

## **SUQUAMISH COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

August 8, 2024

In person only – Suquamish UCC Church  
18732 Division Ave. NE

### **Suquamish Board Members Present:**

Tom Curley  
Martha Burke  
Carol Larsen  
Bruce McCain  
Ed Mullaney  
Steve Warnert  
Stuart Scadron-Wattles

**Quorum:** Yes

**Kitsap County Staff:** Christine Rolfes, County Commissioner  
Alex Jarrett, Administrative Specialist, County  
Commissioners Office  
Kathlene Barnhart, Senior Planner, Department of  
Community Development, Kitsap County  
Colin Poff, Planning Supervisor, DCD

**Community Members:** Kevin McDonald  
Joe Lubischer  
Steve Weagant  
Dave and Crystal Vliet  
Marianne Metzger  
Kristan Webster

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:35 p.m.

### **Meeting Agenda**

#### Opening Items

1. *Land Acknowledgement*
2. *Approval of April meeting minutes.* The May minutes were approved unanimously.
3. *New Member* – Kristan Webster is the newest member of SCAC. She lives on Sandy Hook Road.

## New Business

**1. Critical Areas Ordinance:** Kathlene Barnhart, Senior Planner with the Department of Community Development provided a summary of the changes being proposed to the Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO). This ordinance hasn't been updated since 2017, but needs to be in conjunction with the update to the County Comprehensive Plan which is planned for completion this year. It has incorporated the Best Available Science Report and the County has conducted a number of outreach meetings with the Tribes and various community groups. In March, a draft was reviewed by the Planning Commission and as a result additional changes were made. On August 26, the County Commissioners will hold a public hearing prior to final approval of the revised draft.

Kathlene walked through some of the significant changes that have been made including expansions to wetland buffers, expansion of stream buffer, providing for runoff areas included for geologically hazardous areas, and establishing a five year time limit for required assessments. More detailed information is contained in her slide show which is attached.

There were some questions that came from the audience including:

- Do the CAO requirements apply on Tribal lands? – no, not if they are trust lands
- Perhaps since wetlands and streams need to work together, the same requirements should apply to both. Might be simpler. – two state agencies determine the requirements, Ecology for wetlands, and Fish and Wildlife for streams.
- To what degree can a property owner's use be limited? – There is a "reasonable use exemption" which allows them to build on their land a home of a "reasonable size".

**2. Nominations for Chair and Secretary:** Tom Curley and Martha Burke have served in those positions for the first part of the year, but at this meeting the responsibility moved to some of our newer members. Ed Mullaney has agreed to take over as Chair for the rest of the year, and our newest member, Kirstan Webster has agreed to serve as Secretary! These minutes are the last that Martha will prepare.

### **3. Updates and Future Activities:**

- Carol Larsen discussed the SCAC picnic, which will be held the upcoming Saturday at the Legacy Park.
- The Committee discussed the change in venue which was used for this meeting, and it was decided to continue to hold the meetings at the UCC church, at least for the rest of this year, but to keep the meeting date the first Thursday of the month.

## Public Comment & Good of the Order

Martha presented a letter of support from the SCAC for the project proposed by Steve Weagant for replacing the Grover's Creek culvert on Miller Bay Road, which would open up more of a fish bearing stream. The Committee supported the letter which will be sent to Public Works for inclusion in the TIP.

Tom commended the work that Kevin McDonald did to improve and maintain the path to school for students going to Suquamish Elementary. Tom was able to help provide gravel for the project.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

### **Future Meeting Topics:**

Next meeting is **September 5**. Planned topics include introduction of North Kitsap Interim School Superintendent.

October – Comp Plan Final with Eric Baker

November – Sea Level Rise with Jim Rogers

December – 2025 Planning