

SUQUAMISH COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES June 5, 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, Stuart Scadron-Wattles, Bruce McCain, Brian Hegre, and Steve Warnert

Suquamish Council Members Absent: Kristan Webster, Tom Curley, Martha Burke, Patty Charnas, Faith Williams and Hanna Moss

Quorum: Yes/No (5 TOTAL members, 6 for quorum)

Kitsap County Staff: James Bunn, Kitsap County Commissioners Office

Community Members: Eight were present

■ Introductions were made by Council members

■ Initial Public Comments: None

■ Commissioner's Comments: Commissioner Rolfes was not present

■ Presentation by Chief Mark Williams, Suquamish Police Department

- Some of the primary community concerns are speeding and speed bumps. Some speed limit changes are in the works.
- Crime rates are about average, and the PD is fully staffed: there are nine patrol officers and four Fish and Wildlife officers (who are associated with the Suquamish Tribe).
- The PD is independent from the State Police, but they maintain State standards, and cooperate with the Sheriff's Office.
- The PD officers had a program for 36 local kids that involved an art project, and PD patches were distributed.

■ **Ongoing or Old Business**

- Approval of the May 1, 2025 Meeting Minutes. They were moved, seconded, and approved.
- August 9 Picnic: The Council stressed the need for everyone to pitch in to help; the picnic is scheduled to go from noon to 2:00 PM. Publicity will be sent out to the community in the next few weeks.
- Stuart reminded the attendees about the Stormwater Project that will be conducted near the House of Awakened Culture between Aug. 18, 2025 and March 20, 2026.

- SCAC Work Plan: A youth position will be added to the Council in the near future.
- Stuart wondered if the modified By Laws were passed; James said that they were.

■ **Guest Presentations**

- A presentation was made by Heather Cleveland, with the Kitsap Department of Community Development, regarding Kitsap County's Year of The Rural Initiative.
 - The County's planning follows the guidelines of the Growth Management Act (GMA) which address the balance between urban and rural development. With respect to rural development the GMA's goals emphasize natural resource industries, and for urban development they focus on multifamily housing. Their framework is contained in the Vision 2050 plan.
 - Some of the objectives of the County process are to update the Rural Resource Lands Chapter of the County's 2024 Comprehensive Plan; making potential land code updates by responding to 80 rural land use reclassifications, 17 of which were deferred to 2025.
 - These requests were submitted during the 2024 Comprehensive Plan update, and rural reclassifications (outside of the preferred alternative and urban growth area boundary) were deferred to 2025.
 - Some of the components of The Scope of Work will include defining the vision and character of rural uses; conducting community engagement; performing data analysis and review, and conducting research; assessing rural economy and housing; and prepare an ordinance and implementation plan.
 - The current timeline for completing the Chapter is June, 2025 completing 30% of the draft; September, 2025 60%; November, 2025 90%; and December, 2025 completion of the revised Comprehensive Plan.

■ **New Business**

- **Summer Recess Meeting.** There will be no SCAC meeting in July.
- **Annual SCAC Picnic.** The Summer Picnic will be on Aug. 9.
- **Attendance at the All CAC Meeting.** Stuart and Steve attended the meeting, and in the discussion that followed they emphasized the need for more public outreach.
- **Presentation for August Meeting.** Suquamish Tribal Housing Plans by Scott Crowell.

■ **Public Comments & Good of the Order** - Public comments were focused on CAC issues in Kingston.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next meeting will be August 7 at 6:30pm at the UCC Church, 18732 Division Ave. NE.

Minutes submitted by Bruce McCain

