

# SUQUAMISH COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2024

In person only – Suquamish UCC Church  
18732 Division Avenue NE, Suquamish

## **Suquamish Board Members Present:**

Ed Mullaney, Tom Curley, Patty Charnas, Bruce McCain, Steve Warnert, Faith Williams, Stuart Scadron-Wattles

## **Suquamish Board Members Absent:**

Martha Burke, Carol Larson, Hanna Moss, Kristan Webster

**Quorum:** Yes

**Kitsap County Staff:** Jim Rogers, DCD Senior Planner  
Colin Poff, DCD Planning Supervisor

**Community Members:** Kevin McDonald, John Willett, Deb Hurd, Marianne Metzger, Sharon Bidwell, Jean Boyle, Josh King, Nina Old Coyote.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:35 p.m.

## **Meeting Agenda:**

- **Opening Items**
  - Land Acknowledgement
  - Initial Public Comment:
    - Nina Old Coyote from Suquamish Tribe Integrated Victim Services spoke about October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the activities sponsored by the Suquamish Tribe to honor that.
  - Introductions around the room
- **Ongoing or Old Business:**
- **Guest Presentation: Jim Rogers, Senior Planner, Update on the Kitsap County Final Draft Comprehensive Plan (with Colin Poff)**
  - 20 years of growth. Environmental Impact Statement complete. Capital facilities plan (schools, pavement, fire departments, etc.) how that will be paid for and where those services will go over the next 20 years. There is a six-year plan that is fully funded, and a twenty-year plan that is not fully funded. Then there are development regulations designed to help implement the 20 year plan. Taking comments until October 28. There will be a commissioner meeting to review the draft, which will include the big changes of increasing housing and specifically affordable (80% area median income, multi-family) housing in urban areas. Climate change is another initiative – sea-level rise, salt-water intrusion in aquifers and accommodating for it. John Willett expressed concern about

logging and reduction of open space and how that could affect aquifer recharge, and incentivizing keeping larger old-growth trees. Kitsap Natural Asset Management Program, looking at watershed-level streams, shorelines and forests – looking at them like a road or other utility to determine ‘service’ to the community. There is a new tree-retention code in the urban areas, with rural areas to follow next year, to prevent the ‘heat island effect’ and increase stream buffers. Regional county-wide center plan will look at Silverdale. Regional centers are Kingston and 303/McWilliams Road – helping them be more mixed-use, walkable and bikeable to attract people there with better transit, and they will incorporate and become their own cities. Planning for 6,000 more people than the state requires, to balance under or over planning. The county is responsible for the un-incorporated areas, not cities. Projections for Kitsap County are for an additional 70,000 people. The county is relying on private developers to provide that housing, with the county easing zoning restrictions to facilitate that. WA Dept. of Commerce says Kitsap needs 15,000 new housing units, with Kitsap planning for 13,000 for the whole county, many of them multi-family. No rural re-zones in 2024. This comp plan update sees no changes in Keyport and Gorst, very minor changes to Manchester and Suquamish, with Silverdale and Kingston plans *significantly* revised, to help meet the housing and population growth needs, along with regional and county centers. Improved permit processing to reduce permit times, incentives for multi-family builders and promoting mixed use (mercantile below, housing above) could facilitate new housing. There are no UGA expansions, though cities may annex to add area (Poulsbo). No change to the lot aggregation requirement in Suquamish. ADU’s would be a permitted use, no longer requiring an exemption. Looking at reduced lot dimensional standards, to increase density. Tree retention incentives are coming, in an attempt to keep or increase the number of trees in urban areas. The Kitsap Greenways Plan was never adopted, along with the Mosquito Fleet Trail Plan, but those could inform the comp plan update.

- **New Business**

- Ed Mullaney and Tom Curley attended the Puget Sound Regional Council ‘Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan’ in Bremerton, and were able to share the challenges in Suquamish with traffic and speeding.
- Ed and Tom, and Patty Charnas also staffed a table at the Kingston CAC Open House, and got a lot of feedback – a very good event.
- The 2025 SCAC Workplan will be developed by a committee made up of Stuart Scadron-Wattles, Steve Warnert, Kevin McDonald and Tom Curley – specifically focus areas and strategies. Their work should be available for full committee review in December, for approval as the 2025 Workplan. The workplan should be representative of the community, even if it is a little different than the other CAC workplans. Next steps: take the feedback and incorporate into the new framework, then share with the entire SCAC board.
- Discussion of how to interact and coordinate with the Suquamish Tribe – making sure the Tribe has an opportunity to comment on what the SCAC is deliberating on. The hierarchy level is Tribal Council – County Commissioners, not the SCAC. What value does the SCAC have for the Tribe?
- Parks within Suquamish may go to the Tribe – and that discussion would be facilitated by the County Commissioner and Tribal Council.

- The website is moderated by the county – but may need some more input from the SCAC. The 2025 ‘Year of the Rural’ emphasis by the county includes Suquamish, and the SCAC could be a rallying point for public comment and information-sharing.
- Tom Curley led a walk through the former Boy Scout Park between Brockton and Division, with several SCAC members in attendance.

### **Public Comment & Good of the Order**

- A public sign board was suggested as a way to reach out to the community.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

**The next meeting will be November 7th at 6:30pm at the UCC Church, 18732 Division Ave. NE.**

Minutes submitted by Tom Curley.