

SUQUAMISH COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thursday, November 2, 2023

6:30 – 8:00 PM

In-person only – Suquamish Police Classroom

18490 Suquamish Way, Room 118B, on the lower, west side of the building

SCAC Board Members:

Tom Curley, Erin Bischoff, Ed Mullaney, Hannah Moss, Brenda Austin, Brynn Felix, Martha Burke, Patty Charnas

Quorum: Yes

Presenters and Community Members: Rachel, Hayley, Jan Hall, Eric Martin, Ace Haynes, Haylee Anderson, Rachel Camelia, Alex Wisniewski, Carlos Maldonado, Elaine Percival, Chris Miller, Steve Warnert, Commissioner Christine Rolfes

Meeting Called to order at 6:30 p.m.

MEETING AGENDA

Opening Items

1. Land Acknowledgement: We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is within the ancestral territory of the “People of Clear Salt Water” (Suquamish People). Expert fishermen, canoe builders and basket weavers, the Suquamish live in harmony with the lands and waterways along Washington’s Central Salish Sea as they have for thousands of years. Here, the Suquamish live and protect the land and waters of their ancestors for future generations as promised by the Point Elliott Treaty of 1855. “Every part of this soil is sacred in the estimation of my people. Every hillside, every valley, every plain and grove, has been hallowed by some sad or happy event in days long vanished.” Chief Seattle 1854.

2. Introductions - We went around the room and introduced ourselves

Old Business

1. Approval of October meeting minutes - will approve in December
2. Updates on Workplan - A reminder to look at the Work Plan periodically;
 - Will review it December and January
 - Will we ask county staff if they have priorities that we should be looking into? Agreed it was a good idea
 - The Tribe is working on shoulders on Miller Bay Road

- Pedestrian flags on Geneva

3. SCAC Vacancies Update -Two vacancies and community members are encouraged to apply

4. Venue/Virtual Meetings - The county is committed to purchasing an owl (to allow for hybrid meetings)

5. Kitsap County Equity Training for CACs - Three separate trainings (Martha, Brynn and Ed attended); Checking to see if the recordings are available (if they aren't they will be soon)

New Business

1. Kitsap County Parks Department - Open Space Plan Update; Alex Wisniewski, Kitsap County Parks Director

District 1: North Kitsap Open House:

Date: Monday, November 6

Time: 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Location: Village Green Community Center

Address: [26159 Dulay Rd NE, Kingston, WA 98346](https://www.kitsapcountygov.com/26159/Dulay-Rd-NE-Kingston-WA-98346)

- [Parks/Recreation Open Space Plan](#) - This is a needs analysis which leads to the creation of goals to carry out the vision (as provided by community engagement)
- Six year plan - required by Washington state
 - Growth Management Act
 - Eligible for Grants
 - Best practice to do this on a regular basis - make sure the parks are heading in a direction that is relevant to the community
- Hired a consultant SCJ Alliance to assist in the process
- [Survey #2](#) is open through November 30, 2023 and was sent out via the County's gov delivery system – to receive them you first have to sign-up; pushed out via social media and then community outreach. (Question from community member on how effective this process has been to reach community members); Suggestion of publicizing meetings at the local Post Office. Share why it is important for the community to participate in this process.
- Stakeholder Interviews / written questionnaire - identified as various organizations that utilize facilities (soccer clubs, baseball, softball, renters of community buildings, park volunteers and stewardship groups)
- Survey #1 - June 6 - Aug. 30; received approx 2,400 comments - feedback from Survey #1 helped shaped Survey #2
- Survey #1 - Based on the respondents the highest used parks:
 - North Kitsap (Heritage Park)
 - Port Gamble Forest (Heritage Park)
 - Point no Point
 - Silverdale Waterfront

- Newberry Hill
- Survey #1 - Most used park elements - hiking/walking trails
- Up until recently, Kitsap County Parks Department didn't realize it owned the Suquamish Sports Court (on Division Ave. in Suquamish)
- Barriers to use - #1 Unsure what parks and rec programs are available #2 security/safety concerns #3 needs restrooms
- A way to evaluate park access is to ask the question "Within a 10-15 minute walk, can you access a park from your home?"
- Survey #2 - focus is on future-thinking and based on feedback from survey #1
- Did people who completed Survey #1 receive a request to complete Survey #2? Unknown
- There are paper copies of the survey at the park's office
- Kitsap County Parks does not manage any parks on Bainbridge Island
- Cities of Poulsbo, Bremerton and Port Orchard manage their own parks
- Next steps:
 - Prepare visioning tool
 - Stakeholder interviews
 - Finalize inventory & assessment
 - Update goals, objectives and policies
 - Prepare for demand and needs analysis
- The planning happens and then there isn't the funding and things get stalled. What are the funding mechanisms for the parks?

Informational Items

1. Friends of Miller Bay Annual Meeting: Nov. 8th at 6 p.m at the House of Awakened Culture
2. December Elections & Work Plan
3. Kiwanis and ShareNet Food & Supply Drive on Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Poulsbo Town & Country, Kingston Grocery Outlet, Kingston Safeway, Kingston Henery Hardware

Public Comment & Good of the Order

- Idea - have a stack of paper surveys at the Post Office and on the ferries

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

The next meeting is December 7, 2023 at Suquamish Police Classroom

Minutes submitted by: Recorder, Erin Bischoff