

SUQUAMISH CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2009— 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Suquamish Elementary School

**Suquamish Citizen Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2011
Suquamish Tribal Council Chambers**

BOARD MEMBERS:

Members Present: Bruce Goodrich, Louise Barbee, Tom Curley, Jim Holmes, Janet Larson, Megan Hale

Members Absent: Ora Franke, Gail Petranek

Quorum Yes

Others Present: Heather Adams (DCD), Tina Nelson (Public Works)

<p>PROCEEDINGS</p> <p>Opening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jim Holmes, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.
<p>Public Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- None
<p>Opening continued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The June minutes were considered too draft to approve as written, with comments incorporated.
<p>Communications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- None
<p>Business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Heather Adams noted the number of vacancies currently in the SCAC. She said she doesn't want to see the Committee go away as it's a valuable means of communication between the community, the Commissioner and other county departments. However, it might be a good time for reassessment. Bruce Goodrich commented that Suquamish doesn't have a well-developed sense of community, with a transitory/rental population and no Rotary, Lions or Kiwanis. He thought it was time for another Chris Endresen-style public meeting along the lines of "Imagine Suquamish". Heather wondered if an Open House might serve a similar purpose, though Louise Barbee reminded everyone that Suquamish didn't have one last year based on declining public interest the year before. If there was an Open House, it would be September/October. All agreed that not many people know about the SCAC or what it does. Jim Holmes said the Tribal newsletter is actually pretty widely read and so could be used for a recruitment notice. Tina Nelson suggested getting a brochure together telling the story of what the group has accomplished: street lighting, transit shelters, sidewalks, the speed sign, road ends opened, the Suquamish Cleanup. Heather suggested Rebecca Pirtle attend the next meeting (September 2) to talk about recruitment of new members. Megan Hale suggested

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mailing out a survey as a way of determining community sentiment, and build awareness of the SCAC. Janet Larson said she will talk with Sandy Senter about the SCAC brochure Sandy was developing. Louise suggested having those brochures out at the information booth at Chief Seattle Days, rather than staffing a table there.

2. Tina Nelson informed the group of a problem with the Suquamish Way-Division Street construction. The new stormwater main will intersect a water main at Suquamish Way and Division Street, making it necessary to close Suquamish Way just east of the intersection and diverting traffic north on Division to Center Street. This closure will be during working (daylight) hours on Tuesday, July 12 and Wednesday, July 13. Business owners such as Burton Motorsports should be notified. Otherwise, the project is pretty much on schedule, and they should be finished on Suquamish Way by Friday, July 15. Megan Hale expressed concern about turning difficulty for traffic northbound on Division Street south of Suquamish Way – from the Angeline Avenue South neighborhood. Tina said the contractor should have a flagger there rather than just a detour sign. The group requested Tina carry their concern to the contractor. Tina also said they don't want to impact the Canoe Journey and may not work Thursday, July 21 (and don't work Fridays with their 10-hour workdays).
3. Tina Nelson said the bioswales on Geneva Street will be maintained by the stormwater maintenance crew rather than the road maintenance crew. Long grass reduces the infiltration effectiveness of the bioswales. She also noted that the curbed sidewalk buffers are growing weeds quite well and don't look very good. She suggested that the stormwater maintenance crew would supply plants for the buffers, but would like someone else to plant them. Bruce said he would contact the Suquamish Garden Club to see if they're interested in doing the planting and also suggesting low-maintenance, drought-resistant plants. Tina will ask if the maintenance crew will supply some dirt/topsoil. Ideally, the residents at each planting location would be contacted to water the buffers.
4. Tina suggested that with widening on Division and improved sight distances, speeds will increase. Tom recounted how well speed humps at crosswalks, combined with a 'bricked' texture to the walkway worked very well in Port Townsend to reduce speeds without unduly slowing traffic, as well as provide a defined pedestrian walkway which feels safer than paint on the street. Tina said the Hansville speed bump experience has made the county very cautious about speed bumps or speed humps and we'll have to be satisfied with paint.
5. The signaling at the Suquamish Way/Division Avenue intersection in 2013 is in negotiation with the Tribe and the County for right of way or easement to accommodate the increased width needed for a turn lane.
6. The Highway 305/Suquamish Way turn-lane lengthening project suggested for Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) inclusion by the SCAC will very likely get funded, including a transit shelter for the northbound lane. This project is a good example of how the SCAC can work effectively with the county on improvements to the community that benefit everyone. Thanks to Bruce Goodrich for a well-written TIP application and to Tina Nelson for seeing it through the TIP process.
7. Bruce asked Tina if there was any way to put up "No Littering" signs on Columbia Street between Brockton and Middle Streets. She said she'd look into it.

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8. Megan Hale requested the addition of a “No Turnaround” sign to the existing, but poorly located “Dead End” sign on South Angeline north of McKinstry Street. She reports much speeding and squealing of tires on that short stretch of roadway.

Subcommittee Reports:

- **Road Ends:** Jim Holmes noted that Hemphill Street road end is becoming very parklike – and could it become a park? Heather said no, there was no funding for any additional parks from the county. Bruce said there was concern expressed by neighbors to the county about the recent removal of brush at the Hemphill Street site by volunteers, that with more people aware of the public nature of road ends, the result would be trash, increased traffic and resulting crime. Bruce informally consulted with an engineer about the cost and impact of stairs to the beach at the Hemphill site. The engineer said it would not be difficult and the cost would be about \$16,000. Heather will check to see if there would be any difficulties from the county in getting a permit for a stairway there. Tom will inform Dennis Lewarch, one of the Tribe’s archaeologists, of the possibility of stairs and ask for feedback. Heather asked the subcommittee for a mini-master plan for Hemphill to determine direction (signage, amenities, no fireworks were suggested) and that the Road Ends Subcommittee could do that.
- **Senior Resources:** Janet reported that she’s working with Sandy on a brochure/resource list with Sandy Senter. She also noted that Aging and Long-Term Care is doing their annual Sub-area Plan, and passed out a questionnaire along with no-postage-necessary envelopes.
- **Mapping:** no report.
- **Transportation:** no report.
- **Land Use and Zoning:** no report.
- **Website:** Sandy Senter has discontinued the SuquamishNow web site. The domain name and Network Solutions hosting has expired so there is no longer access to the site. At some point in the future if there is interest in creating a new site Sandy would be happy to help, but in the meantime the Facebook page is serving that role.

Items for the next meeting:

- Rebecca Pirtle will talk to the group about CAC recruiting.
- Chief Gary Simpson (Sheriff’s Office) and a representative from the Suquamish Police Department will talk about cross-deputizing and other police issues.
- Heather will begin discussion on the Suquamish Sub-Area Plan. She also agreed to consult with Rob Gelder to see if he’s interested in participating in an “Imagine Suquamish” typ of community meeting.
- The Road Ends Subcommittee will present a draft mini-master plan for the Hemphill Street Road End.
- Bruce Goodrich to contact the Suquamish Garden Club re: the planting strip on Geneva.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be on September 2, 2009 at 6:30 pm at the Suquamish Elementary School Library.
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MINUTES SUBMITTED BY STAND-IN RECORDER, TOM CURLEY

MINUTES APPROVED:

(Chairperson's signature)

(Date)