

Suquamish Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

ZOOM Meeting, May 5, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Martha Burke (Chairperson); Brian Albro, Emily Klein, Lisa Lindsay, and Tom Curley.

QUORUM: No

OTHERS PRESENT:

County Staff: David Tucker, Aislin Gallagher, Sarah Olsen, Andrew Nelson and Michelle Perdue (Kitsap County Public Works), Eric Baker (Deputy County Administrator), and Katherine Shaffer (Commissioner Gelder’s office representative to SCAC).

Community: Louise Barbee, Paul Pierce, Ed Mullaney, Richard ?, and E. Martin.

Other Governmental Partners: Assistant Chief Mark Williams, Suquamish Police Dept.

PROCEEDINGS

Meeting began at 6:35 PM with a reading of the SCAC Land acknowledgement statement: “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.”

The April minutes were not approved because we didn’t have a quorum.

Opening Public Comment - None

Meeting Core

Assistant Chief Williams updated us that there is increased crime in our area (but there is a corresponding rise in crime across our region). Attendees were encouraged to continue to report any crime they see by calling 911 and continue to secure their mail, their automobiles, and their houses to prevent easy crime. Assistant Chief did give kudos to some great work in the Police Department for investigating and arresting a criminal who committed Federal crimes in the area.

Eric B. provided a precursor briefing to the attendees regarding the County preparations for the upcoming review and amendment of the County Comprehensive Plan (which occurs every eight years). Much of the discussion was focused towards cost improvement in our County housing.

Dave T. provided a Stormwater Project status update for updating our stormwater collection improvement. The project is progressing as expected following the County’s engagement with Tribal officials. Updates can be found on the Kitsap County Public Works website.

Sarah Olsen provided a discussion related to Stormwater Code Revisions related to the Basic Management Practices (BMP) and how it relates to updates to the NPDES.

Updates on Events

Martha introduced Emily Klein as our newest SCAC Member. Welcome Emily!

Spring Cleanup - Another successful cleanup in Suquamish! Thanks again to all the volunteers (23 volunteers and almost 60 bags of trash). All of Suquamish was completely covered and cleaned. Andy Nelson from the County also pitched a new program call "Adopt a Spot" (similar to "Adopt a Road") - if you are interested please contact Kitsap County Public Works.

Status on moving to "in-person" meetings. Tom has been able to reserve (and offer thanks to the Suquamish Police Department) a Conference Room for in person meetings if we were interested in conducting a "hybrid" (both Zoom and live) meetings for future SCAC meetings through the end of the year at a minimum.

Commissioner Gelder is going to do his "walk and talk" in Suquamish this Saturday (5/7/22) where you can ask questions and get answers from your elected Commissioner.

Closing Public Comment - None

Meeting closed at 8:20.

The next meeting will be held June 2, 2022 at 6:30 pm on ZOOM (but also possibly at the Police station).

Minutes submitted by: Acting Recorder, Brian Albro

MINUTES APPROVED:

(Chairperson's Signature)

(Date)