

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
MEETING
June 28, 2007**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

**Jim Peters
Arnold Cooper
Vince Henry, Sr.
Russell Harper
Will Penn
Pete Kruger
Charlene Krise**

**Chairman
Vice Chairman
Secretary (*arrived at 10:00 am*)
Treasurer
1st Council Member
2nd Council Member
3rd Council Member**

**Executive Director
Deputy Director
Recording Secretary**

**Ray Peters
Don Whitener
Melissa Puhn**

Jim Peters called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Russell Harper moved to approve the June 28, 2007 Council Meeting Agenda. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pete Kruger moved to approve the June 14, 2007 Council Minutes as amended. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

June 29, 2007; City of Shelton & Squaxin Island Tribe Water Planning Agreement Signing at 9:00 a.m., at the Shelton Civic Center. Jim Peters, Pete Kruger, Russell Harper, Ray Peters and a Natural Resources Representative will attend. After discussion regarding the Agreement, Pete Kruger moved to approve the agreement. Charlene Krise seconded the approval. The motion carried unanimously.

July 16-18, 2007; 7th Annual Northwest Indian Gaming Conference (WIGA), at the Little Creek Casino, all of Council and Ray will attend.

July 19, 2007; DSHS TANF Meeting, at the Quinault Beach Resort, staff will be attending.

August 15, 2007; Second Public Budget Hearing, at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. Island Enterprises and Little Creek Casino will be present to give reports and operating plans for the year.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS (*continued*)

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September 12-13, 2007; Self-Governance Communication & Education Tribal Consortium, in Hinkley, MN.

September 17-20, 2007; ATNI Annual Conference, The Quinault Beach Resort

September 27-28, 2007; 4th Annual Northwest Regional Enrollment Conference, at the Suquamish Clearwater Casino. Arnold, Will, Charlene and Pete will attend. A flier will be submitted to the Klah-Che-Min for tribal members to attend on their own if they are interested. The enrollment process will be explained in detail to Council during the training with Legal. Council had extensive discussion regarding the creation of an enrollment committee. Will Penn moved to create an Enrollment Committee. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. Charlene recommended that the Committee be established with a representative from each of the seven bands. Each member will be required to attend proper training. The Committee will be in place to assist the Enrollment Officer and to provide a safeguard to her. The importance of this committee and dedication necessary of the members was emphasized. The committee will work within the current guidelines, if a policy change is necessary the recommendation will need to be brought to Council. This will be advertised in the bulk mail and Klah-Che-Min. Ray requested time to create by-laws. The motion carried five in favor and zero against.

October 1-2, 2007; Native American Finance Conference, in Las Vegas.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Enrollment referendum date; To be tabled until Kevin arrives.

Charlene inquired about the recent petition regarding the request to double the per capita checks. Ray stated there is a revenue allocation plan in place for distributing gaming dollars. The revenue allocation plan in regards to per capita is approved by the Department of Interior. Council has the ability to change the distribution plan in regards to the budget process. Russell suggested holding a workshop for tribal members to show how gaming dollars are allocated.

Executive Director Evaluation; Council went in to Executive Session. Coming out of Executive Session in reference to the Executive Director evaluation; Council would like to note their vote of their highest confidence in the Executive Director.

Council agreed to donate forty pounds of clams to a Quileute Funeral.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Per Capita Date, July 19th: Finance requested the per capita checks be distributed prior to the canoe journey. Council agreed by consensus.

Ray reported to Council that Don Whitener has submitted his letter of resignation. Ray commended Don for his dedicated and hard work to the Tribe and Executive Services. Don thanked Ray and the

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Council for his opportunity to serve the tribe. Ray will review the job description and send the announcement out. Ray will put together a strong review committee, and with Councils approval, Ray will proceed with this process.

Reception for Patty Murray June 29th in Tacoma, she has been an excellent champion for the Tribe. Russell Harper will attend this event.

Ray provided a response letter for Councils review; this was mailed out to a tribal member in response to a concern at Councils direction.

Ron Daily was present to share his concern regarding the treatment of the Elders group. He expressed his frustrations with the lack of assistance and respect the elders receive from other tribal members. Jim would like Ron to report to Ray any problems that come up in the future.

TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERN

A tribal members' parent came to Council seeking guidance on signing the tribal member child up with a mentoring program or summer activity to occupy their time. Jim asked the parent to submit a written request. Ray will look in to summer programs to see what is available.

LEGAL

Kevin Lyon asked to be excused and will return later in the day.

Ray announced the Shellfish Signing Ceremony will be July 6th, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., at Little Skookum Shellfish Growers, hosted by Taylor Shellfish.

ENROLLMENT

Jim Peters shared with Tammy Ford the decision regarding an enrollment committee. Ray would like Tammy to assist in staffing the committee. Tammy will be attending an enrollment conference this November at Quinault Beach Resort, and will check the appropriateness of the enrollment conference held at Suquamish.

