



**SUQUAMISH COMMUNITY
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2026 (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, Steve Warnert, Tom Curley, Brian Hegre, and Martha Burke

Suquamish Council Members Absent:, Korum Bischoff

Quorum: Yes/No (7 TOTAL members, 5 for quorum)

Kitsap County Staff: Commissioner Christine Rolfes; and James Bunn, Kitsap County Commissioner's Office

Community Members: 12 were present

■ Introductions were made by Council members

■ **Initial Public Comments:** Jan Hall said that the Suquamish Garden Club plans to contribute art work and landscaping once the County completes the planned upgrades to the Sports Court.

■ **Commissioner's Comments:** Commissioner Rolfes thanked Patty Charnas for her excellent service as a member of SCAC (Patty moved to Kingston and resigned.) and the Council members unanimously agreed. She also stated that the County is working on obtaining contracts for completing the upgrades to the Sports Court. Lastly, she said the County is committed to recording and responding to complaints received by Kitsap residents.

■ **Guest Presentations**

- **Kitsap County Department of Administrative Services Director, Amber Dunwiddie, and Kristofer Carlson** summarized the 2026 Budget for Kitsap County. The total budget for 2026 is \$651M, about \$42M less than the 2025 budget. The budget is divided into six categories: General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, Capital Funds, Enterprise Service Funds, and Internal Service Funds. A couple of the big spending items in the General Fund are county roads and affordable housing; and revenues for this fund come from property taxes and gas taxes. The Special Revenue Funds include

funds for refunding bonds. Debt Service Funds are related to the Court House Project and the Parks Capital Improvement. Capital Funds are generally related to expenditures on sewers and waste management. Enterprise Service Funds are used for such things as building repairs and employer benefits. Internal Service Funds are for insurance fees and claims. Overall, most of the County budget funds are spent on services.

■ **Ongoing or Old Business**

- Minutes from the January SCAC meeting were modified by changing the date for the April meeting to April 9. The modified minutes were moved/seconded/approved.
- The 2026 Work Plan was moved/seconded/approved.
- The next SCAC meeting will be on March 5, 2026.
- Subcommittee Reports: Steve, champion of the Establish Community Gathering Venues, emphasized the need for a Suquamish Branch Library. The champion of the Public WiFi focus mentioned that the KPUD has done a good job. Stuart stated that as part of the Community Outreach focus, a SCAC Facebook account has been initiated, and Tom announced that Suquamish Cleanup Day will be April 25.
- A motion was made to approve the letter written by the SCAC co-chairs to the Washington State Department of Commerce in support of a grant application submitted by the Suquamish Police Department for “Safer Roads in Suquamish Initiative”. It was seconded and approved.
- SCAC Membership – A new member will be joining, and two membership slots are open. Tribal members are always welcome. Some progress is being made on finding a youth member.

■ **New Business** --- There was no new business.

■ **Public Comments** -- A public member mentioned that Kitsap Transit has a new system for locating buses, and another mentioned that a yellow blinking light is needed at the intersection of Augusta and Geneva. One person stated that Suquamish has a continuing problem with vacant vehicles parked on streets; and we were told that if they are parked on Tribal land, the SPD had the authority to have them towed away. Another public member stated that they like Suquamish’s tiny homes villages, and he wished that other communities would do the same.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

The next meeting will be on March 5 at 6:30pm at the UCC Church, 18732 Division Ave. NE. The meeting will include a presentation from the Kitsap County Public Works on “Traffic Improvement Projects in Suquamish”.

Minutes submitted by Bruce McCain