

# SUQUAMISH COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2024

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

## **Suquamish Board Members Present:**

Ed Mullaney, Tom Curley, Patty Charnas, Steve Warnert, Stuart Scadron-Wattles, Martha Burke

## **Suquamish Board Members Absent:**

Carol Larson, Hanna Moss, Kristan Webster

**Quorum:** Yes

## **Kitsap County Staff:**

Christine Rolfes, County Commissioner District 1

Jim Rogers, DCD Senior Planner

Alex Jarrett, Commissioner Office Administrative Specialist

**Community Members:** Kim and Susan Bottles, Kathy Caldwell, Sue McClain, Marvin Croslan, Karen Zabinski, Ed and Kristy Detmer, Karol Stevens, Miriam and Austin Shiroma-Kentner, Bill Robertson, Mike Brown, Sherry Stewart, Dan Gardner, Bob Johnston, Leanne Preble.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:31 p.m.

## **Meeting Agenda:**

- **Opening Items**

- *Land Acknowledgement*

- *Initial Public Comment*

A member of the public commented on the lack of safety for bicyclists and pedestrians on many county roads, particularly Miller Bay Road, and that it should be a part of every conversation regarding roads. Interim SCAC Chairperson Ed Mullaney concurred and said that was also a concern of the SCAC. Commissioner Rolfes noted the comment.

- *Introductions around the room*

- **Ongoing or Old Business:**

- Renewal of meeting venue at UCC church: is under review, but the SCAC would like to continue to use the facility as it's more central in the community and more visible to the public than the Suquamish Police training room.

- Motion to approve September and October meeting minutes, made by Tom Curley, seconded by Patty Charnas, unanimously approved.

- Nominees for Chairperson and Secretary. Ed Mullaney will not be returning as Chair. Commissioner Rolfes will conference with Alex Jarrett and Rebecca Pirtle about the issue. The Secretary position also needs to be filled.

- **Guest Presentation: Jim Rogers, Senior Planner – Planning and Environmental Programs, Kitsap County Department of Community Development – “Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Risk Assessment”**
  - Jim Rogers described the project (funded through a grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology) and the consultants retained to look at the effects of sea level rise on the 270 shoreline miles in Kitsap County. They will identify public facilities including roads, wetlands and cultural sites that will be affected by sea level rise, though it WILL NOT focus on site specific or property level scale analysis, or tsunami/earthquake or groundwater modelling, though USGS is preparing data for updated groundwater modelling. There is actually no publicly available data yet – the first of that data will be presented at the next open house on December 12 at the Kingston CAC meeting at the Village Green at 6pm, so this meeting was more of an introduction to the project. There is a Technical Advisory Committee that is helping scope the project and that information collection is complete. There is a story map available on sea level inundation: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/7c12a25acf634fa8a7732576ba8b0ef6>
  - There will be maps available at the Kingston meeting on December 12 if no computer access is available. Projections come from 2018 and 2019 reports, the first time analysis was done on sea level rise. The website for the project is: <http://kcowa.us/KitsapSLR>
  - The timeline includes the December 12 meeting in Kingston, then draft maps in January, and a report that summarizes the map results. A final report will be complete by June 2025. There will be a lot more data to come. There were public comments reflecting concern, and affirming the timeliness of this planning effort.
  
- **New Business**
  - Comments on letter from Stephen Growdon, who lives along Miller Bay Road, discussing the lack of safety for bicycles and pedestrians on that road, suggesting improved shoulders as a way of dealing with the problem. He discussed this with county staff at the Kingston Open House, and they made it clear there was no plan to add shoulders along Miller Bay Road north of Suquamish, citing analysis of reported accidents along Kitsap County roads. It was brought up that because the peril is so extreme of riding or walking along that road that people simply do it very little, so of course there is no accident data. Mr. Growdon suggested adding unpaved gravel shoulders to help reduce the risk. Tom Curley suggested inviting KC Public Works to a meeting to discuss Miller Bay Road, along with the 2013 Dept. of Ecology stormwater rules which make it much more expensive to add surface-area improvements to existing roads. Commissioner Rolfes remarked that there is a Public Works project coming up to add sidewalk and bike lanes on Augusta Avenue from the 90-degree curve to Winfred Street, along with a planning project for Miller Bay Road as part of the Puget Sound to Pacific Trail in 2027-28. The Suquamish Tribe is also pursuing planning funding to replace the inadequate and failing culverts at Cowling Creek on Miller Bay Road, though that would be a multi-year project.
  - The 2025 SCAC Workplan (developed by a committee made up of Stuart Scadron-Wattles and Steve Warnert, with limited assistance from Kevin McDonald and Tom

Curley) – made a presentation on changing the architecture of the workplan to simplify it. The proposal is to organize by focus areas, then a breakout for specific projects. Their work should be available in December for approval as the 2025 Workplan. The Workplan should be representative of the community, and incorporate projects suggested by the community. The committee will suggest a list of projects to rank by the SCAC, with collection via Web survey since a meeting devoted to the task would take up the entire meeting and then some. Commissioner Rolfes pointed out that information collection could happen outside an SCAC meeting, but ratifying the document (the Workplan) needs to happen at a public meeting. Very positive comments from the group. People want to help, they just want to know what to do. Next steps: propose some areas of focus for 2025 for discussion, put them into a debate-able form seven days prior to the next meeting, just after Thanksgiving.

- Discussion about membership and the lack of a quorum – that perhaps the county could contact members ahead of the meeting, and be more aggressive in culling members who aren't attending.
- Meeting topics: Martha Burke suggested having the Tribe give an update on their plans that will affect the community. She also wanted to hear more about the Tribal health clinic and if services will be extended to the larger community. An update on the county parks PROS plan was also suggested. Commissioner Rolfes suggested that local parks should have a discussion with the neighbors and the Tribe about the future of those parks. Pickleball, for instance, can be very loud. Martha Burke brought up that there is a small fund to maintain the triangle park on Angeline Avenue north, and they would be fine with the Tribe taking it over as long as public access was maintained.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

**The next meeting will be December 5th at 6:30pm at the UCC Church, 18732 Division Ave. NE.**  
Minutes submitted by Tom Curley.