

**Manchester Community Advisory Council  
Minutes of the Tuesday, September 5, 2023  
Public Meeting**

**Council Members Present:** Janelle, Carrilu, Ana, Susan, Amber, Sharon, Russ, Ray, Carol

**Community Members and Community Representatives Present:** Anne Presson, Stella Vakarcs, Leslie Newman, Caroline, Bajsarj, Tim Winter, Amy Miller, Rhonda Fairgrieve, Bill Fairgrieve, Deb Knodel, Tim Brewer, Joe Newman, Scott Williams

- A. The meeting was called to order by Carol at 6:30pm.
  
- B. The minutes of the August 1, 2023 MCAC meeting were approved. (Carrilu/Susan) Yae 9; Nay 0; Abs 0
  
- C. New Business
  - Stella Vakarcs, Kitsap County Sewer Utility Division Manager presented information about the proposed 2024-2025 sewer rate increase.
    - Proposed sewer rate increases: 6.31% 2024 and 6.31% 2025 due to expected projects and materials costs in 2024-2025.
    - Notices will be mailed out to the public 9/18/2023.
    - Kitsap County officials will hold a public hearing about the proposed rate increase on Monday, October 23, 2023 at the Kitsap County Administration Building, Commissioner's Chambers, 619 Division Street, Port Orchard.
    - For more information, please visit [www.kcowa.us/sewerrates](http://www.kcowa.us/sewerrates)
  
  - Tim Winter, SKSD Superintendent and Amy Miller, SKSD Public Information Officer, presented information on a bond proposal which will be on the November ballot.
    - For more information, please visit: <https://www.skschools.org/bond>
    - The League of Women Voters, Kitsap will hold a public forum to discuss the bond on October 5, 2023 via Zoom. For more information, please visit: <https://www.lwv-kitsap.org/>

#### D. Subcommittee Reports and Updates

##### ▪ Transportation and Safety Subcommittee

- Janelle provided an update from the Transportation & Safety Subcommittee. The subcommittee met on 8/21/2023 to discuss solutions to traffic safety concerns brought forth by citizens in Manchester. The subcommittee recommends educating the community on issues and solutions by launching the **Be Seen, Be Safe campaign** at the Manchester Oktoberfest event on 10/7/2023. The subcommittee plans to table at the event and will hand out road safety literature.
- The subcommittee is also working with Kitsap County to address concerns and provide solutions that are cost-effective and easy for the county to implement.
- It was noted that since the June 2023 MCAC meeting, Kitsap County has made some improvements by installing additional speed limit and bicycle signage on some of the main roads (specifically Colchester Dr. E and Beach Drive.).

##### ▪ Zoning Sub-Committee

- Carol, Carrilu and Susan will be meeting to discuss zoning in the near future with Eric Baker.

#### E. Council Announcements

#### F. Public Comment \*2-minute limit per individual

- Carrilu reported that the Manchester Summer Festival was a success.
- The Manchester Community Association will sponsor an Oktoberfest event at Storm Water Park in Manchester on Saturday, 10/7/2023 from 11am to 3pm.

#### G. Adjourn M/S Janelle/Carrilu

#### Upcoming MCAC Meetings:

Meetings of the Manchester Community Advisory Council are held the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at the Kitsap Public Library in Manchester, WA.

Community Representatives have been invited to present at the following meetings:

- October, 2023 – Amelia Rohwain, Kristy Day, and Maria Fergus, Recycling, Waste and Education