Tammy presented **Resolution #07-55** which enrolls Johnathan Draven Seymour with full benefits; and **Resolution #07-56** which enrolls Takoda NoeLani Tahkeal with full benefits. Charlene Krise moved to approve these two enrollments. Arnold Cooper seconded. The motion carried six in favor and zero against. Tammy stated that she would like to spend time in the future going over the entire enrollment process with Council. Tammy would like to walk Council through the entire enrollment process.

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Tribal Member concern report; Ray and Brian provided Council an update on a concern regarding housing. With direction from Council, Ray will respond to this tribal member.

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Brian Thompson was here to provide a housing update.

Water Conservatory Board; The request was forwarded to Natural Resources.

LCOB Candidates; Council read the letters of interest submitted by LCOB community member candidates. Council selected Joe Peters and Dave Whitener, Jr. as the two Community LCOB Members.

Little Creek Casino CEO Draft Evaluation; Council went in to Executive Session.

Council discussed changing the Wednesday Meetings with the Casino and Island Enterprises. It was decided Council will continue to meet with Island Enterprises the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month; and with the Casino on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Basket for sale; Charlene had concerns regarding the origins of the basket for sale. She will contact the seller.

EDUCATION

Incentive Gifts; Walt Archer, Lisa Evans, Mark Snyder and Bill Kallapa were present. Walt presented a draft letter which will be sent out to tribal members explaining the recent changes in the graduation incentive program. Walt also shared the list of recipients for the community high school scholarships from the Education Commission. Council approved the incentive letter and the five scholarship recipients.

Bill updated on the youth basketball team; they are doing well.

Summer Recreation begins July 9th. Jim would like to schedule a Council lunch with the kids this summer. Walt inquired about the possibility of charging a small fee for summer rec participants with no affiliation to the tribe. The summer rec program continues to grow and has receives good feed back.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

Indian Graves Bill; Rhonda Foster, Larry Ross and Margaret Henry were present. They updated on the progress of the Bill. Each Federally Recognized Washington State Tribe is to appoint two representatives to serve on the task force. Rhonda presented **Resolution # 07-57** which appoints Rhonda Foster and Kevin Lyon to the Task Force Team; which consists of tribal representatives, state congresspersons, state agency staff and other stakeholders. Council has the authority to talk to any task force meeting. Charlene Krise moved to approve this appointment. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried five in favor and zero against. Vince Henry was out of the room.

CULTURAL RESOURCES *(continued)*

Slocum Cemetery; Rhonda provided an update on the Cemetery. The Phase 1 investigation is going well. The tribe and Manke have been working together on this project.

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SHOREBANK ENTERPRISE CASCADIA

Terry Hall and Chandra Hampson were present from ShoreBank; a Community Development Financial Institution. The ShoreBank Enterprise is a non-profit lender serving the needs of rural communities in the northwest. They are reaching out to Native American communities, focusing on individual tribal members with septic issues; both on and off reservation. This information will be forwarded to Housing.

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Ray provided **Resolution #07-58** which approves entering into a contract with Advanced Home Exteriors, Inc. and Advanced Native Construction to provide the Residential Siding Remodel, with a limited waiver of sovereign immunity. Arnold Cooper moved to approve Resolution #07-58. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried four in favor and zero against. Russell Harper and Vince Henry were out of the room.

Council Training; The training will be re-scheduled to July 11th, following the meeting with Island Enterprises.

IEI Board Council Representative; currently Vince Henry and Jim Peters are serving on the board and one more Council representative is needed. Arnold Cooper moved to appoint Will Penn to the Island Enterprises Board. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried five in favor and zero against. Vince Henry was out of the room.

Holiday Schedule; The July 4th Holiday falls on a Wednesday; in lieu of the traditional early release prior to the holiday, Tribal Council approved a late start for July 5th, at 1:00 p.m. All offices will remain open until 4:00 p.m. on July 3rd.

VETERANS

Glen and Anne Parker were present to solicit donations from Council for funding the Veterans Memorial. Glen shared the final drawings of the memorial with a goal of completing by the Native American Veterans Day; November 7th. Charlene challenged the individual Council members to either donate time or money to this good cause.

Canoe Journey; Council discussed the launch at July 20th Arcadia Point this year. A dinner will be served to all participants, July 19th in the Squaxin Gym. An informative potluck July 13th for tribal and community members will be held. Council will attend the dinner July 19th, and see the Canoes off on July 20th.

TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERN

A tribal member was present seeking guidance on a housing issue. Brian Thompson and Liz Kuntz were present for explanation and clarification.

FIREWORKS COMMITTEE

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Tully Kruger, Will Henderson and Misti Saenz-Garcia were present from the Fireworks Committee. They requested a policy change in regards to pricing at the fireworks stands. Other tribes are regulating their prices. The committee will come up with an appropriate change tonight, and a phone poll will be done in the morning, upon receiving the suggested change. Jim would like the majority of the Committee to sign the change. Russell Harper will assist in drafting the change.

There being no further business the June 28th Council Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.