

SUQUAMISH COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2024

In person only – Suquamish Police Classroom
18490 Suquamish Way, Room 118B

Suquamish Board Members Present:

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

Quorum: Yes

Kitsap County Staff: Alex Jarrett, Administrative Specialist, County Commissioners Office

Melissa Mohr, Public Works, Kitsap County

Community Members:

Kevin McDonald
Ben Phelps
Steve Weagant
Mike & Lisa Magee

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

Meeting Agenda

Opening Items

1. *Land Acknowledgement*
2. *Approval of April meeting minutes.* The March minutes were approved unanimously.
3. *New Member* – **Stuart Scadron-Wattles** is our newest member. He lives on NE South Street and previously lived in Kingston. He has a background in the media.

New Business

1. *Transportation Improvement Plan.* **Melissa Mohr** with Public Works described the process the County uses to develop their 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement

Program (TIP). She said that they try to distribute projects throughout the County, and that this year they have given more weight to fish projects as part of the need to remove fish barriers through culvert removal. However they have many more project needs than money so they only even begin development for projects in the first half of the list.

Several attendees described projects in Suquamish that they would like to see included. Mike and Lisa Magee suggested that the location of where the speed on Miller Bay Road drops to 35 mph occur sooner at the entrance to the reservation (where currently a sign warns of the *approaching* speed reduction). This would improve safety at Pebble Beach Dr. which has a sharp turn downhill as it enters Miller Bay.

Steve Weagant had a proposal to remove the culvert on Grover's Creek and replace it with a bridge. A bridge could be constructed with a wider road surface and include a lane for non-motorized traffic.

Tom stated that the Suquamish Tribe is working to get Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) funding to develop plans to put in a bridge at Cowling Creek. He said they would support the Grover's Creek proposal, but could not provide funding since it is off the reservation.

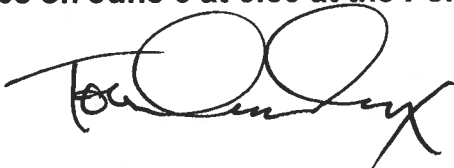
Kevin suggested that the vegetation around the intersection of Brockton and Columbia needs to be cut back since it is a blind corner. Melissa stated that a simple fix might be possible using the County's "See-Click-Fix" program.

A subcommittee of the group, consisting of Tom, Kevin McDonald, Steve Warnert, and Mike Magee, agreed to get together before the next SCAC meeting to flesh out the various proposals discussed in this meeting and last month's and bring them back so the SCAC could vote and submit them formally to the County for inclusion in the TIP.

Public Comment & Good of the Order

- A new interim North Kitsap School Superintendent has been appointed, Rachael Davenport, and she is working to meet with the PTAs of the schools including Suquamish Elementary. Last week there was a ribbon cutting ceremony for the construction of a new gym at the school where Ms. Davenport attended. It was suggested that we invite her to attend our next meeting. Kevin is going to arrange that.

The next meeting will be on June 6 at 6:30 at the Police Classroom.

APPROVED:  6 JUNE 2024