

**SUQUAMISH CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**March 4, 2010 — 6:30-9:00 p.m.  
Suquamish Elementary School Library**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

*Members Present:* Louise Barbee, Tom Curley, Bruce Goodrich, Megan Hale, Janet Larson, Kevin McDonald, Sandra Senter, Beth Stenwick

*Members Absent:* Larry Goodwin, Jim Holmes, Gail Petranek

*Quorum* Yes

*Others Present:* Heather Adams (DCD), Commissioner Steve Bauer, Jon Rose (OPG), Stella Vakarcs (Senior Program Manager, Kitsap County Wastewater Division), 2 residents

**PROCEEDINGS**

**Opening:**

Kevin McDonald, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Introductions were made.

**Public Comment:**

- Suquamish resident Suzana McCune spoke to the committee regarding the removal of a landscape buffer adjacent to her property at the site of 22 homes being developed on fee simple land by the Tribe. She has met with Leonard Forsman, Tribal Chairman, to discuss the issue. She hopes to re-establish the buffer via a community-based process to find a mutually beneficial solution. Chairperson, Kevin McDonald indicated SCAC would put this on a future agenda.

**Opening continued:**

- News items:  
▪ None

**Communications:**

- None

**Business:**

1. **Minutes** – The February 2010 minutes were approved.
2. **North Kitsap Legacy Partnership (NKLP)**
  - Commissioner Bauer and Jon Rose with Olympic Property Group (OPG) presented information about the NKLP and the potential use of OPG land on the north end of the peninsula. OPG has 8,000 acres in North Kitsap, which are not viable for industrial timber production, but have many unique qualities—a natural rural setting, wildlife, forests, trails, small communities. Three options were discussed: 1) bulk sale of large blocks of the land, 2) develop 20 acre lots, or 3) utilize the “Rural Wooded Incentive Program” to quadruple housing density on 7,000 of the acres. Kitsap County’s goal is to safeguard and promote open space and this partnership is seen as an opportunity to create a legacy in the county by working cooperatively with many partners on a

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project that creates a shared vision. The project would allow 7,000 acres of OPG land to come under public ownership with conservation elements. The remaining 1,000 acres near Port Gamble would be developed by OPG as a model community with sufficient density to pay for its services. The vision is that the 7,000 acres would be strung together by greenbelts and trails with a tourist center and with the potential to attract conservation businesses. OPG would give up the chance to develop most of the acreage in exchange for the added value of the 1,000 acre targeted properties.

**3. Wastewater**

- Stella Vakarcs, Senior Program Manager of Kitsap County Public Works Wastewater Division, provided the committee with an update on the sewer system. The county operates four wastewater treatment plants that were built in the mid 1970's: 1) Manchester (updated mid 1990's), Central Kitsap (no improvements), Kingston (new on the line in 2005 to replace the old system), and Suquamish (updated mid 1990's). The system in Suquamish has a 400,000 gallon capacity and runs at about half capacity. The county maintains the system within the LAMIRD boundary and the Tribe maintains the system outside the LAMIRD on the reservation. The tribe has 100,000 gallon or ¼ of the total capacity. The system works well and meets permit requirements. During storms November to January the county noticed an increase in flow, which is generally an indication of pipe system issues such as root problems or degrading of the pipe – mostly on private property. These problems need to be resolved as it is important to keep groundwater out of the pipe system. 85% capacity for three months in a row requires action. She emphasized that it is illegal to connect downspouts and side services to the sewer in order to keep stormwater out of the system and the treatment plant. The county is starting to get a good handle on where improvements need to be made. The pipe replacement projects planned in Suquamish over the next six years are: a) Suquamish Beach, b) Harris, c) North Angeline, and d) northwest Suquamish (west of Division and south of Columbia). This construction will have an impact on the neighborhoods. The pipe on Division does not need replacing and should be good for another 25 years. The county is looking at a 20 year plan as well as funding options, including possible bonds. There was discussion of sewer rates in Suquamish, which are flat rates and lower than in surrounding communities.

**4. Tribal Update**

- Tom Curley presented a slide show of various Tribal departments' accomplishments and plans for 2010. The Tribe has purchased the golf course and about 160 buildable lots at White Horse. The new Tribal Museum construction is scheduled for 2011. Tom will begin forwarding the Tribal Newsletter to members electronically.

**5. Member Updates**

- Beth Stenwick is continuing to work on caregiver support. She has identified a man who operates a veterans' bunk house for men and women in Bremerton. This is available to homeless veterans and assistance is provided to help them obtain eligible benefits.

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- Louise Barbee provided Gail with some information related to skate parks. She reported she sends out the SCAC agenda each month to her email list.
- Bruce Goodrich reported that the trail sign is now installed at the N. Urban Avenue trail head. He also reported that Alan Trunkey obtained gravel and graveled the foot path along Division Street. Bruce had a reply from Tina Nelson at Public Works that James Street has been added to the list of repaving projects in Suquamish.
- Sandy Senter continues to update the SuquamishNow web site and plans a promotion campaign this spring. Also, she has had email correspondence with Alan Trunkey regarding access to fresh food in Suquamish. She will forward his recent e-mail to committee members. Sandy also reported that Suquamish is still recruiting for census workers. Information about the training and how to apply is on the [www.SuquamishNow.com](http://www.SuquamishNow.com) web site.
- Tom Curley reported that the Suquamish annual clean-up day will take place in April. He will work on funding and food for volunteers. Once the date is confirmed Heather will put an announcement on the county web site. Sandy will put it on the SuquamishNow web site and develop the posters.
- Kevin McDonald reported that he is working on SCAC having a standing article in the Tribe's Suquamish News each month. Jan Jackson and the Pond Kids are planning an Earth Day Parade in Suquamish. There has been email correspondence with John Willett regarding a potential use of Place of the Bear that committee members received. Friends of Miller Bay replied that they support the goal of preserving Place of the Bear as an undeveloped park to preserve habitat for wildlife and water quality .Kevin reported that John has retracted his suggestion.
- Heather Adams announced the county is hosting three Rural Outreach meetings to collect public comments on upcoming proposed rural programs and regulations. The meeting on March 30 will be in the Port Gamble Pavilion from 6:30-8:30.
- Heather Adams also reported that the County Commissioners expressed their congratulations to SCAC's for its 2009 accomplishments and the volunteer hours reported.

**6. Committees**

- Bruce Goodrich raised the issue of committees stating he believes we should maintain the committee structure made up of SCAC members and residents as can be recruited. This topic will be taken up at the April meeting. At that time we also will review the workplan we outlined for 2010.

**Other Business:**

- None

**Public Comment:**

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**Action Items:**

- Tom will begin forwarding the Tribal Newsletter to SCAC members electronically.
- Sandy will forward Alan Trunkey's recent mail regarding access to fresh food to the committee members.
- Members will begin preparations for the annual clean-up day in April.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm**

The next meeting will be April 1, 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Tribal Council Chambers

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY RECORDER, SANDRA SENTER

MINUTES APPROVED:

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(Chairperson's signature)

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(Date)