

SUQUAMISH COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thursday, April 7, 2022, @6:30 PM

Via Zoom

Board Members:

Laurie Kadet (Co-Chair), Martha Burke (Co-Chair), Brenda Austin, Erin Bischoff, Tom Curley, Brynn Felix, Brian Albro

Quorum: Yes

County Staff:

Commissioner Rob Gelder, Katherine Shaffer (Commissioner Gelder's office representative to SCAC), David Forte, Kitsap County Transportation Planning Manager, Melissa Mohr, Kitsap County Transportation Planner, Andy Nelson, Kitsap County Public Works Director

Other Community Members Present (names collected via Zoom screen name):

Ross Abott, Mandy Maher, Colleen Mriglot, Louise Barbee, Eric Martin, Michele Laboda, Ed Mullaney, Mark ?, Christoph Schebel, Frances Shoal, John Williams, April Ferguson

PROCEEDINGS

- The Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Laurie Kadet
- Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is within the ancestral 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.
- Approval of March Meeting Minutes - Brian made a motion to approve the minutes, Tom seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

MEETING CORE

Public Comment #1:

- Laurie mentioned that the Hazard Mitigation Committee is looking for volunteers. Brenda, Brynn and Mandy are interested

Presentation on Transportation Planning with David Forte

- Martha Burke introduced the topic and said that with the Federal money, and the recently passed state transportation budget, we should hopefully start to see road improvements this year. Kitsap County has also reintroduced its TIP ([Transportation Improvement Plan](#)), which prioritizes where the county spends its transportation money over the next six years.
- David Forte shared that the TIP helps to identify transportation infrastructure capital improvement projects such as sidewalks, roads, bike lanes, etc. The TIP does not identify maintenance needs such as lane striping. The TIP is also used to help manage grants. The TIP is constrained, meaning the projects must have dedicated funding. It is not a wish list. A revenue source must be identified to fulfill projects on the TIP.
- Every November, a new TIP map is published
- Revenue sources for the TIP:
 - Property tax (road levy, unincorporated Kitsap County); Flat or declining.
 - Fuel tax (unincorporated Kitsap County); Flat or declining
 - Misc.; Flat or declining
 - Transportation impact fees - these were raised recently
 - Grants
- In 2018 had to start pulling projects off the TIP because there wasn't available revenue
- Transportation Impact Fees - have significantly increased in Feb. 2022 — will see a higher flow of money through these fees. Must be used for certain identified projects. Divided into north, central and south districts. The projects have to stay in the region where the impact fee originated.
- Project Identification -
 - Tier 2 projects (those that didn't make the cut last year)
 - Updated "deficiency lists" - safety, congestion - look at problem areas (where crashes occur), intersections with the worst history for the past five years as well as congestions
 - Public suggestions - Submit suggestions [online](#)
 - Project Evaluation System — how projects are scored and ranked
 - Competitive Project Selection
 - Projects are scored and ranked
 - Apply available \$
 - Type of available monies impacts project selection
 - Project delivery scheduled; what is logical?
 - Board of County Commissioners - have the final say on what the TIP will be

- David said he wants suggestions and possible solutions!
dforte@kitsap.gov
- Non-TIP projects in the works in North Kitsap
 - Roundabout at Totten / 305 (Washington State funds)
 - SR 104 ferry holding lanes in Kingston (Grant)
- Miller Bay Road- adding shoulders from Suquamish to West Kingston road. Budget issues 2018 19 had to be removed. And to reconsider, it must be in the competitive process again.
 - Estimated \$20M project
 - Stormwater and environmental business — creeks, ravines, fish passages, wetlands — trying to find a strategy
 - Not every part of Miller Bay qualifies for TIP fees
 - Competing for money in North Kitsap includes Viking Way/ Silverdale Way

Discussion:

- Brian - The SCAC Comp Plan factors in the TIP; if we can provide a direct linkage from our plan, we do get a benefit. The tribe is a major player. The TIP process is extremely fair and unbiased. Grateful for it.
- John brought in some questions about Lemolo Shore — 4 culverts that are fish passages and the impact of the WSDOT roundabout at Totten.
- David said the county prioritizes fish passages and ranks them. Fish passages on Lemolo are ranked 17th, 23rd, 40th and 58th. Kitsap County looks to the experts (Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife) regarding fish passages
- Martha asked about the prioritization process. What do you look for? How are they assessed?
 - David said there is an evaluation criteria booklet. Primary scores and secondary scores. Safety, congestion, non-motorized, environmental needs; Secondary - how the proposed solution addresses the need
- John - voiced concern that is unsafe it is to get from Suquamish to essential services using non-motorized transportation. He created a [video](#) showing what it is like.
- Brenda - Asked if the Federal infrastructure bill trickles down to the tribe and the county? Answer: It's still too early to tell. It is anticipated that it will combine through existing programs.

Transportation Planning With Tom Curley, GIS Program Manager, Suquamish Tribe

- The Kitsap process for the TIP is A1. Really appreciate Kitsap's process.

- The Suquamish Tribe receives \$250,000 a year from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The goal is to get every road on the Suquamish Reservation onto the BIA TIP. Tundra, off of Soundview, has 8 houses on the street. However, Tundra never made it on to the BIA TIP so we can't spend money on it until it's on the TIP.
- Potential projects
 - Tribal roads for housing development
 - A separated walking path on Totten

Community Spring Cleanup April 23 – Tom Curley

- Thanks to Kitsap Public Works for providing supplies (bags, picker-upers, vests)
- Meet at 9 a.m. at UCC church on Division. Sign in and mark streets that you'd like to clean up. Kitsap Public Works will pick up the filled bags.

Easter Egg Hunt April 17 – April Ferguson

- From 12-2 p.m. Suquamish Elementary Field — rain or shine
- Check out Suquamish community page for additional details
- 100 kids attended last year (at least)
- Less donations this year; haven't had as many volunteers
- Sully's is the drop-off donation location.

Discussion On Future Meetings:

- Possibly meeting in person at the Police Station Suquamish Training Room (located downstairs)
 - Looking into the possibility of doing a hybrid meeting. The room holds about 30 people.
 - Brynn asked if there are special facility rules? Proof of vaccine? No.
- **Upcoming Meeting Topics:**
 - Storm Water Regulations — updating the code, which needs to be adopted by August 1
 - Comprehensive Plan - with Eric?
 - There was interest in moving forward with this topic

Public Comment #2

- Martha shared that there is a Suquamish Garden Club Seed/Plant Swap happening at the sport court on Division through April 18
- Erin brought up using the Suquamish Tribe's approved land acknowledgment statement rather than a modified version since the SCAC is within the tribe's

boundaries (as opposed to, say, North Kitsap School District, which has two tribes in its district).

- **Approved Statement by the Suquamish Tribe:**

“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

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is within the ancestral territory of the suq̓wabš “People of Clear Salt Water” (Suquamish People). Expert fisherman, canoe builders and basket weavers, the suq̓wabš live in harmony with the lands and waterways along Washington’s Central Salish Sea as they have for thousands of years. Here, the suq̓wabš live and protect the land and waters of their ancestors for future generations as promised by the Point Elliott Treaty of 1855.

- Brian made a motion to begin reading the Suquamish Tribe’s approved statement at the beginning of our meetings; Erin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. The next meeting is May 5 and may be in-person (hybrid). Look for details at https://www.kitsapgov.com/BOC_p/Pages/SCAC.aspx

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