

**SUQUAMISH CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**June 7, 2007— 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Suquamish Elementary School Library**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

*Members Present:* Mary Ann Dow, Peggy Lien, Frances Malone, Timothy McHenry, Sharon Nichols, Gail Petranek, Sandra Senter

*Members Absent:* Bennie Armstrong, Tom Curley, Craig Curtis, Bruce Goodrich, Kevin McDonald,

*Quorum present?* Yes

*Others Present:* Scott Diener, Manager, Community Planning Division  
Jeff Crippen, Suquamish Tribal Police  
Six community residents

**PROCEEDINGS—**

**Opening:**

- Frances Malone, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. SCAC members and others present were introduced.
- The agenda was approved
- The May minutes were approved as written.

**Correspondence:**

- None

**Presentations:**

- Jeff Crippen of the Tribal Police was present to talk about fireworks regulations. Fireworks season is from May 25 to July 8 and the police work with ATF to assure the Tribe is in compliance with Title 16 and the federal code of regulations regarding fireworks sales. Compliance is monitored and enforced. Tribal Council is now considering setting times for sales and discharge of fireworks; however, at this time fireworks may be discharged anywhere within the historical boundaries of the reservation during the season. [Note; A SCAC member questioned if this was true also on county property and fee simple land within the historical boundaries.] A copy of the ordinance can be obtained from Leonard Forsman. If anyone observes hazardous activities occurring, they should call 911.
- Sandy Senter indicated she would check on the county ordinance and with the fire department. She volunteered to make up a flyer with fireworks safety tips that can be posted and distributed locally.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

***Parks and Recreation***

- The play structure is in place at Pat Brandt Park and a crew will be assembled when the wood chips and timbers are ready to go in.
- A \$5000 Appendix X grant proposal has been for Pat Brandt Park in conjunction with the Garden Club, the County Parks Department, and the SCAC subcommittee. There also is a plan to change the name of Pat Brandt Park to Princess Angeline / kick-is-om-lo Sealth Park. The objective of the grant is to tell of story of Princess Angeline and install a welcoming pole and a plaque. Other features under discussion are a path with markers, and a canoe and games available for kids. It is possible the Tribe may take this on through their own fiscal agent since none of the grant applicants are a 501(c)(3). Sharon Nichols will talk with the County Parks Advisory Board on June 20 regarding the name change.
- Pickle Ball lessons were held at the school gymnasium, and a few people participated in a recent walk through the Nature Preserve.
- The Sport Court is intended to be a walk-up park and parking is only allowed on the shoulder of the road. There are plans to add a berm in the fall and a request has been submitted for concrete stanchions to help with parking control. SCAC members discussed the addition of "no parking" signs. Gail Petranek also suggested contacting the Bicycle Alliance in Seattle, which provides free bicycle racks.
- The subcommittee is looking into developing road ends; however, the County has expressed concerns because of the liability issue associated with steep grades and unmaintained access ways. Scott Diener will check with the County on the feasibility of developing road ends.

### **Youth & Seniors**

- A \$5000 Appendix X grant proposal has been submitted to support a youth PhotoVoice project in Suquamish in the fall. A committee of interested volunteers has been established and held their first meeting on May 16. Nick Felty, a Bainbridge Island photographer, will provide disposable cameras and photo processing for the exhibit in-kind. If the grant is obtained it will provide digital cameras for youth to use as part of the workshops. The cameras will then become the property of the elementary school library and will be available for classroom teachers, students, and community residents to check out. The committee is seeking a coordinator for the project. The next project meeting is scheduled for June 20. Anyone having cameras to donate can give them to one of the subcommittee members.
- Frances Malone reported that the Tribe plans to move the youth center to Sandy Hook and has put a hold on remodeling the building at Suquamish Village. She expressed concerns about the location because of the issue of transportation.
- There was discussion of the United Church of Christ's interest 3 years ago in providing a low cost lease of property adjacent to the church for a community center/youth center. It is unknown what the status of the land is now (i.e., part of the land may be being used for the park and ride) or the church's continued interest. Sharon Nichols mentioned 2 empty lots on Center Street above Division

that are part of Karsten's family trust; however, another person reported that the trust is very specific about how the land may/may not be used.

### ***Transportation/Infrastructure***

- Suquamish has been approved for the \$500K Safe Routes to School funds from the state. There is a meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Tribal Center from 7:00-9:00 pm to discuss the plan for sidewalks. The funds may only cover the renovations along Park and Geneva Streets, but Greg Cioc is looking for additional funds from other sources to support the work on Division. A team will be going door-to-door to discuss the option of a one-way street with Park Street residents.

