

Suquamish Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

ZOOM Meeting, April 1, 2021

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

QUORUM: YES

OTHERS PRESENT:

County Staff: Commissioner Gelder, Katherine Shaffer (Commissioner Gelder's office representative to SCAC).

Community: Brynn Felix, Chris Miller, Susan Griggs, Ed Mullaney, Gail Petranek, Lynda Pierce, Eric Martin, Louise Barbee, April Ferguson, Inez Maubane Jones, Dr. Alex Kraft, Erin Bischoff, Mary Gleisten, and Alan Trunkey.

Other Governmental Partners: Sarah Van Gelder, Communications Manager, Suquamish Tribe.

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."

Meeting Core

The agenda format was adjusted for Commissioner Gelder to give an update on the County's shift to COVID Phase 3 and what that meant as of today. There were positive messages but continued caution due to the existence of variants in the newer cases. Additionally, the County has a direct funding grant from the Federal Government for recovery efforts in our County. The Board of County Commissioners are engaged to examine the needs of our County due to COVID and then how we expect to allot the funds.

Sarah Van Gelder discussed some of the Tribal efforts with the development of the Suquamish Clinic which one portion of the plan will start construction this summer (on the southeast corner of Suquamish and Division) and finish by the end of the year. Legacy Park will be opened to the public after next Monday but the Tribal authorities are attempting to minimize crowding based on the pandemic. Additionally she promoted "Suquamish Updates Now" which is a text/email service for the local area and is available to all of us. You can sign up at "<https://suquamish.nsn.us/home/news/suquamish-updates-now/>".

Martha discussed the March 2021 CAC meeting and one of the outcomes is a survey that the SCAC is sending out to try to better understand who we are and the needs of our Community. You will see the survey postcard in your mailbox soon. The goal is to have collected inputs by the end of April so we can talk about it during the May meeting.

Principal Bliss was unable to make our meeting tonight so Gail Petranek provided a school update. The school has seen a drop in attendance but is dealing with COVID well in their two sessions (morning and afternoon). The old portables have been removed and there are no current plans for the space they were located. Ms. Petranek asked that we stress to the Community that North field and the playground are not open to the public during school session.

Tom C. discussed this year's cleanup. Expect to see the event (on the 24th 9 am - noon) occur like it has in the past: meet at the church and Tom C. will meet, greet and help with area and equipment assignment for the Community.

March Minutes were approved.

Carol L.gave an update on the status of the Kitsap Public Libraries and their limited openings (please contact the Library if you have questions). Additionally the Poulsbo Farmers Market is reopening soon.

April Ferguson discussed the Easter Egg hunt in Suquamish. Thanks to the community for the donations but if you could, she is looking for volunteers to assist with COVID entry requirements ,etc. The event is 12-2 PM (asking for helpers to arrive by 11AM) this Saturday at the Suquamish Elementary field. Contact information is 360-621-3405; april-forthewin@gmail.com.

Martha B gave an update for the Garden Club. The plan is to have a speaker in the near future and also start local monthly garden tours. If you are interested in either of these events please contact Martha B. (her Email is on our local distribution) or another Garden Club member. The plant and seed exchange continues as well later this month down at the Sports Court (pickle ball court).

Suquamish Police were unable to provide an update at this meeting.

Public Comment.

Ms. Susan Griggs spoke for the League of Women Voters and their effort to ensure public awareness and involvement in the redistricting efforts (a Statewide Redistricting Commission) that will occur this August and September. They will host a "Speak Up School" (to teach interested people how to engage our bureaucracies in this discussion) as well as provide more info related to the topic of redistricting. Please contact the League of Women's Voters to get more information.

The meeting closed at 7:53 PM.

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

Minutes submitted by: Recorder, Brian Albro

MINUTES APPROVED:

(Chairperson's Signature)

(Date)