

**SUQUAMISH CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**April 12, 2007 — 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Suquamish Elementary School Library**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Bennie Armstrong, Tom Curley, Craig Curtis, Bruce Goodrich, Peggy Lien, Frances Malone, Kevin McDonald, Timothy McHenry, Sharon Nichols, Sandra Senter

Absent: Mary Ann Dow , Gail Petranek

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Scott Diener, Manager, Community Planning Division
Annie Tietje, North Kitsap Herald
4 community residents

PROCEEDINGS:

Opening:

- Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm, SCAC members and others present were introduced
- Agenda was approved following amendment to allow the Youth & Seniors Subcommittee report to be the first order of business.
- March minutes were amended and approved.

Announcements:

- None

Correspondence:

- None

Business/Subcommittee Reports:

Youth & Seniors Subcommittee:

- Frances Malone reported a meeting is scheduled for April 19 at 6:30 at the school to discuss a possible *PhotoVoice* program in Suquamish. Antoinette Angulo, Health Education Program Manager for Sea Mar Community Health Centers, will do a presentation on the *PhotoVoice* project that was conducted in South Park (Seattle), followed by a discussion of how a similar program might be conducted here. The program provides youth with basic training in photography and photo ethics, and provides them with cameras and opportunities to document their view of the strengths and concerns in their community. *PhotoVoice* has three primary aims— to empower youth and give them a voice, to promote community dialogue and awareness of issues, and to ultimately result in community improvement. Frances stated it has been a challenge getting stakeholders involved, but it is hoped the meeting will be well attended and that a core planning group can be identified. The subcommittee plans to apply for an Appendix X grant from the Tribe to help support the program. A new member, Heather Otten-Jungnitz, has joined the subcommittee in addition to Frances Malone, Gail Petranek, Sandra Senter, and Allie Barbosa.

Suquamish Tribe—Department of Natural Resources:

- Tom Curley provided a slide show on the role of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in the Suquamish community, which included an overview of the four divisions of the

Department: Forestry, Water Quality, Geographic Information System (GIS), and Realty.
Anyone wishing to contact any of these divisions may do so by contacting the DNR Director,
Dee Williams.

- Kevin McDonald asked how the DNR was involved in the development on Totten Road with the Early Learning Center and Ball Field. Tom reported that DNR was not on the original planning group for that project; however the project was engineered with planned solutions to mitigate potential impact from runoff and prevent damage to the stream. Bennie Armstrong reported The Early Learning Center will soon have power and the generator will become part of the new National Incident Management System (NMIS). The Center will become a central part of this system. There is a currently a consortium of 26 tribes applying to the federal government for NMIS funds.
- Kevin raised the issue of the property on Suquamish-Port Gamble Road where fill material is being dumped. There are concerns about groundwater pollution and impervious land cover. Tom indicated that DNR has made the owner of the property aware that he is in violation of Tribal ordinance and Tribal Council is working with him on a resolution.
- Sharon Nichols stated she has heard there are high fecal coliform counts in Cowling Creek and asked Tom Curley if DNR could look into it in conjunction with the County. Tom indicated that every creek has monitors, but he will follow-up.
- There was discussion of the Tribe's project to replace the Suquamish dock. Bennie Armstrong reported the Tribe will be working with the Corp of Engineers to determine the specifications and impact of the new dock to ensure minimal environmental impact in terms of the shading effect and pilings footprint. The new dock will be further north on Agate Pass than the existing dock. Craig Curtis indicated that eelgrass was an issue with the dock that was built in Port Townsend, and school children in that community are involved in monitoring the health of the eelgrass.
- Scott stated he has submitted a request to supplement the agenda for a meeting with Commissioner Endresen and the Tribe. Scott noted he wanted to bring up the idea of complimentary planning approaches in a meeting scheduled for the end of April.

Title 17:

Scott Diener led a discussion of the issues that SCAC has raised to date in relation to Title 17 Kitsap County Code standards for the Suquamish Rural Village Limited Area of More Intense Rural Development (LAMIRD). Recommendations need to go to the Planning Commission by the end of August. Major issues discussed were:

- *Minimum lot sizes, setback, and maximum impervious surface:* The discussion focused on whether the current minimum lot sizes are desirable and the potential impact of making changes to the code. Scott will ask DCD for an assessment of properties that would be affected if the minimum lot dimensions were increased. Other topics discussed were enforcement after the building permitting process is complete (e.g., the percent of impervious surface area) and the fact that minimizing setback may allow flexibility in building (e.g., allowing parking behind houses).
- *Design guidelines:* Members were in favor of having design "guidelines" rather than regulations to help capture and maintain the feel of the community without sacrificing flexibility. Scott will bring design guideline examples to the next meeting and suggested this discussion be continued separately from the review of Title 17 and include the Tribe.
- *Signage and lighting:* There was discussion of the importance of low impact (dark sky) lighting and the language currently included in Title 17 (page 44). Scott suggested that rather than rely on the county standards, that we recommend lighting similar to that found in

Port Gamble. There also was discussion of the implications for business owners of the current Title 17 language related to signage.

- **Zoning:** There was discussion of zoning related to current residential uses including accessory living quarters, adult family home, and cottage housing developments; as well as several commercial/business uses that are currently prohibited. Final recommendations for changes in zoning designations within the Suquamish Subarea will be included in the recommendations submitted to the Planning Commission in August.

Parks & Recreation Subcommittee:

- The legislature is expected to approve the Safe Routes to School bill in the next two weeks
- The Suquamish clean-up that was held March 24 was a great success. Fifty-five volunteers picked up 190 bags of trash along 15.7 miles of Suquamish roads (31.4 miles walked). The tribe contributed over \$1,000 for the clean-up, including many dump tickets for citizens to take their own loads to the dump.
- The building permit will be signed soon for the bus shelter across from the Shell station.
- The Subcommittee will be soliciting the input of members and will initiate a conversation with the Tribe about changing the name of *Pat Brandt Park* to *Princess Angeline Park*.
- The walk in the Nature Preserve (Boy Scout Park) has been changed from April 21st to May 12th. The walk will start from Suquamish Elementary at 10:00 am.

Action Items:

- None

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, May 3 at the Suquamish Elementary School Library.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY RECORDER, Sandra Senter

MINUTES APPROVED:

Kenneth P. McDonald

(Chairperson signature)

05/07/2007

(Date)