### **Announcements:**

- The July meeting has been moved to July 12<sup>th</sup> due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday and the availability of speakers. Election of SCAC officers will occur at the July meeting.
- Scott announced the Board of County Commissioners would like to come to one of our meetings toward the end of the year. When the date is set the Committee should make sure the meeting is well publicized and has a well planned agenda.

### **Other Business:**

- Four SCAC members' terms expire on July 31—Tom Curley, Bennie Armstrong, Peggy Lien, Bruce Goodrich. Scott needs to let Chris Endresen know if those 4 people plan to continue so she can approve their appointment before she leaves office. Sandy Senter will send a reminder note to the 4 people and they should let Scott know as soon as possible if they plan to continue. If they choose not to continue, the positions will be advertised and applications accepted.
- Scott distributed a summary of SCAC's recommendations for changes to Title 17. The changes proposed allow more flexibility in the types of structures permitted. The recommendations have been submitted to Eric Baker to incorporate into his communication with the Planning Commission.
- There was discussion of changing the minimum lot sizes. Currently there are 234 vacant lots in the LAMIRD that are buildable. That number would be reduced to 225 if the minimum lot size were changed to 4,000 sq. ft. No new lots could be less than 4,000 sq. ft. and aggregating lots would have to conform to that size. Boundary line adjustment developments would not be affected. Scott commented that the LAMIRD could become quite dense with 415 underutilized properties and a total of 675 parcels that could be developed, with most in residential rather than low residential areas.

### **OPEN AGENDA/PUBLIC COMMENT—**

- A resident, Tami Mathisen, suggested SCAC consider planning an open house (similar to one Kingston holds) to provide a forum to let the public know about the activities of the Committee and the changes that are planned or underway in Suquamish. This could provide a variety of presentations and booths. Sandy Senter pointed out that SCAC's bylaws require a minimum of one community town meeting each year, with the format and content of these meetings determined by the SCAC

membership. No date has been set for that meeting, but it will likely occur in the fall.

- Tami also suggested SCAC consider developing an electronic newsletter. Scott Diener indicated that Suquamish has a page on the DCD Web site, which is a source of information about the Committee's activities. Sandy indicated that minutes and agenda were not being posted. Scott will check into that.
- Tami reported that the legal notices in the Bremerton Sun indicated the County has plans to reduce the speed limit on some of the roads entering Suquamish.
- The hearing on the new Suquamish Dock has not been held and the plan has not gone to the County in their official capacity. This comes under Shoreline Management and Fisheries and other agencies are also involved. Members, including a member who resides within 400 ft. of the proposed dock, stated they have not seen an official notification of the plans for construction. Scott reminded members that discussion of this and other topics should be confined to the meetings due to the Public Information Act.
- There was discussion of the Kitsap Tribal Law and Policy Summit scheduled in Bremerton on June 22. Scott indicated Chris Endresen might pay for 1-2 people to attend. Participants would be required to do a trip report. Frances Malone and Gail Petranek indicated interest in attending. Registration information is available at [www.kitsap.wsu.edu](http://www.kitsap.wsu.edu).
- Sharon Nichols noted that SCAC does not submit an update to the Suquamish News on a regular basis. In the past Kevin McDonald has submitted items believed to be of interest, but she suggested information be submitted every month.
- Peggy Lien reported on a Kitsap Herald article that stated the Tribe is appealing the County's 10-year plan regarding growth on non-Tribal lands in Suquamish. Scott indicated that he could provide the Committee with information on this appeal.

#### **ACTION ITEMS—**

- Sandy Senter will check on the county fireworks ordinance and with the fire department and make up a flyer with fireworks safety tips that can be posted and distributed locally.
- Scott Diener will check with the County on the issue of developing road ends.
- Sandy Senter will send a note to the 4 people whose SCAC member terms expire July 31, and they should let Scott know as soon as possible if they plan to continue.
- Scott will check into having the SCAC agendas and minutes posted on the Suquamish page of the DCD Web site.
- Scott will provide the Committee with information on the Tribe's appeal of the County's 10-year plan regarding growth on non-Tribal lands in Suquamish

#### **Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**

The next meeting will be July 12. Location to be announced.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY RECORDER, Sandra Senter

MINUTES APPROVED:

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