

## SUQUAMISH COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 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, Martha Burke, Stuart Scadron-Wattles, Bruce McCain, Brian Hegre, Korum Bischoff, and Steve Warnert

**Suquamish Council Members Absent:** Tom Curley, Patty Charnas, and Faith Williams

**Quorum:** Yes/No (7 TOTAL members, 6 for quorum)

**Kitsap County Staff:** Commissioner Christine Rolfes; and James Bunn, Kitsap County Commissioner's Office; and Kirsten Jewell Assistant County Administrator.

**Community Members:** Twelve were present

■ Introductions were made by Council members

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

■ **Commissioner's Comments:** Commissioner Rolfes (no initial comments), James Bunn introduced Kirsten Jewell, the new Assistant County Administrator, and she stated that she's been on the job for a month and summarized her duties.

### ■ **Guest Presentations**

- Briefing on Kitsap Transit's Operations in The Suquamish Area by John Clauson, Kitsap Transit's Executive Director: Mr. Clauson stated the bus route 391 is currently serving Kingston, Suquamish, and Route 305 to the Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal. (A public member mentioned that the 391 is not working well because of the heavy traffic on Route 305. Mr. Clauson responded that Kitsap Transit is continually evaluating its routes and may have to make adjustments.)
  - He also stated that there are plans to spend \$13.5 M on a new fast ferry for Kingston, and that the current ferry is having reliability problems; however, the system is working reasonably well considering it has one of the smaller passenger loads compared to other Kitsap fast ferries.
  - They are looking for a site to construct a new Marine Maintenance Facility, and are in the final stages of the process. The facility will service and maintain the current fleet of 10 ferries (second largest fleet in the State).

- Kitsap Transit is looking into building a new fast ferry terminal site on the Seattle Waterfront. Three piers are being considered, including Piers 58, 48, and 46. Pier 48 is the preferred site.
- Lastly, he spoke about the Intra-county Passenger-only Study to explore the feasibility of potential passenger-only ferries within Kitsap County. Currently they are looking at three possible routes: Bremerton to Bainbridge Island, Bremerton to Manchester, and Bremerton to Silverdale. The study is divided into three phases: Phase One assesses service opportunities and routes, including public surveys; Phase Two analyzes service operations, selected routes and facility requirements; and Phase Three determines funding alternatives and other strategies (served communities would have to provide funding).
- Follow up discussion: Ridership levels of various routes were discussed; Bruce McCain mentioned that high traffic levels on Suquamish Way contributed to the congestion on 305, and that a passenger only ferry from the Suquamish dock to the Bainbridge Ferry Terminal could help reduce the congestion (the use of the dock for this purpose is supported by the Suquamish Tribe according to Scott Crowell, Director of the Suquamish Tribe's Dept. of Community Development).
- Overview of Kitsap County's Year of the Rural by Heather Cleveland, Long-range Planner and Project Lead Kitsap County Department of Community Development. The Year of The Rural (YOTR) project follows the guidelines set out in the State's Growth Management Act, and is part of the County's 2024 Comprehensive Plan. The Project involves surveys of county needs and gathering of public comments, as well as a series of public meetings and interviews with community groups and environmental organizations. The Project started in September, 2025 and is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The Comp Plan chapter is currently being modified based on public comments. Examples of sections being modified include: tribal lands, military installations, water resources, agricultural lands, day care and wildlife corridors.
  - Ms. Cleveland's team is also evaluating three rural classification requests.
  - She also summarized the Suquamish Type 1 Limited Area of More Intensive Rural Development (LAMIRD). She stated that a development in a Type 1 LAMIRD must be designed to serve a rural population. Increased housing density (e.g., middle housing consisting of multi-units) is now permitted within the "logical outer boundary" of Suquamish.

## ■ Ongoing or Old Business

- Minutes from the September SCAC meeting were approved.
- There were no adjustments/amendments to the agenda.

- The letter concerning the petition for the vacation of a portion of Geneva Street from the SCAC to the County Commissioners was discussed, and it was moved/seconded and approved to send it on as is.
- Future SCAC Artwork was discussed with Korum, and it was moved/seconded and approved to select the loco 4B.
- SCAC Workplan: Stuart reiterated that the business portion of December SCAC meeting will be devoted to reviewing the Workplan.
- Changes to the times of future SCAC meetings include December 11, 2025, and January 8, 2026.
- An effort is still being made to find a high school student to serve on the SCAC.
- The SCAC will review the Suquamish Subarea Plan at a future meeting.

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

■ **Public Comments** -- There were no public comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

The next meeting will be December 11 at 6:30pm at the UCC Church, 18732 Division Ave. NE.

Minutes submitted by Bruce McCain