

SUQUAMISH CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thursday, July 7, 2022 @ 6:30 PM via Zoom

ATTENDEES:

SCAC Board Members:

Laurie Kadet (Co-Chair), Martha Burke (Co-Chair), Brenda Austin, Erin Bischoff, Tom Curley, Brynn Felix, Emily Klein, Marian Pierce

Quorum: YES

Kitsap County Commissioners' Office: Jennifer Haro

Presenters: Lauren Liming, Kitsap County Public Works – Solid Waste Division, Mark Boatwright-Frost – Executive Director, Resilient Ecosystems

Community Members:

None

OPENING ITEMS:

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:32 p.m.

Reading of the Land Acknowledgment: 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes need to be change to reflect that Marian Pierce is a SCAC Member. Approval of the June 2022 Meeting Minutes: Tom C. motioned to approve the minutes, and Brenda seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT #1

- Martha shared that the Hearing on the DRAFT Plan regarding Port Gamble Park on Monday, July 11

- Martha shared that there are upcoming Candidate Forums sponsored by the League of Women Voters. Info: <https://www.lwv-kitsap.org/>

MEETING CORE:

Presentation on Kitsap County's recycling program - Lauren Liming, Kitsap County Public Works – Solid Waste Division

- Recycling – JMK Fibers Recycling
 - Manually sorting
 - By humans
 - Mechanical sorting:
 - Screens
 - Air
 - Gravity
 - Magnets
 - Eddy current
 - “Intelligent” sorting:
 - Optical
- Successful recycling depends on:
 - Sorting technology
 - Recycling markets
 - Regional alignment
 - Recycling right
- China was at the heart of the global waste business but in 2018 enacted its National Sword Policy which banned the import of most plastics and other materials headed for that nation's recycling processors, which had handled nearly half of the world's recyclable waste for the past quarter century.
- Kitsap made changes to recycling – no more milk and juice cartons, no frozen food boxes (because it is coated in plastic), no twist caps. [HANDY REFERENCE GUIDE](#).
- Plastic bottles
 - Ignore recycle symbols
 - No lids
- How to Recycle Right:
 - Empty, clean & dry
 - Recycle only what is on your guide – if in doubt, DO NOT recycle it
 - Keep recyclables loose, no plastic bags
- Curbside Compost Service - now available in North Kitsap
- Adopt a Spot – Litter Cleanup

- Mark –lack of investment and industry is hurting our recycling efforts
- Martha – recycle plastic bags at the grocery stores
- Emily – does it matter if we crush cans? Encouraged not to but if you're trying to conserve space (such as on a boat) go ahead and do so. Greasy pizza boxes - can go into compost bins; How do we get more items on the EPR Program list? Changing policy, call your representatives
- Laurie - Restrict single-use plastic? Central Market Take Out now uses compostable containers. Have to send compostable items to compost facilities.
- Links to additional information regarding recycling:
 - <https://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/recycling-bags-and-wraps/find-drop-off-location/>
 - <https://kitcowa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/InformationLookup/index.html?appid=0d8ff1b85d3a47daab02dd1d71327951>

Presentation on Map Your Neighborhood and Kitsap Resiliency - Mark Boatwright-Frost Executive Director, Resilient Ecosystems

- [Website](#)
- Matter of education & connection
- When people come together, change can happen
- Community Ambassador
 - A caring neighbor
 - Driven to have a better life
 - Can see the bigger picture
 - Has buy-in
 - Willing to be trained
 - Willing to the work
 - Willing to be persistent
- At the core is building trust
- Why? Plan before a disaster happens
 - Cascadia Rising
 - Climate Change
 - Environmental Degradation
 - Depredation of Resources
- Grassroot Efforts:
 - Community Gardens
 - Skill and Resouce Sharing
 - Mutual Support Networking
 - Preparedness Planning

- Training
- Go meet your neighbor. Have a block party. Listen.
- Emily - familiar with the Strong Towns movement?
- Laurie- have you noticed a worsening of the community due to COVID? Yes. It's taking a toll.
- Tom - It helps to have a "reason" to come together vs. just a general community gathering.

Event/Meeting Update

- Should we have an August picnic?-- August 13 (note date change) @ park, noon to whenever, BYOChair, BYOFood
- Status on moving to in-person hybrid meetings

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

- Hazard Mitigation Committee (run by the tribe but include non-tribal members)
 - Brynn & Brenda attended (met in late June); monthly through Nov. Next meeting will focus on Cyber Incidents. Reviewed Community Impact Survey. Top Concerns - air quality, wildfire, climate change, sea level, earthquakes and temperatures
 - Things people can do on their own properties - make sure your gutters are clear, weather-proofing house,
 - Most important services - emergency health care, elder care, food security
 - Map Your Neighborhood - Tribe hoping to deploy a task force in 2023
 - Any interest from SCAC members? Brynn is interested.
 - Suquamish Ham Radio Club
 - Do we have an emergency shelter in the community? Brynn wasn't aware of one.
- Kitsap County Bicycle Code & Electric Vehicles - Brynn attended a recent meeting and the focus was on e-bikes such as cycling rules, storage of bicycles, adding space to retail – the goal to have something go into effect next year. EV - being worked on at the state level. Went line by line – definitions, comas, ADA - top of mind when creating access to bicycles Martha indicated the group would like to attend our September meeting and present.
- Martha - the impact of an earthquake causing a tsunami – how will Suquamish be impacted?

