

Manchester Community Advisory Council Minutes

November 4, 2025 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), Michael Harris (Business Representative), Patty Olson (At-Large), Chuck Williams (Friends of the Manchester Library)

Absence: Russ Higgins

Excused Absences: Gentry Brierly, Janet Grimley

Guests: Kirstin Jewell, Amber Dunwiddie, Kristofer Carlson, Melissa Melloy, Toby Linzmeier, Shane Hawkins, Madison Feiste, Troy Violette

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

Guest Speakers:

Kristofer Carlson, Kitsap County Budget Director, and Amber Dunwiddie, Administrative Services Director, led a freewheeling discussion of the county's current financial straits. With property tax increase capped at 1% per year, and all of the expenses for the county rising much faster, it is a challenging environment. Learn more at <https://www.kitsap.gov/>

I. Administrative Items

Approval of the minutes from the October 2025 meeting: Carrilu (motion), Patty (second); minutes approved. (Janelle and Chuck abstained.)

II. Business Items

There was a discussion on possible speakers for upcoming meetings.

III. Announcements and Public Comments

- A. Carrilu announced the official start of the Manchester Holiday Lighting contest; the winner will be announced at the December 7 tree lighting. More details to follow.
- B. Janelle related how pleased she was that reports to Kitsap1 (<https://www.kitsap.gov/>) have resulted in signage warning against illegal dumping.
- C. The next meeting of the MCAC will be held December 2.
- D. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm: Janelle (motion), Sharon (second); meeting adjourned.