The comprehensive plan is required to have an element regarding climate change and it feeds into the critical areas ordinance.
    - Once the ordinance is adopted, who checks for compliance? When drafting the ordinance, compliance is given consideration. Different agencies oversee the compliances depending on the ordinance. Department of Commerce approves the critical areas ordinance
    - Are there regional maps that show the critical areas? Yes — but not digitally. The county hopes to have digital maps soon.
    - Kitsap County governs all incorporated areas (with the exception of tribal trust lands and the military)

## 2. Suquamish Volunteer Program – Sarah Henley, Suquamish Tribe's Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator

- Learn more and submit a volunteer application [here](#)
- The volunteer program began in 2022 and is open to tribal and nontribal community members
- Volunteers are viewed as a valuable resource to the Suquamish

Tribe, its staff and community members

- Volunteers who are younger than 18 need parental consent
- Lots of volunteer opportunities; Coming Soon - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and there is also interest in creating a Teen CERT
- Suquamish's Emergency Operations Center fits together with CERT – if the emergency gets bigger than their team of four can handle, they reach out to the CERT.
- A wide range of volunteer opportunities are available (not only emergency-related). For instance, the tribe relied heavily on volunteers during the Canoe Journey and volunteers are still needed for Chief Seattle Days

3. Kingston Advisory Council to host Discovery Kingston Open House on October 2nd from 4-7 p.m. SCAC will have a booth. Laurie will organize and share information at the next meeting.

4. Canoe Journey Debrief – Tom Curley  
Next time

### **Public Comment & Good of the Order**

- Attendees expressed the desire to have someone from the county attend future meetings (as was the practice prior to COVID). Commissioner Rolfes said they are still hiring positions in the office and once fully staffed, they will be in a better position to provide support to community advisory committees.
- A community member voiced concern about how to alert the county to non-emergency concerns. Discussed the reporting service [See Click Fix](#). It was the community member's experience that the issue was not resolved when they submitted a report via the See Click Fix portal and instead, received a comment

that did not provide good customer service.

**Adjournment -7:51p.m.**

**– Next meeting is September 7, 2023, at Suquamish Police  
Classroom**

**Minutes submitted by: Recorder, Erin Bischoff**