

**SUQUAMISH CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**December 7, 2006 — 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Suquamish Elementary School Library**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Bennie Armstrong, Tom Curley, Bruce Goodrich, Frances Malone, Kevin McDonald, Gail Petranek, Sandra Senter

Absent: Craig Curtis, Sharon Nichols, Peggy Lien

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Eric Schmidt, Cascade Design Collaborative, Inc.
Jeff Shay, Traffic Engineer, Dept of Public Works
2 community residents

PROCEEDINGS:

Opening:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.
- The November minutes were reviewed, amended, and approved.

Announcements:

Chairperson, Kevin McDonald, attended the Suquamish Tribal Council meeting on December 4th and reported the following:

- SCAC members may subscribe to *Suquamish News*, the monthly tribal newsletter, by contacting Angela Fleming at aflemming@Suquamish.nsn.us
- The tribe plans a remodel of the tribal building at Sandy Hook. There are also plans for a new museum at the NE corner of Division and Suquamish Way, and a Community House to be built near the dock area. The architectural contractor for these projects is Mithum Architects.
- The contractor for planning redevelopment of Suquamish Shores and downtown tribal properties is Eric Schmidt, Cascade Design.
- The Tribe has submitted grant applications for studying transportation needs with Kitsap Transit and for revising its Emergency Preparedness Plan.
- A new Cell tower is going in at the south end of tribal housing at Wee Wun Lane.

Correspondence:

- None

Business/Subcommittee Reports:

Eric Schmidt of Cascade Design presented the final street improvement conceptual design alternatives for the Suquamish area.

- Division: The proposed design includes a sidewalk on the west side of Division St. The work on Division will require a regular 6-inch (urban edge) curb if the poles cannot be moved.
- A 4-way stop at Division and Geneva is being considered.
- Geneva: a meandering sidewalk path will be kept on the south side of Geneva with a curb and 5-foot path. The plan is to keep the green shoulder on the north side of the street. Poles may not need to be moved on Geneva, and it is feasible to make the vehicle lane wider on

the north side next to the ditch.

- Park: Pedestrians may cross Geneva at the existing crosswalk to a sidewalk to run along the east side of Park St. An idea for consideration is to make traffic one-way going north on Park and add 2-feet of asphalt for a school drop off lane. This would leave one 15-foot vehicle lane and would require the approval of the fire department. The decision-making process regarding the drop off lane and traffic flow would include obtaining public input and negotiation with property owners that would be affected.
- The committee made a request that these streets not have painted center lines.
- Augusta: The optimal design would include a 5-foot sidewalk and 5-foot bike lane on the west side, 2 12-foot vehicle lanes, and a curb and 5-foot bike lane on the east side of the street. Currently the space can only accommodate 10-foot vehicle lanes, and the plan may need to accommodate 11-foot vehicle lanes for safety. There will be a pedestrian crosswalk at Geneva and Augusta with signage. The committee requested that the crosswalk be painted now. A crosswalk light is desirable, but if not possible, at least a streetlight should be installed at the intersection. Four-way marked crosswalks at Center and Augusta are also proposed.
- North of Geneva on Augusta: the shoulder (bike lane) will be paved 5-feet off of the fog line up to the 35 mph point and then expanded to an 8-foot lane in the 50mph zone.
- Improvements will need to be done in stages over multiple years, however vehicle lanes, bike lanes, and drainage are the first priorities. Considerations for the future include village center parking—for example, a possible parallel parking lane or improved parking areas behind existing buildings.
- The project is not on the current transportation improvement project (TIP) list.
- Bennie Armstrong suggested that this design presentation also be made to the Suquamish Tribal Council.
- It was suggested that a "Welcome to Suquamish" sign be erected at the village entrance and that it remind drivers to obey the speed limit.

Parks & Recreation Subcommittee:

- A neighborhood survey was conducted regarding improvements to Pat Brandt Park. Fifteen residents returned the survey (25% response rate). The results indicated the highest priorities are lawn renewal and maintenance, tree maintenance, trash cans with trash pickup, and landscaping. Specific suggestions were made for maintenance and improvements, including a quarterly neighborhood cleanup of the park.

Youth & Senior Subcommittee:

- Two events are planned for Saturday, December 30 at the United Church of Christ in Suquamish—a 3:00-5:00 pm "Beat the Clock" program for children (age 12 and under) to include crafts, activities, and prizes; and a 6:30-9:30 pm open microphone/jam session for teens. Several local businesses have donated food and materials and will be acknowledged in a poster at the events. Adult volunteers are needed. Bennie Armstrong will see if the tribal youth song and dance group might attend the evening event and do the first music set.
- Kevin McDonald reported that he visited the tribal youth program and will try to get their events advertised at the school. Although activities are open to non-tribal youth, events requiring transportation such as trips to the Bainbridge Island Pool have been limited to tribal youth because of a shortage of chaperones. Non-tribal volunteers are welcome.
- The youth center will be closed for remodeling starting in January.

Transportation/Infrastructure Subcommittee:

- No update

Other Business:

- Bennie Armstrong and Tom Curley reported that the tribe plans to update its Emergency Preparedness Plan, including local neighborhood plans. The Tribe is applying for a grant to support a preparedness staff position and will work closely with first responders and others in the community in updating the plan. Currently the fire department has a plan that is focused on first responder care. Gail Petranek stated the school's preparedness plan is specific to the school environment.

Public Comment:

- Bruce Goodrich raised the issue of zoning for singlewide mobile homes and distributed a memo from Scott Diener clarifying distinctions between 'mobile homes' and 'manufactured homes' and different residential zones (e.g., Suquamish village, rural residential). The committee discussed that this may be an issue we want to look into further in the future.
- Frances Malone reported that Common Threads, a countywide group that promotes diversity, has requested time on the SCAC agenda in January or February to make a presentation about their work.

Action Items:

- An SCAC representative will attend one of the State Road 305 Project meetings and report back to SCAC.
- Kevin McDonald will contact County Commissioner Chris Endresen requesting that the two SCAC member vacancies be filled soon.
- Bruce Goodrich asked whether SCAC minutes are being sent to community residents that have attended meetings or signed rosters at events (e.g., Chief Seattle Days). Kevin will check with Scott Diener.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

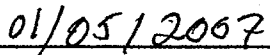
Next meeting: Thursday, January 4 at the Suquamish Elementary School Library.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY RECORDER, Sandra Senter

MINUTES APPROVED:



(Chairperson signature)



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