

Suquamish Community Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes February 3, 2022

ATTENDANCE

Board Members:

Laurie Kadet (Co-Chair), Brian Albro, Brenda Austin, Erin Bischoff, Tom Curley, Brynn Felix, Carol Larsen, Lisa Lindsay

Quorum: YES

Others Present:

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

Other Governmental Partners: Tom Nance (Suquamish Police Department), Steven Kutz (Director of Suquamish Clinic)

Community Members: Dee Axelrod, Dave Bernhard, Joey Chapman, Mandy Maher, Ed Mullaney, Sandy Sente

PROCEEDINGS

- Meeting called to order 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.
- The January 2022 minutes were not provided for review so they will be approved at the March 2022 meeting.

MEETING CORE

Public Comment #1:

- Laurie announced an online meeting hosted by North Kitsap Fire and Rescue on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. "After the Fire on Maple Street." Those interested in attending should email laboda@nkfr.org
- Reminder to update the website to reflect our group's new name: Suquamish Community Advisory Council

Suquamish Police Report:

- Be mindful of car thefts — Kitsap county car thefts are on the rise; 253 in the month of January in Kitsap County. Vehicles are being stolen while owners warming up vehicles in the driveway. Use caution & be aware if you do so.
- Due to recent Washington State police reform bills, police can no longer pursue suspects like they were able to previously do.
- Catalytic converter thefts — they are being stolen in parking lots while people are inside shopping at local stores. Call 911 if you see anything suspicious.
- Suquamish Police Department is in the process of trying to hire additional officers. Highly

selective process and SPD strives to hire the right people for the job; in September SPD received 42 applications and only hired one person.

- Discussion on the online reporting system. Two community members reported concerns that their recent submissions did not receive follow-up. Tom said if something is actively happening, call 911. It may take time to receive reports from the online reporting feature.

Stephen Kutz, RN, Director of the Suquamish Clinic:

- The new building off of Suquamish Way (across the street from the new playground) is 4200 sqft and has four exam rooms, a treatment room and a consult room. Stephen is planning on initially hiring two medical providers as well as support staff (nurses and a receptionist).
- In conjunction with Indian Health Service (IHS), the Suquamish Tribe has been planning this clinic for a number of years; nice to see it come to fruition – there were weather-related delays and supply-chain delays for the building itself. In the process of completing exterior landscaping and paving the parking lot (need to wait for the water to drain).
- Stephen is in the process of setting up the nuts and bolts of the clinic such as agreements with insurance companies, electronic billing, clinic supplies, etc.
- The clinic's priority is to serve Suquamish tribal members and their families and non-Suquamish tribal members living in the area. Stephen said he is not sure if the clinic will ever be open to the general public.
- The clinic will initially offer primary care services (preventative care) and Stephen hopes to add pediatrics as well. The clinic will have limited laboratory offerings and no X-rays.
- The clinic plans to initially be open five days a week from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Opening the clinic is only the beginning and Stephen looks forward to adding additional services such as dental care.

Kitsap County Report:

- No report. Commission Gelder is on vacation

Future Meeting Ideas:

- Subarea plans for the Comp Plan Update (late summer/early fall)
- Invite various leaders of the Suquamish Tribal Departments (people enjoyed hearing from different departments during the Port Madison Dialogues)
- Tribal Marine biologist & shoreline management
- Wellness Clinic — what services do they have available?
- ELC, Chief Kitsap Academy
- Emergency Planning / Map Your Neighborhood
- Mitigation Planning - what if a tsunami rolled through? Which properties would be impacted? Wildfire hazards? Landslides. Understand the risks and learn how to mitigate these risks?
- New Kitsap County Affordable Housing Tax (April 2022)

Email ideas to suquamishadvisory@gmail.com

Public Comment #2:

- Questions on if someone who lives outside of the Limited Area of More Intense Rural Development (LAMIRD) zoning area of Suquamish could serve on the SCAC. The overall sentiment was if an

individual has ties and interest to the Suquamish Community (and lives in the general vicinity), it doesn't matter if they live within the LAMIRD area.

- Kingston Citizen Advisory Council is hosting the new Kitsap Sheriff- on 2/9/22 @ 6:30
- Green Yard Waste? Can we throw in blackberries, ivy, etc.? Can we put invasive in the bins?
- Suquamish Community Clean UP- coming in April
- Move to in person? TBD.

Adjourned:

- Meeting Adjourned at 8 pm. The next meeting March 3rd.

Minutes submitted by: Recorder, Erin Bischoff