

# **Suquamish Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

## **ZOOM Meeting, March 4, 2021**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Martha Burke (Chairperson); Laurie Kadet (Co-Chair), Brian Albro, Tom Curley, Carol Larsen, Kevin McDonald, Marian Pierce, and Lisa Lindsay.

**QUORUM:** YES

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

County Staff: Commissioner Gelder, Katherine Shaffer (Commissioner Gelder’s office representative to SCAC), Alex Wisniewski (Parks Director, Kitsap County Parks), Tina Nelson (Kitsap County Public Works [PW]), and Rebecca Pirtle (Kitsap County Communications Coordinator).

Community: Ed Mullaney, Alan Trunkey, Paul and Jane Larsen, John Williams, Mary Gleysteen, Sandra Senter, Beverly Parsons, Joe Lubischer, Louise Barbee, Mark Libby, Carol Haskins, and Don Lynch.

Other Governmental Partners: None.

### **PROCEEDINGS**

Meeting began at 6:30 PM with a reading of the SCAC Land acknowledgement statement: “We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is within the aboriginal territory of the Suquamish people. We are privileged to share in the natural beauty of the Central Salish Sea and honor its people’s history and traditions.”

Public Comment.

Tom C. noted that Suquamish Earth Day cleanup will be the 24th of April and has been assessed to be able to occur safely.

The mowers and street cleaners are out from Kitsap County and the SCAC sends our thanks to KCPW road crews.

February Minutes were approved.

Meeting Core

Suquamish Police. There were no updates from the Police this meeting.

Alex W. (our newly hired KC Parks Director) gave a “State of the Parks” type of presentation displaying our current parks and his perspective on where we are going in the future. The Community asked questions related to:

- Tree harvesting in the Parks (and are there efforts underway to “buy back” stands of trees to lessen the impact of the scheduled harvests in the Port Gamble Trail systems and other places);
- What are the resources being applied from the County toward Parks;
- How can we better have community park steward group representation on the Parks Advisory Board;
- How does the Parks address invasive plant species in the Parks;
- What’re the County plans related to the DNR property north of Parcels (near Kingston) referred to the “Egdon Property”?

Alex W. and Rob G. provided responses during the meeting about these questions. There is a Zoom Meeting March 16th 6:30 PM about Port Gamble Park system.

Discussion of proposed online survey of community – what are the topics and issues of interest to the community and should be the focus of the SCAC. Katherine S. said the County had the survey, she went over their review with the group, and noted they are scheduled to talk to Commissioner Gelder on the 16th for his perspectives prior to sending out to the community.

Suquamish Elementary (Kevin M.): The School is open and as of this week the full compliment of students are back! The old portables have been removed and Kevin plans to attend future PTSA Meetings.

Garden Club update (Martha B.): There will be a seed exchange starting on 7 March (Monday) through the 13th at the Sports Court. Next month there will be a seedling (live plant starter) exchange.

Final public comment:

Joint Zoom meeting for all Citizen Advisory Committee Chairs is scheduled for March 11.

Alan T. was asking what are Disaster Preparedness plans for Suquamish? Great discussion followed with much community input.

Carol L. asked when Legacy Park is going to open and Tom C. says he will get that answer.

Rob G. spoke of community conversations in Suquamish that will possibly occur in the fall that ideally helps to bring us together.

The meeting closed at 8:08 PM.

The next meeting will be April 1, 2021 at 6:30 pm via ZOOM.

Minutes submitted by: Recorder, Brian Albro

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

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**(Chairperson's Signature)**

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**(Date)**