

**Manchester Community Advisory Council Minutes**  
**Jan. 6, 2026 Public Meeting**  
**Manchester Library Meeting Room**

**Members in Attendance:** Carol Malmquist (Chair & Northern Neighborhoods), Carrilu Thompson (Manchester Community Association), Susan Shaw (Port of Manchester), Sharon Holst (Colchester Neighborhood), Gentry Brierly (At-Large), Janet Grimly (At-Large), Patty Olson (At-Large), Michael Harris (Business Representative), Chuck Williams (Friends of the Manchester Library)

**Excused Absences:** Janelle Overton, Russ Higgins

**Guests:** Pat Read, John Read, Kevin Holst, Debra Knodel, Yoli Pardo, James Strode, Alex Jarrett

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Carol at 6:30 pm.

**Guest Speakers:**

Sheriff John Gese spoke on the challenges facing the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office due to current budget constraints. There are 120 deputies serving 190,000 county residents, one of the lowest police-to-person ratios in the country. For more information: <https://www.kitsap.gov/sheriff/Pages/sheriffmessage.aspx>

KCSO Corrections Chief Penelope Sapp gave a comprehensive review of county corrections operations. There are an average of 300 inmates residing at the county jail daily; a majority are substance abusers and therefore need medical attention and/or detox. As Washington State does not cap jury awards, the cost of providing this care has skyrocketed from 2 million dollars a few years ago to over 6 million today. This is a major impediment to being able to adequately staff local law enforcement.

## **I. Administrative Items**

- A. Approval of the minutes from the Jan. 2026 meeting: Carrilu (motion), Sharon (second); minutes approved.

## **II. Business Items**

- A. From the transportation subcommittee, Sharon reported ongoing discussion regarding the most effective ways of keeping the community informed of MCAC activities.

## **III. Announcements and Public Comments**

- A. Carrilu announced that “written wishes” for the Manchester Love Tree will occur on Saturday, February 7, from 11 am - 3 pm. Also, the MCA Earth Day event will be April 25, also 11 am - 3 pm at Stormwater Park.
- B. The next meeting of the MCAC will be held March 3.
- C. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm: Sharon (motion), Gentry (second); meeting adjourned.