

SUQUAMISH COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES October 2, 2025
(first Thursday of the month)
In person only – Suquamish UCC Church
18732 Division Avenue NE, Suquamish

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Land Acknowledgement was read.

Suquamish Council Members Present: Ed Mullaney, Tom Curley, Martha Burke, Stuart Scadron-Wattles, Bruce McCain, Brian Hegre, Korum Bischoff, Patty Charnas, and Steve Warnert

Suquamish Council Members Absent: Faith Williams

Quorum: Yes/No (9 TOTAL members, 6 for quorum)

Kitsap County Staff: Commissioner Christine Rolfes, and James Bunn, Kitsap County Commissioner's Office

Community Members: Nineteen were present

■ Introductions were made by Council members

■ **Initial Public Comments:** There were none.

■ **Commissioner's Comments:** Commissioner Rolfes stated that there are several community councils similar to SCAC, and that she and James Bunn are still trying to find a high school junior to be a student member of the SCAC.

■ **Guest Presentations**

- Friends of Miller Bay by Michael Flynn (President) and Connie Reckord: The mission of FOMB is to improve the quality of life by preserving natural habitats in the Miller Bay watershed. Their goals are stewardship, preservation, outreach, and collaboration. The watershed includes several preserves, North Kitsap Heritage Park, and they are currently working on a Trust Land Transfer of 40 acres from DNR to Kitsap County. The transfer effort is supported by the Tribe, numerous government officials, and by local activist Virginia Cowling. They need to raise \$850K. Public Comments: What are some of the criteria for the transfer? --- Public support and the fact that the forest is a former tree plantation and it is of low value. Council Comments: Patty- the SCAC should submit a letter of support.
- Petition for the vacation of a portion of Geneva Street described by Andi Tegtmeier with Kitsap County Department of Public Works: She explained that the portion is currently considered a public right of way, and that the

vacation would change the current status back to its original status as part of the property to the south. The portion is too narrow to become a public road, and the trail that is on this portion would be preserved. Mr. Bill McCoy, the petitioner, who was present at the meeting, stated that his intent is to be able to reduce the distance of the building setback on his property next to the portion. Andi stated that all reviews of the vacation by a number of County departments have so far been favorable. A public hearing on the vacation will be held on October 27, 2025, at which time the public will be able to address the Board of County Commissioners who will make the decision on the vacation petition. Council and Public Comments: a number of questions were asked about restrictions on the use of the trail, the treatment of stormwater runoff, and the maintenance of public utilities. Commissioner Rolfes summarized that these issues and questions should be addressed in discussions during the next month.

- Public Comments: There were no further comments.
- Announcement of Future Presentations: November – Year of the Rural; December – SCAC Work Plan; and January – Kitsap Transit update.

■ Ongoing or Old Business

- Minutes from the September SCAC meeting were approved.
- A motion to move the item “2026 Workplan specifics” from “New Business” to Ongoing or Old Business” was made, seconded, and approved.
- Future SCAC Artwork was discussed with Korum, and it was decided to form a subcommittee to deal with future planning.
- SCAC Workplan: Stuart reiterated that the business portion of December SCAC meeting will be devoted to reviewing the Workplan; and Martha said she would give and update of the Parks and Trails section of the Workplan at the November SCAC meeting.
- “Discover Kingston” event was briefly mentioned.

■ New Business --- There was no new business.

■ Public Comments

- The dangerous nature of riding a bicycle on the streets in and around Suquamish was mentioned. Steve mentioned that there may be a plan to widen the shoulders of some roads. Tom stated that his grant to the Tribe on related matters might be at some risk. Commissioner Rolfes stated that the County has been studying a North Sound to Olympics Trail Plan which would include a bike/hiking trail through the Suquamish area that would connect with Kingston.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The next meeting will be November 6 at 6:30pm at the UCC Church, 18732 Division Ave. NE. The Year of The Rural will be discussed.

Minutes submitted by Bruce McCain