

Suquamish Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

ZOOM Meeting, November 11, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Martha Burke (Chairperson); Laurie Kadet (Co-Chair), Brian Albro, Brenda Austin, Erin Bischoff, and Brynn Felix.

QUORUM: No

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

Community: None

Other Governmental Partners: None.

PROCEEDINGS

Meeting began at 6:30 PM with a reading of the SCAC Land acknowledgement statement: "We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is within the aboriginal 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 October minutes were not approved because there was not a quorum.

Meeting Core

Discussion of Port Madison Dialogue feedback was once again sought (following last week's closure of the series). The dialogues are online (except the fourth episode) and are available for viewing. All reaffirmed the power of the dialogues and Brenda A. volunteered to champion further efforts in our community for dialogue, awareness and understanding.

Suquamish police were unable to attend but related in an update that there were retirements and Covid-related releases that are affecting manning and coverage improvement efforts. Otherwise, the same warnings were provided as we proceed towards the holidays regarding mail theft, locking houses and cars, etc. to mitigate/prevent theft.

Katherine S. provided an excellent tutorial on how to navigate the Kitsap County website focusing on Department of Community of Development and working with the GIS (land/zoning) tool (examples were based on Suquamish). Use Google (or whatever your favorite search tool) and type in "Kitsap County Parcel search" and it will get you to the "Parcel Search" web page. Katherine then showed how to find your parcel and demonstrated the associated tools you can use to find out more about it.

The SCAC would like to continue to champion the Map your Neighborhood effort in Suquamish.

Request for a new Recording Secretary to replace Brian starting in January (Brian will help train and be a resource for the new officer). Erin B. has graciously volunteered and Brian will work to get her up to speed for a January transition.

Other community updates:

- An update for the Community pantry freezer. If you have frozen food and you want to donate it, please consider the UCC and drop it off (or call Martha B.).
- Hemphill Road End path improvement. We did not have any updates for this meeting.
- Garden Club. The Garden Club is doing Wreath Making at Bainbridge Gardens.

Please contact Martha B. or Jan Hall, or go to Facebook to get information.

- Neighborhood Halloween festivities feedback. What was the participation level and what was the feedback? It looked as if it was well attended on FaceBook. Expect to see more of these type of events in the area.
- Local election results and redistricting update. The Commissioner redistricting, South Kitsap grew (district 2) and there has to be a meeting (public hearings) to talk through the options of redefining representations between Central and South. One of the discussion items was about the 1/10th of 1% tax for the benefit of mental health.
- A reminder from the Committee for November Storm drain cleanup in preparation for winter – Tom Curley and Jacques Dean, Kitsap County Public Works, discussed efforts that can be used to keep leaves out of drainage every fall (as a focus time) prior to the heavy rains during the October meeting. Jacques let us know to expect to see County sweepers, but asked for us to help them (the Road teams) clean (rake out) the drains and clear any impediments (trash). Also, we need to let them know [call (360)337-5777] when there are areas of concern that are a much larger project than we are able to tackle. The County teams won't rake out ditches so that's our job to clean those impediments out (sticks creating blockages, etc.). Jacques also showed a map that indicated stormwater drainage in the County DCD mapping displays (under utilities displays) if you are interested in educating yourself [<https://psearch.kitsapgov.com/psearch/>]. Jacques noted that we have had historic stormwater flooding challenges but the County has addressed most (if not all) of all of those systemic challenges. Find more information regarding roads (especially during the winter season) at <https://www.kitsapgov.com/pw/Pages/Road-Maintenance-and-Preservation.aspx>.

Public Comment

When will we think about going to in-person meetings again? Martha B. recommended we have this discussion next month and make a plan for the future.

A reminder that if your link on the Agenda for ZOOM doesn't work, please go to the County SCAC website and click on the link there.

The December meeting will be held December 2, 2021 at 6:30 pm on ZOOM and will focus on refining/drafting our Annual Workplan and Bylaws for approval during the January meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Recorder, Brian Albro

MINUTES APPROVED:

(Chairperson's Signature) **(Date)**