

SUQUAMISH COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thursday, November 3, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

In-person – Suquamish Police Training Room

ATTENDEES:

SCAC Board Members:

Laurie Kadet, Martha Burke, Tom Curley, Erin Bischoff, Carol Larsen, Kurt Olmstead,
Brynn Felix

Quorum: Yes

Community Members:

Brian Albro and Jennifer Sutton

Presenters/Government Officials:

Rob Gelder, County Commissioner and Eric Baker, Deputy County Administrator

OPENING ITEMS:

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement: We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is within the ancestral territory of the “People of Clear Salt Water” (Suquamish People). Expert fishermen, canoe builders and basket weavers, the Suquamish live in harmony with the lands and waterways along Washington’s Central Salish Sea as they have for thousands of years. Here, the Suquamish live and protect the land and waters of their ancestors for future generations as promised by the Point Elliott Treaty of 1855. “Every part of this soil is sacred in the estimation of my people. Every hillside, every valley, every plain and grove, has been hallowed by some sad or happy event in days long vanished.” Chief Seattle 1854.

Status of County staffing and impact on Suquamish Citizens Advisory Council: The County Commissioner's Office is hiring for two positions and currently cannot support the hybrid-meeting format. Zoom meetings are on hold until further notice. Since it is a County meeting, it must be tied to the County’s Zoom account (we are unable to use a personal Zoom account).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Carol motioned to approve the October 2022 Minutes and Laurie seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously. Laurie & Martha will submit the minutes to the county for posting to the SCAC website.

PUBLIC COMMENT #1:

- Commissioner Gelder recognized Brian Albro for his years of service on SCAC.
- Tom mentioned he attended a Suquamish Tribe meeting where there was a discussion about some of the terms used in the Land Acknowledgement, and it potentially will be updated.
- Erin asked Commissioner Gelder why we could vote for Commissioners who are not in our district. Commissioner Gelder said in the primary election, you can only vote for your district. However, during the general election, all Kitsap County voters can cast their ballots for the Commissioner positions.

MEETING CORE:

Description of the Kitsap Comprehensive Plan and the Sub-area Plan for Suquamish – Eric Baker, Deputy County Administrator

- The next update of the County's Comprehensive Plan is due in December 2024. The 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update will plan for the next 20 years of population and employment growth through the year 2044. The County estimates that there will be an increase of 70,000 people to the County and 40,000 new employees.
- More growth is anticipated in Kingston, Poulsbo & Silverdale. One question the Suquamish area should consider is: How many people will be traveling through Suquamish to get to work/home?
- What do you want for the Suquamish Community? The Suquamish Sub-area Plan is intended to provide community-specific additions or deviations from the County-wide efforts.
- The [Suquamish Sub-area Plan](#) was developed in 2000 and updated periodically.
- Suquamish-specific Regulations:
 - Minimum lot sizes for development (lot aggregation)
 - 40% allowed impervious surface coverage

- Historic Focuses:
 - Traffic safety
 - Downtown economic development
 - Tribal coordination
- New Considerations:
 - Diversification of housing types. Consider income bands and ensure adequate housing options are provided for each. Largely focused on urban areas but could apply to some rural areas as well. State guidance due in early 2023.
 - Climate Change: Countywide effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Reduction targets and other regional and local initiatives.
- Next Steps:
 - Community Outreach (ongoing)
 - Internal review of existing plan for consistency with VISION 2050 and Countywide Planning Policies - Q4 2022
 - Development of preliminary land use alternatives for environmental review (maps and major initiatives) - January 2023
 - Board Approves three Alternatives - March 2023
 - Environmental Impact Statement development - Summer 2023
- Jennifer suggests taking a look at development standards and zoning with the potential to change lot size requirements. Increase the number of dwellings on a lot to help increase housing inventory.
- Eric said it would be important to involve the Tribe in any suggested changes.
- Brian said it would be helpful to work with neighboring advisory councils to see what they are prioritizing.
- Erin asked if the Sub-area Plan is similar to a wish list. Eric said yes and it helps drive which capital projects are completed.
- Laurie stated that a subcommittee needs to be formed to look at the Suquamish Sub-area Plan and form recommendations.
- Questions can be sent to compplan@kitsap.gov

PUBLIC COMMENT #2:

- Commissioner Gelder said discussions are beginning about the reparation of County-owned parks in Suquamish and transferring the land back to the Tribe.

- Brian shared that the West Sound Chorus is performing on Dec. 10. Tickets are available for the 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. show.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. The next meeting is on December 1, 2022.

Minutes submitted by: Recorder, Erin Bischoff

MINUTES APPROVED:

__Martha Burke_____ _11/15/2022_____

(Chairperson's Signature)

(Date)