

Manchester Community Advisory Council Minutes

May 5, 2026 Public Meeting

Manchester Library Meeting Room

Members in Attendance: Carol Malmquist (Chair & Northern Neighborhoods), Janelle Overton (Co-chair and California Neighborhood), Carrilu Thompson (Manchester Community Association), Susan Shaw (Port of Manchester), Sharon Holst (Colchester Neighborhood), Genti Brierly (At-Large), Janet Grimly (At-Large), Patty Olson (At-Large), Michael Harris (Business Representative), Chuck Williams (Friends of the Manchester Library)

Guests: Cindy and Mark Wilkinson, Kris Lee & Dave Walter, Deirdre Coniglio, Eric Cisney, Kira and Fariborz Khadem, Katy Cornell, Bob and Rashmi Ballard, Ron Pribbenow, Steve Pedersen, Jim Strode, Kenny Woche, Robin Williams, Rita McKendrick, Kevin Holst, Scott Williams, Chris Cooley

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Carol at 6:30 pm.

Guest Speakers:

Lieut. Cmdr. Brian de la Mora, Fuels Officer of Naval Base Kitsap's Manchester Fuel Depot, and Michael Carter, Deputy Fuels Officer, gave a presentation on the status of the Tank Farm Improvements project currently underway. The Navy is building 6 new aboveground fuel storage tanks in 3 phases, the first of which is complete. The second phase is scheduled to finish in the summer of 2027, with the third by the end of 2029. This is in anticipation of the decommissioning of all underground tanks.

There are also plans to replace the pier pilings and loading arms at the dock.

Navy Community Liaison Ana Whalen and Public Affairs Officer Chris Stanis answered audience questions about traffic, road damage, and a potential walkway along Beach Drive. Ms. Whalen will look into an assessment and possible reimbursement from the Navy. A participant asked about the costs of the Navy's agreement with South Kitsap Fire & Rescue for firefighting at the facility. The recommendation is that SKFR apply again for a Defense Community Infrastructure Program grant, with which Ms. Whalen can offer assistance.

I. Administrative Items

- A. Approval of the minutes from the April 2026 meeting: Janelle (motion), Gentry (second); minutes approved. (Carrilu, Michael, and Chuck abstained.)

II. Business Items

- A. There was a discussion of Washington State's newly-loosened ADU requirements, with concern that instead of expanding housing supply, this will allow many more vacation rentals with attendant noise, traffic, and infrastructure problems.

III. Announcements and Public Comments

- A. Carrilu reported that the MCA's Earth Day Festival was a stunning success!
- B. Chuck noted that the FoML Salmon Bake is on June 21st this year.
- C. The next meeting of the MCAC will be held June 2.
- C. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm: Sharon (motion), Carrilu (second); meeting adjourned.