

Manchester Community Advisory Council Minutes

Oct. 1, 2024 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), O Ray Pardo (Friends of the Manchester Library), Susan Shaw (Port of Manchester), Sharon Holst (Colchester Neighborhood), Russ Higgins (Alaska Neighborhood), Janet Grimly (At-Large), Michael Harris (Business Representative)

Excused Absences: Gentry Brierly, Anne Williams

Guests: Oran Root, Patrick Quain, Kimberly and Darryll Trask, Wayne and Joclyn King, Carol Kowalski, Bob and Rashmi Ballard

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

Guest Speakers:

Christina Mercurio and Kristin Kinas of the Kitsap County Assessor's Office discussed the county's program of property tax exemption/deferral for low-income seniors. A homeowner under a certain income limit who is over 61 or on SSDI or service-connected disability may qualify. More information can be found here: <https://www.kitsapgov.com/assessor/Pages/SeniorDisabledExemptionDeferral.aspx>

Rick Becker spoke on the many local resources for homeless and indigent veterans and their families. The county's site for this is: <https://www.kitsap.gov/hs/Pages/VAB-LANDING.aspx>

I. Administrative Items

Approval of the minutes from the September 2024 meeting, as amended: Ray (motion), Janelle (second); minutes approved. (Carol and Susan abstained.)

II. Business Items

- A. Carol proposed a new MCAC communications subcommittee to enhance public participation.
- B. Carrilu talked about the ongoing Dept. of Community Development permitting-process-update meetings.
- C. Janelle and Russ of the Transportation Subcommittee shared information from a recent meeting of the Puget Sound Regional Council, which is collecting data on road issues. This will be used in deciding where roads-related grant money should be spent. To give your input, go to: bit.ly/psrc-rsap

III. Announcements and Public Comments

- A. Carrilu mentioned the upcoming Oktoberfest sponsored by the Manchester Community Association, to be held Oct. 5.
- B. The next meeting of the MCAC will be held November 5th.
- C. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm: Carrilu (motion), Michael(second); meeting adjourned.