

SUQUAMISH COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 2025 (first Thursday of the month)

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

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM

Land Acknowledgement was read.

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

Suquamish Council Members Absent: Brian Hegre

Quorum: Yes/No (8 TOTAL members, 6 for quorum)

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

Community Members: Three were present

■ Introductions were made by Council members

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

■ **Commissioner's Comments:** Commissioner Rolfes stated that the Board of Commissioners approved the 2026 budget and the Year of The Rural document was finalized. She said that the County's finances are solid, but they had to make some reductions in expenditures due to limited property tax revenues. Nevertheless, she stated that the Suquamish projects are still funded, including improvements to the Sports Court. She was asked whether the housing needs in Kitsap County are addressed in the Comp Plan. She said they were not, and the County needs to incorporate more multi-family housing. Part of the problem, she stated, is that Tribal and military housing does not count towards the States requirements for housing.

■ **Guest Presentations**

- Suquamish Police Chief Mark Williams gave a short report: He stated that a local road was closed due to flooding, and that there has been a recent increase in traffic accidents. Tom and Martha commented that the Police and the contractors have been doing a good job of controlling traffic near the Stormwater Treatment Facility Project on Augusta Ave.

■ **Ongoing or Old Business**

- Minutes from the November SCAC meeting were approved.
- There were no adjustments/amendments to the agenda.
- The Board of County Commissioner's approval of the vacation of a portion of the right of way known as NE Geneva Street was discussed.

- A motion was made to send a letter to the Board of Commissioners regarding the proposed land trust transfer of the 40-acre undeveloped forested parcel of land located within the Miller Bay Watershed to Kitsap County. It was seconded and approved.
- The next SCAC meeting will be on January 8, 2026.
- An effort is still being made to find a high school student to serve on the SCAC.
- Ed stated that the County Planning Commission needs to give more attention to boundary adjustment decisions.

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

■ **2026 SCAC Work Plan: Working Session**

Focus Area: Comp Plan

- The SCAC will review the Suquamish Subarea Plan at a future meeting in 2026, and determine if any changes need to be addressed.
- The Year of The Rural should have no affect on the Comp Plan.
- The Board of Commissioners plans to set up an advisory committee for the Comp Plan.

Focus Area: Community Outreach and Sponsored Events

- Ways to enhance the Annual SCAC Community Picnic were discussed.
- The SCAC should conduct a community survey in 2026.

Focus Area: SCAC Membership

- The SCAC will be looking to include a youth member.
- There is a need to evaluate the composition of the SCAC membership.

Focus Area: Traffic Calming and Street Improvements

- Now is a good time to recommend traffic calming projects and their locations.
- The widening of Augusta Ave., and more street lighting might be considered.
- Speed tables are effective in calming traffic.

Focus Area: Public WiFi

- The SCAC needs to have a presentation by KPUD.

Focus Area: Parks and Trails Development and Maintenance

- One possibility for a new park would be the Nature Preserve off of Brockton Street near Middle St. The Preserve is poorly maintained and a grant might be obtained to restore and manage it. It would be important to find a neighborhood group that support these improvements.
- Other community improvements could include dog parks and canoe launches.

Focus Area: Expand Public Transportation Options

- One possible option would be a passenger-only ferry that would use the Suquamish dock and provide transportation to the Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal during the currently congested rush hour traffic through Suquamish.

Potential Focus Area: Encourage More Community Involvement

■ **Public Comments** -- One member of the public also commented about how well the traffic is being handled around the Stormwater Treatment Project.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next meeting will be January 8 at 6:30pm at the UCC Church, 18732 Division Ave. NE. This meeting will include a quarterly update by Suquamish Police Chief Mark Williams.

Minutes submitted by Bruce McCain