10/1/26 Minutes

Present: Ed Mullaney, Tom Curley, Bruce McCain, Jennifer Morrison, Stuart Scadron-Wattles, Steve Warnert, Colleen Mriglot, Jaimee Pope, Joe Piecuch

Absent: Elliott Moss, Korum Bischoff

KC Staff: James Bunn, Christine Rolfes, Garrett Ballew

11 community members in attendance

Meeting called to order and land acknowledgment read

Garrett Ballew of the Kitsap County Department of Community Development gave an update on long range planning for the County Comprehensive Plan, focusing on rural lands analysis and salmon recovery. The long-range plan will employ an understanding of development patterns and existing infrastructure along with information gathered from community engagement to inform future planning and prioritize protecting lands including conservation areas and understanding development capacity in undeveloped land. The next public workshop will be in Kingston on 10/29/26.

Garrett also described the new County Boundary Line Adjustment Code which goes into effect 1/1/27 and establishes a review process to ensure property owners avoid creating unbuildable or illegal parcels.

Garrett informed attendees that the current Comprehensive plan does establish a goal of locating a Kitsap Regional Library extension in Suquamish in a coordinated effort by KRL, Kitsap County and the Suquamish Tribe. Permitting would depend on siting. Steve and Jaimee will meet with KRL to initiate the process.

Garrett then reviewed the 2027 Long Range Planning docket and workplan.

Questions from community members prompted a discussion of the primacy of Suquamish Tribe and Kitsap County authority with respect to zoning and how it applies within the boundaries of the reservation. A question was raised about the relationship between the County Comprehensive Plan and the Tribe's master plan. Commissioner Rolfes pointed out that the County and the Tribe have an excellent working relationship. Community members asked about zoning and ADU code in Suquamish. Community members expressed concern about speeding in town, especially in school zones and questioned whether the current reduced speed timing was appropriate. Commissioner Rolfes noted that dealing with traffic speed in school zones is more complicated than one might expect and promised to check into what options are available near Suquamish Elementary. Community and council members discussed the desirability of having a space for community activities in the interest of community building. Commissioner Rolfes offered suggestions and encouragement. Stuart announced that the December meeting will focus on the SCAC 2027 Work Plan and that the November meeting will take place at Suquamish Elementary School with details to follow.

Bethany MacDonald announced a community Halloween event taking place on 10/31 and requested volunteer help.

The meeting was then adjourned.