

Suquamish Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Suquamish Tribe Council Chambers
April 5, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Curley (Chairperson), Kevin McDonald, Carol Larsen, Megan Hale, and Martha Burke.

QUORUM: YES

OTHERS PRESENT:

County Staff: Rob Gelder (County Commissioner), Jennifer Haro (Commissioner Gelder's office), Tina Nelson (Kitsap County Public Works), Lori Raymaker (KC Parks Stewardship Coordinator), Jennifer Cannon (KC Policy Analyst/SCAC Coordinator), Pat Campbell (KC Public Works/Solid Waste Program Senior Program Manager) .

Community: Allan Haugen, Louise Barbee, Alan Trunkey, Phyllis O'Hara, Peter Kalmar, and Ron Coglon.

Other Governmental Partners:

PROCEEDINGS

Meeting began at 1805.

Introductions around the room.

Meeting Minutes for March 2017 were approved.

Public Comment: None

Meeting Core:

Officer Jeremy Creed, Suquamish Tribe Police, gave an overview of police activity in the area. He mentioned robberies that were occurring while people were sleeping and when there are unlocked doors. Key is to report the crime as soon as possible since this promptness helps give the police a chance to catch the perpetrator. He emphasized the importance to take the extra time to lock cars and home. There has been an increase in mail theft particularly in the Angeline area. There was discussion about the danger of people bicycling and walking along the street at night and wearing dark clothing. Officer Jeremy Creed encouraged people to install motion detector lights, security systems, game/motion detector cameras, and to have someone pick up your mail when you are gone. People can request a vacation check from the police department or through Kitsap One. People should get involved with the Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness groups and a neighborhood watch.

Pat Campbell, Kitsap County Public Works Solid Waste Senior Manager, presented the recently proposed tipping fee increase, and answered questions about solid waste (garbage). Pat discussed how the tipping fee increase was endorsed by a 15-member Solid Waste Advisory Committee at Kitsap County. The revenue comes entirely from fees (and not property taxes) and the goal is to make the program self-sustaining. The solid waste mostly is transported by rail to the Colombia Ridge Landfill near Arlington,

Oregon – a landfill that extracts methane to generate electricity. Kitsap County has a contract with Waste Management through June 2022. Kitsap County will put out a request for proposal for services well in advance of the contract expiration date. The proposed fee increase will support future capital improvements and will cover the total costs of operations and maintenance of the facilities. Much of the facilities such as transfer centers are aging and will need upgrades. The increases will go up to \$75 in July 2018 per ton of garbage and then will increase by \$5 for 3 years to be \$90 per ton of garbage in July 2021 (more at: https://spf.kitsapgov.com/pw/Documents/Solid_Waste_Proposed_Fees.pdf). Pat Campbell pointed out that Kitsap County still has the lowest fees in the region and this is partially due to being able to transport the solid waste by rail. There is a Kitsap Nuisance Abatement Team that meets to discuss and address prioritized problematic properties and gain voluntary compliance or county-led abatement. Discussion occurred about the issues with China and its restrictions with accepting mixed paper recycling. Pat Campbell suggested to follow the “when in doubt, find out” motto for recycling, check out the County’s online resources. She pointed out how the recycling trend is to accept comingled recyclables (rather than separation) since this substantially increases the amount of people participating. People can send demolition and construction debris to private places such as Olympics Organics and wood to Williams Wood Waste. The Suquamish cleanup will be on April 21st and it will be for 3 hours. They need volunteers to select streets to pick up trash. Kevin is the contact.

Lori Raymaker, Kitsap County Parks Stewardship Coordinator, gave an update on how to get things done in our local parks. She emphasized that there is very little budget (around \$20,000 per year for stewardship) and how they rely on volunteers for maintenance. They need help maintaining Pathway Park (though this might be too small for a stewardship committee) and Suquamish Nature Park. Volunteers need to sign up and track hours since this informs matching grant allocations. Citizens can apply for grants though they need to form a stewardship committee (group of citizens dedicated to managing and maintaining a park). A stewardship committee must develop an annual work plan and have open meetings (such as at work parties). Currently, Kitsap County has around 17 stewardship committees and they sometimes help write grants. They have training on how to properly build trails. Lori discussed the process for addressing encampments for the homeless (basically they post a notice, give 24 hours to leave, provide resources for the people, and then clean up).

Tina Nelson, Kitsap County Public Works, provided a brief update on the transportation improvement project process. This year Public Works will be focusing on the backlog of projects. Jim Rodgers will provide an update most likely in June. She provided an update on the Suquamish Way work, pointing out that the construction should be completed in late fall and that construction will not impede traffic associated with Suquamish Days and the Canoe Journey. The Totten Road project is still undergoing planning to address right of way needs.

Discussion ensued about possible safe routes to school walking improvements. It was noted that becoming a LAMIRD (limited area of more intensive rural development) would not help address the challenges with implementing walking improvements. Typically, property owners can trim hedges to the edge of road and on sidewalks and the county maintains the roadway, primarily for safety. In some areas near intersections, the county can trim back vegetation to improve safety. The community should document on a map the issue spots particularly where children are walking. SCAC will discuss this topic at future meetings.

Updates:

- Kingston ferry should be up and running by fall, 2018. They recently purchased a backup vessel and are making facility improvements to allow for efficient refueling.
- Suquamish Cleanup April 21 from 9am-noon
- Suquamish Way sidewalks project begins April 16, through October 7 (but not do work during Chief Seattle Days or Canoe Journey)
- Totten Road walkway design has moved to north side of Totten Road, and complications with the design along with right of way complications has pushed this project to 2020
- Shoulders along Division from Suquamish Way to Old Man House Park is on the TIP, but Tier 2 (unfunded)
- Miller Bay Road Shoulders are on Tier 1 (funded) and scheduled for 2021
- Shoulders on Columbia Street/Port Gamble-Suquamish Road from Brockton to Lincoln Road (or even Gunderson) was brought up as a new TIP project.

Final public comment:

Meeting was adjourned at 2030.

There will be no May meeting. Next meeting will be June 7, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Suquamish Elementary School Library, 18950 Park Blvd NE, Suquamish.

Minutes submitted by: Recorder, Brian Albro

MINUTES APPROVED:

(Chairperson's Signature)

(Date)