

SUQUAMISH COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 1, 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, Stuart Scadron-Wattles, Martha Burke, Patty Charnas, Bruce McCain, Brian Hegre, Faith Williams, and Steve Warnert

Suquamish Council Members Absent: Kristan Webster, and Hanna Moss

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

Kitsap County Staff: Christine Rolfes, County Commissioner; James Bunn, Kitsap County Commissioners Office

Community Members: Twelve were present

■ Introductions were made by Council members

■ Initial Public Comments:

A comment was made about the large number of construction-related trucks in Suquamish; and another comment was made about the condition of Suquamish roads.

■ Commissioner's Comments: Commissioner Rolfes stated that she would comment as the meeting progressed.

■ **Ongoing or Old Business**

- Approval of the April 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes. They were moved, seconded, and approved.
- Presentation by Alex Wisniewski, Director of the Kitsap County Parks Department Concerning the repair of the Sports Court Park
 - Currently the Parks Department is looking for input from the community with regards to the needed repairs and improvements.
 - Jan Hall, a member of the Suquamish Garden Club discussed the history of the park and gave a PowerPoint presentation. Examples of some of the needs include an irrigation system, improved landscaping, resurfacing the court, a storage shed, and a regular garbage pickup program. She also mentioned that the park could be used as an emergency gathering point, and that the park may be more in demand because the nearby housing development provides small yards.

- Ed Mullaney stated that the park needs ADA improvements and electrical power. Martha Burke also mentioned that most of the improvements were made by community volunteers. A public member asked if the Tribe might help fund or support the work done in the park.
 - Brian Hegre asked how the neighbors feel about noise from the court. Commissioner Rolfes, who lives near the court, responded that the reactions were mixed.
 - Alex wrapped up the discussion stating that the number and types of improvements will depend on available funding which is currently \$50K.
- A conversation regarding the tree cutting and land clearing on a lot to the south of and adjoining the intersection of Suquamish Way and Totten Road.
 - Tom Curley asked Faith Williams about the status of the project on the land of Bennie Armstrong (Tribal member). Faith responded that the project is intended to clear land that will receive fill dirt from building projects in the area. He has no firm plans for the property other than that.
- Review of the Suquamish Community Cleanup by Tom Curley:
 - Tom thanked and recognized all the volunteers, and stated that the cleanup was a great success; although not as much litter was picked as in previous cleanups.
 - Tom stated there were 46 volunteers and 15 bags of litter. He also said that there is some discussion about having another cleanup in the Fall.
- Amendment of the SCAC bylaws to permit a Student Council Member:
 - Stuart completed a draft of the *membership paragraph* section of the bylaws.
 - After some discussion, he agreed to add that adult council members will have 3-year terms and the youth members will have 1-year terms. A motion to include these changes was made/seconded/approved.
 - Stuart will make the changes and send the final document to the County Board of Commissioners and the SCAC.
- SCAC Work Plan: reports/updates/discussion:
 - Stuart suggested that a calendar of events for the SCAC be placed on the SCAC website. The Council unanimously agreed.
 - He also stated that we need better ways to advertise SCAC and community events.

■ **Guest Presentations**

- Suquamish Stormwater Treatment Project Update by Matt Oxford

- The Project will be located near the House of Awakening Culture and will serve the urban portions of Suquamish.
- A major component of the Project will include a main vault which will reduce the concentrations of many contaminants and release the treated runoff into Port Madison.
- The Project will begin in August, 2025 and be completed in March, 2026.
- Update of the 2026 -2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Kitsap County by Melissa Mohr, and the TIP Projects for Suquamish by David Forte -- both with Kitsap County Public Works
 - The County-wide TIP Program includes several Capital Improvement Projects which will be funded through property taxes, a fuel tax, transportation impact fees, and grants.
 - The Suquamish TIP Projects include improvements to Suquamish Way (South St.) to Augusta Avenue (Winfred St.). The initial grant application did not make the cut, and the next funding deadline is in the Fall; however, because of Federal funding restrictions, future funding is precarious.
 - Other possible future projects include culvert removal at Sam Snyder Creek, a predesign study for the central portion of the Sound to Olympics trail from Agate Pass Bridge to Poulsbo, and a predesign study of improvements to Suquamish Way and Augusta/Miller Bay roads.

■ New Business

- Summer Recess Meeting. There will be no SCAC meeting in July.
- Annual SCAC Picnic. The Summer Picnic will be on Aug. 9.
- Presentation for June meeting. _____??.

■ Public Comments & Good of the Order - There were no public comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The next meeting will be June 5 at 6:30pm at the UCC Church, 18732 Division Ave. NE.

Minutes submitted by Bruce McCain