

SUQUAMISH COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2026 (first Thursday of the month)

In person only – Suquamish UCC Church

18732 Division Avenue NE, Suquamish

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Land Acknowledgement was read.

Suquamish Council Members Present: Ed Mullaney, Bruce McCain, Steve Warnert, Tom Curley, Joe Piecuch, Korum Bischoff, and Jennifer Morrison

Suquamish Council Members Absent: Stuart Scadron-Wattles, Martha Burke, Elliot Moss

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

Kitsap County Staff: Kristen Jewell (Assistant County Administrator) and Garrett Ballew (Department of Community Development)

Community Members: Six were present, plus Jaimee Pope (prospective new member).

■ **Introductions were made by Council members.**

■ **Initial Public Comments:** Comments were made regarding the charges for water use by KPUD (water costs vs. taxes), and excessive speeding on Suquamish roadways.

■ **Commissioner's Comments:** None

■ **Guest Presentations**

Lytle Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech, Natural Resources Program Manager with the Kitsap County Department of Community Resources. She summarized the Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Removal Program (ADVRP), the Noxious Weed Control Program, and the Shore Friendly Kitsap Program. The ADVRP was started in 2024 with a grant to address the large number of stranded vessels in the numerous bays and waterways of Kitsap County. The program is a cooperative effort with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. Initially, the program formed a technical advisory committee and proceeded to identify the extent and issues these vessels presented. Currently a vessel tracking database is being developed. The mission of the Noxious Weed Control Program (NWCP) is to protect Kitsap County's landscapes, natural resources, and agricultural areas from the impacts of invasive and harmful plants. The program is part of a statewide effort to prevent economic and environmental damage caused by noxious weeds on both land and water. Each year, the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board updates a statewide list of noxious weeds, which every county must review and adopt. These weeds are classified as Class A (rare in Washington, but high threat level, such as water hemp), B (county specific, such as English ivy), or C (widespread, such as blackberries). The NWCP focuses on 24 species, and has a survey program that maintains a database, a tool lending

program, a Steward Assistance Program, and an education program. Shore Friendly Kitsap connects waterfront landowners with technical support and resources for bulkhead removal and soft-shore alternatives. The program helps landowners make informed, cost effective and environmentally friendly decisions about shoreline management for their property. Technical support includes free consultations and site visits from staff, free site assessments from a licensed coastal geologist to assess erosion risk on your shoreline property, grants of up to \$7,000 for shoreline restoration work, and free education and outreach events.

- **Suquamish Police Chief Mark Williams Report.** He discussed the new non-emergency phone number which is a new way to talk to the police office. He is working to find out more details. He stated that the SPD will be involved with all six of the FIFA World Cup Games. Also, SPD has no jurisdiction over County animal control; aggressive dogs will be shot. With regards to HB 2015, the SPD will be hiring four new police officers, and new officers will be attending police academies. The SPD has received a \$21K grant for traffic related needs. Tom suggested that the new officers could be introduced to the SCAC.

■ **Ongoing or Old Business**

- No adjustments to the agenda were made.
- Minutes from the May SCAC meeting were moved/seconded/approved, with one abstention.

■ **New Business** --- The Community Summer Picnic will be held in Legacy Park and will take place on August 8. A signup sheet for Council members to volunteer at the picnic is being circulated. Ed thanked the citizens for clearing the trail in the Suquamish Nature Preserve. He also asked about the status of improvements to the Sports Court.

■ **Public Comments** -- A citizen mentioned that a tree is causing a traffic hazard on Augusta Ave., and another citizen stated that there is an accumulation bush near Suquamish Elementary that needs to be trimmed. Tom suggested that people can check the Kitsap County website for a list of hazardous conditions, and Steve stated that such a list will be on the SCAC website. A citizen commented on the damage being done to Suquamish roads (eg. Soundview Blvd NE) by commercial trucks.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

There will be no SCAC meeting in July, so the next meeting will be on August 6 at 6:30pm at the UCC Church, 18732 Division Ave. NE. The presentation at the August meeting will be determined.

Minutes submitted by Bruce McCain