

Appendix D

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE KITSAP COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, REGARDING THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE SUQUAMISH RURAL VILLAGE SUB-AREA PLAN.

The Kitsap County Planning Commission finds as follows:

1. The Growth Management Act, Chapter 36.70A RCW (GMA), requires that Kitsap County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan and implementing development regulations be subject to continuing review and evaluation. The GMA requires counties to review, and if needed, revise their Comprehensive Plans and implementing development regulations to ensure compliance with the GMA.
2. On May 7, 1998, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopted the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan, and amended on June 2002, December 2003 and October 2004 after extensive review and recommendation by the public and Planning Commission. Adoption of this plan satisfied the requirements of compliance set forth in the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) of 1990 (Chapter 36.70A RCW). Suquamish Rural Village is designated as a Limited Area of More Intense Rural Development (LAMIRD) in the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan as amended.
3. Kitsap County's Comprehensive Plan provides that it will be reviewed and updated to adjust to changing needs, unforeseen circumstances or new local or regional trends (Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan, Part I Land Use, Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process, (p. 30-32)). The Kitsap County Code Chapter 21.08 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment Procedures, Section 21.08.040, provides that the Board of County Commissioners will establish a schedule for review and possible amendment of the comprehensive plan.
4. The Comprehensive Plan is intended to actively guide future growth in Kitsap County and effectively respond to changes in conditions or assumptions. The Comprehensive Plan Amendment process is intended to provide persons an opportunity to propose amendments to the County's Comprehensive Plan adopted pursuant to the Growth Management Act, Chapter 36.70A RCW, and to development regulations (if required) to maintain their consistency with the Comprehensive Plan.
5. The Planning process to update the Suquamish Rural Village Sub-Area Plan began in late 2004. The Board of County Commissioners appointed Suquamish Rural Village Sub-area Plan Steering committee in September of 2004. The

Steering Committee was charged by the Board of County Commissioners with accomplishing the following tasks:

1. Updates to current language in the adopted plan, to reflect changes in conditions from 1999 to 2004/05.
2. Expanded and/or revised sections of the plan to cover additional topics or provide more detailed guidance, based on additional identified needs.
3. Expanded and/or revised implementation language to improve application of the plan's guidance for future development and activities.
6. The Steering Committee began meeting in October of 2004. The steering committee was asked to identify community priorities and better serve Suquamish residents, enhance the implementation of existing Plan policies, and direct future planning efforts. Additionally, the County will update the current Plan (adopted in 1999) to reflect changes in conditions from 1999 through 2004.
7. On December 2, 2005, the Steering Committee focused on roads and transit issues. Public Works provided an update on the County's current work program for roadway improvements in the Suquamish area, and discussed various options to improve road and pedestrian safety, especially in those areas with limited right-of-way and heavy vehicular traffic. Kitsap Transit provided discussions on the role of Kitsap Transit, and the status of routes through the Suquamish area. After the presentations, the group decided that several subcommittees would be organized to work on identified priorities: (1) Roads and transit issues; (2) Pedestrian safety; (3) Parks and open space; (4) Bicycle facilities; and (5) Wastewater.
8. On January 18, 2005, the Steering Committee focused on bicycle safety and promotion. Guest speakers included Greg Cioc, Public Works, Louise Mc Grody, Bicycle Alliance of Washington and Lee Derror, West Sound Cycling Club.
9. On February 8, 2005, the Steering Committee focused on stormwater and wastewater issues. Stella Vakarc (wastewater), Dave Tucker (stormwater), and Greg Cioc (transportation), Kitsap County Public Works, provided education and discussion of the issues facing Suquamish. The subcommittees ((1) Roads and transit issues; (2) Pedestrian safety; (3) Parks and open space; (4) Bicycle facilities; and (5) Wastewater) gave reports concerning issues affecting the Suquamish Rural Village.
10. On March 16, 2005, the Steering Committee continued their discussion of Public Transit. Kitsap Transit was present and answered question concerning about ridership and where are the riders are coming from. There was some discussion on how to improve the transit problems (i.e. move the park and ride, smaller buses, alternative routes, and/or renumbering bus routes.
11. On April 14, 2005, the Suquamish tribe gave a presentation to the Steering Committee on tribal activities and future plans within the Port Madison

Reservation. Tribal history and culture were explained to the Steering Committee along with completed projects (Angeline Housing Development, Eaglemere Housing Development, Elder's Lodge, Early Learning Center, Wellness Center, Transitional Housing, Stormwater Improvement Project, Sidewalk Improvement Project, Suquamish Village Adaptive Reuse, Cemetery Improvement and a Weather Station at Suquamish Elementary).

The Suquamish Tribe also discussed the tribe future wish list that included a Community House, Suquamish Dock, Totem Pole (rotting inside out needs to replace it), Chief Seattle's grave, pedestrian/bike path (Suquamish Way which is on the County six-year transportation plan), Elder Center, Suquamish Museum and Library, as well as a mixed use facility (envisioned government offices on top and retail on the bottom).

12. On June 7, 2005, it was established by the Steering Committee that the various sub committees would focus and update those elements that they working on and County staff will update the introduction, land use, public facilities, and natural systems. In these areas, it was determined that only the goals and policies needs to be addressed as part of this update. There may be some minor changes required to the SAP based on if any goals and policies are changed.
13. Between June and September 2005, County staff and the sub committees worked to prepare the updated Draft Suquamish Rural Village Sub Area Plan.
14. On October 9, 2002 Kitsap County released the Draft Suquamish Rural Village Sub-Area Plan and SEIS for public and agency review.
15. On November 22, 2005, a public hearing was held by the Kitsap County Planning Commission to receive oral and written testimony relating to the Suquamish Rural Village sub-area plan update. The oral and written testimony period for the items listed above closed on November 29, 2005.
16. On November 29, 2005, the Planning Commission held a decision-only work/study session to deliberate and formulate their recommendations to the Board on the Suquamish Rural Village sub-area plan update. Six members of the Planning Commission were in attendance.
17. The Kitsap County Planning Commission has considered the recommended Suquamish Rural Village sub-area plan update. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve and forward the Draft Suquamish Rural Village Sub-Area Plan to the Board of County Commissioners.
18. The proposal is consistent with the 13 statewide planning goals contained within the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.020). The Suquamish Rural Village Sub-Area Plan would encourage development in areas where adequate public facilities and services exist and can be provided in an efficient manner.

19. The proposed sub-area plan is consistent with the County Wide Planning Policies and with the goals and policies contained in the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan.

20. The proposed Suquamish Rural Village Sub-Area Plan promotes the public interest and welfare of the citizens of Kitsap County, and should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE, the Kitsap County Planning Commission recommends to the Board of County Commissioners as follows:

RECOMMENDATION 1: Adopt the updated Suquamish Rural Village Sub-Area plan. Dated November 2005

Approved by the Planning Commission of Kitsap County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held this 29th day of November, 2005.

By* _____

Monty Mahan, Chair

***NOTE:** Signed original is on file at DCD