

SUQUAMISH COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2025 (first Thursday of the month)

In person only – Suquamish UCC Church

18732 Division Avenue NE, Suquamish

Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM

Land Acknowledgement was read.

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

Suquamish Board Members Absent: Kristan Webster, Faith Williams, and Hanna Moss

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

Kitsap County Staff: Christine Rolfes, District 1 Kitsap County Commissioner, and Rebecca Pirtle, Office Policy Analyst

Community Members: Eight were present

■ Introductions were made by Council members

■ Initial Public Comments: None were made.

■ Commissioner's Comments: Commissioner Rolfes summarized the County's "Year of The Rural" program. She said that 6 or 7 advisory programs will be involved in the process.

■ Suquamish Police Department Update by Chief Mark Williams

- Chief Williams summarized the activities by the police force; highlights included:
 - 814 911 calls, one drive-by shooting, four medical calls, and one murder. The department is beginning to work with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, mainly to enforce poaching regulations.
 - He agreed to provide the SCAC with a copy of the above-mentioned activities.
- The Chief stated that although the Department staffing is generally below the National average for police departments, they will be fully staffed by the end of March.
- He also stated that they will be starting a 2-day "Police Academy" to introduce interested citizens about tribal community law enforcement.
- Lastly he summarized trespassing and exclusion regulations on Tribal Lands.

■ **Ongoing or Old Business**

- Approval of the February 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes: They were moved, seconded, and approved

- Steve thanked Martha, Ed, and Patty for their efforts in composing a letter to the County Commissioners regarding the inclusion of the Suquamish County Parks in the PROS Plan and the need for the County to place more attention on the care, improvement, and maintenance of Suquamish's parks. A motion was made to approve the letter which was seconded and approved.
- SCAC Workplan: Bruce briefly mentioned the "Expand Public Transportation Options" Focus Area. He stated that in addition to the strategy of increasing dialogue among the Tribe, Kitsap Transit, the Suquamish public, we might want to include the State Legislature's interest in reviving the "Mosquito Fleet". This effort could include several walk-on ferries that would serve small Puget Sound communities (such as Suquamish).

■ **Guest Presentations**

- Kitsap County Aging and Long-Term Care presented by Steve McMurdo and Jason Doty
 - Mr. Doty summarized that his department is largely an organization that provides services and information. Examples of these services include the following:
 - Family Caregivers Support Program, Medicaid Alternative Care and Case Management, Veteran Directed Care, and Senior Legal Services.
 - Their organization also has the Kitsap Advisory Council which deals with dementia and other memory care issues.
- Healing House Clinic by Stephen Kutz
 - The clinic is mainly a primary care facility, specializing in well-child, teen, and adult annual preventive visits, and is open to both Tribal and non-Tribal community members. 2 MD's and 1 Naturopath on staff.
 - It conducts family planning, counseling, and provides prescriptions and procedures.
 - It treats chronic diseases such as diabetes, high blood pressure, thyroid disease, high cholesterol.
 - It provides mental health medications and performs Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT).
 - The Clinic does follow up after hospitalizations, and does allergy shot injections.
 - The clinic does not provide urgent care, it has no X-ray equipment, but can refer patients to specialists.
 - It does not earn revenue, all proceeds go back to health care.

■ **New Business**

- The SCAC will have quarterly reports from the Suquamish Police at future meetings.
- Presentations at future meetings will include a Stormwater Project Update in April, and Kitsap County Emergency Management in May.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The next meeting will be April 3 at 6:30pm at the UCC Church, 18732 Division Ave. NE.

Minutes submitted by Bruce McCain