

SUQUAMISH COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 5, 2024

In person only – Suquamish UCC Church

18732 Division Avenue NE, Suquamish

Suquamish Board Members Present:

Ed Mullaney, Tom Curley, Martha Burke, Carol Larsen, Patty Charnas, Bruce McCain, Steve Warnert, Faith Williams, Stuart Scadron-Wattles, Kristan Webster

Suquamish Board Members Absent:

Hanna Moss

Quorum: Yes

Kitsap County Staff: Alex Jarrett, Kitsap - County Administrative Assistant SCAC Coordinator
Rachel Davenport – North Kitsap School District Interim Superintendent

Community Members: Kevin McDonald, Bethany McDonald, Ace Haynes, Barb Santos

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Agenda:

- **Opening Items:**

- Land Acknowledgement
- Approval of August meeting minutes:
 - August minutes were approved by unanimous vote.
- Initial Public Comment:
 - Ace Haynes expressed his concerns and opinions regarding the lack of community input and transparency relative to North Kitsap County Board School District planning process for Suquamish Elementary School and in general for all school planning processes.
 - Kevin McDonald proposed an orientation session for SCAC members regarding the laws, land status, and how the US Constitution applies on the Suquamish reservation.- This to aid in further understanding of the rules that apply to Suquamish Community and-our Tribal neighbors.- Chair responded that this request forwarded to the Commissioner’s Office for consideration to assist in how this information can be presented to the SCAC from knowledgeable governmental officials dealing with Tribal Relations.
- Introductions around the room

- **Ongoing or Old Business:**

- SCAC expressed thanks to Carol Larsen for arranging and coordinating the August SCAC Community Picnic.
- SCAC Meeting venue at the UCC to extend to January 2, 2025. Discussion to Change date of the January 2, 2025 Meeting resulted in maintaining this meeting date – may

return for later discussion at future meetings. Decision to continue meeting at the UCC remains to be made.

- **Guest Presentation: Rachael Davenport, North Kitsap County School District Interim Superintendent.**
 - Rachael's presentation started with a brief history of the School District failed bond measure and lessons learned to include additional stakeholders' participation in the planning process for future levy or bond requests. Specifically, that Suquamish Elementary School needs were not addressed in the Bond Measure. Future planning process to be more inclusive involving local participation in this planning process.
 - The design of the Suquamish Elementary School Gymnasium, currently under construction, can stand alone from the existing school buildings to allow for use without the need to have the school buildings functioning. The design of the Gymnasium Addition did include input from the current athletic director contrary to earlier public comments. Current construction completion date was unavailable.
 - The Proposed Levy to be on the November Ballot included funds for Suquamish Elementary School capital projects to address Site and ADA Accessibility; improvements to pick-up and drop-off areas to relieve congestion; additional security improvements in the form of secured entry vestibules, cameras and fencing; reduce the use of portable buildings through renovating existing classroom spaces; upgrades to the existing mechanical, electrical, plumbing and exterior roofs and walls and systems to extend Suquamish Elementary useful life.

- **New Business**
 - The existing 2024 SCAC Work Plan needs to be updated. The Chair requested that to accomplish this task, an Ad- Hoc Committee to review the existing SCAC Work Plan compared to other CAC Work Plans and make a recommendation for SCAC Board consideration at the December 2024 Meeting. The committee members are Stuart Scadron-Wattles, Steve Warnert, Kevin McDonald and Tom Curley. They will specifically focus areas and strategies. An interim report will be presented at the October 6th SCAC Meeting for SCAC feedback.
 - Copies of the Suquamish Subarea Plan as presented in the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan was distributed to the Board for information. Earlier SCAC comments are incorporated in the current Comprehensive Draft. Additional Subarea Plan comments can be made at the County website.
 - Kingston CAC is conducting an Open House event at Village Green on September 25th – Tom Curley, Patty Charnas and Ed Mullaney will represent SCAC at this event. Attendance is encouraged.
 - Kitsap County Assessor's Office will have site inspectors reviewing existing properties in the North Kitsap Area.

Public Comment & Good of the Order

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

The next meeting will be October 3, at 6:30pm at the UCC Church, 18732 Division Ave. NE.
Minutes submitted by Ed Mullaney.