

Suquamish Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

ZOOM Meeting, November 5, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Curley (Chairperson); Brian Albro, Martha Burke, Kevin McDonald, Lisa Lindsay, and Carol Larsen.

QUORUM: YES

OTHERS PRESENT:

County Staff: Commissioner Robert Gelder; Jennifer Haro (Commissioner Gelder's office); Stella Vakarcs, Senior Program Manager for Kitsap County Public Works (KCPW).

Community: Rupert Jungnitz, Harold and Sara Eckland, Betsy Allenez, Dee Axelrod, Jessica Brandon, Ed Mullaney, Bruce Goodrich, and Louise Barbee.

Other Governmental Partners: Alaina Capoeman, 2020 Census Tribal Partnership Specialist (WA Lead).

PROCEEDINGS

Meeting began at 6:05 PM.

Public Comment.

Quick introductions from everyone tonight.

Brian A. discussed a failed neighborhood attempt to have County Fiber installed and if anyone wanted our lessons learned please let me know.

October Minutes were approved.

Meeting Core

Suquamish Police. Assistant Chief Mark Williams, Suquamish Police Department reminded us to keep our car doors locked from prowlers, and also recommended we make sure nothing is interfering with our automatic (motion sensing) lights because they are a great deterrent. Domestic violence has been a challenge lately. Assistant Chief also provided a manning and training update for the Police Department (we are working hard to get to the level we want to be). Defunding, as a national concern, is not as much an issue locally. On that topic, the Department is very open to community input and discussion for how to better to Police in Suquamish.

Stella V. from KCPW discussed the revised approach to sewer hookup fees. She discussed the newcomer assessment fee (first time you hook up) and how the changes were attempting to make the fee requirements equitable to the area you were entering.

Jennifer H. gave an update on the draft Short Term Vacation Rental Ordinance. It is on hold from moving forward due to the impacts of COVID. People are facing economic uncertainty, so it was thought that adding increased regulations and costs to income sources would not be wise in this environment. More information can be found at: https://link.zixcentral.com/u/5d5fa12b/KKqcOPUH6xGZXZtQBm1nPA?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.kitsapgov.com%2FBOC_p%2FPages%2FSTR.aspx

Tom C. provided that our Census return rate (self-response rate) locally was 68.3% which was actually quite high (good) as compared to the 2010 Census. Commissioner Gelder gave a brief update based on his awareness and perspective. In summary, he thought that

we were close to 100% total respondents and will update Tom C. via email. Alaina C. provided a similar update later in the meeting and was overall pleased with the results. Martha B. initiated a discussion on if, and how, the SCAC can help the current social environment by proclaiming Suquamish a welcoming community for all groups. A way to do this could be perhaps specifically calling out the Tribes? For example, teaching more about native history in the schools (perhaps as a way to at least demonstrate that we see ourselves as members of this community). The reference point for this discussion was a recent City of Poulsbo discussion where this issue was brought forth by a member of the Suquamish Tribe. Tom C. asked Commissioner Gelder how we could best approach this and he recommended perhaps an opening statement or, similar to the KCAC, a note in their minutes that acknowledges historical Tribal presence in North Kitsap. Future actions will likely include updates to SCAC core documents during annual review.

Update -

Angeline North connector trail update (Tom C. and Jennifer H.). Finalized what was discussed last month, that unfortunately there is no legal way to protect (or return) that easement or use to the public from a County perspective.

Suquamish Stormwater Facility Renovation (David Tucker and Tom C.). Unfortunately, costs have expanded and plans are changing. Tom C. will provide updates via email. We will try to get an update David Tucker in a future SCAC Meeting.

Sign code enforcement update (Bruce G. and Ed M.). Enforcement has fallen to a lower priority due to COVID response and other higher safety coded priorities. The County has engaged the individual that is our local infractor and is asking that we continue to document the perceived violations of the sign code (Kitsap 1 and "See-Click-Fix" app).

Water drainage onto Suquamish Elementary playing field (Kevin M.). Tom C. read an email from KCPW and the County is investigating options. Discussion segued into Kevin M. and Tom C. wondered is there a more efficient method or transparent means to be informed when the county is doing their work in our Suquamish Community (e.g., to put out sandwich boards that water flushes are occurring on a certain date).

Public discussion regarding Hemphill access to the water (Rupert J.). How do we start to re-establish this access. The County will look into this from their perspective.

Final public comment:

Update for the Suquamish dock (Tom C.). The dock is currently closed to the public due to the ramp being in an unsafe condition (being addressed by the Tribal authorities).

The 2021 Canoe Journey has been officially cancelled due to COVID.

How does the disavowal of the \$30 tab fee impact our TIP funding? Jennifer H. has that as a possible topic to discuss during the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:08 PM.

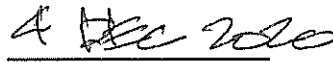
The next meeting will be December 3, 2020 at 6:00 pm via ZOOM.

Minutes submitted by: Recorder, Brian Albro

MINUTES APPROVED:

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(Chairperson's Signature)

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(Date)