

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
January 14, 2010**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

Dave Lopeman	Chairman
Arnold Cooper	Vice Chairman
Andy Whitener	Treasurer (<i>travel</i>)
Pete Kruger, Sr.	Secretary
Misti Saenz-Garcia	1st Council Member
Marcella Castro	2nd Council Member
Charlene Krise	3rd Council Member

Legal Counsel
Executive Director
Recording Secretary

Mark Allen
Ray Peters
Melissa Puhn

Dave Lopeman called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Marcella Castro offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the January 14th Council Agenda. Charlene would like to discuss the pharmacy today. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against (*Misti stepped out*).

Dave Lopeman shared that the eagle feathers have been ordered from Jonathan Fisher and they are in the mail. Council agreed to purchase 67 more eagle feathers for a total of \$2,100 plus \$38 shipping.

Marcella Castro asked about the progress of setting up a meeting with the Shaker Church group. Arnold stated that he is still working on that. Ray shared that he will attend the Youth Council Meeting next week; 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Marcella stated that the Elders Meeting last week the Elders asked about their by-laws; they believe that Council has them and they are waiting for approval. Mark Allen will check with Kevin Lyon.

Marcella shared her thoughts on the Veterans ceremony last week; she felt the power of the feathers, and felt that the group did an excellent job in the presentation. She thanked Dave for coordinating the event. Charlene Krise and Anne Parker did a nice job photographing the event.

Glen Parker thanked Council on behalf of the Veterans; he felt that was a good function. He holds this function high on his list which includes the Veterans Memorial.

Charlene shared that she will find stands for the carved staffs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the December 10, 2009 Council Minutes. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

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January 16: Winter General Body Meeting, 10am TLC Gym. Council discussed the meeting; Ray stated that Council incorporated the winter meeting in response to the communities wants. The community requested a second general body meeting where no elections took place, allowing time for people to share their concerns with Council. This meeting provides another medium for interaction. Past topics of discussion have included enrollment and the five year wait, construction projects, elder enrollment and the golf course.

The Enrollment Committee will share a presentation and answer any questions regarding the enrollment code. Arnold would like to be sure that if anybody has questions or would like changes to the enrollment code, they have an opportunity to do so, before it is approved by Council. Marcella suggested waiting until May to approve the code; handing out copies during that meeting since there is a larger turnout. Ray stated that the Enrollment Committee has sent out two public notices, explaining the enrollment code and where to access copies (online, reception desk, and via mail if requested). Charlene suggested mailing the entire code out to all tribal members. Arnold would like to see it mailed as well. Ray made the suggestion that copies be handed out this Saturday for those in attendance and Council can announce that each household will be sent a hard copy along with an explanation of the review process and sufficient time for comment. Council agreed by consensus that a hard copy of the draft enrollment code be mailed out to all head of households. Dave suggested that anyone picking up a copy this Saturday doesn't need one mailed in order to save on postage.

Charlene shared that she recently attended a Museum Conference in Hawaii. While she was there she met with an individual whose research is being investigated. She stated that Federal Government is auditing federal programs and will start auditing all federal agencies travel. They will track conference attendees; if the traveler does not attend the conference/meeting as planned, the tribe will be required to pay back the travel expenses to the government. Charlene feels it is important for Council and Department Directors to be sure that employees do attend meetings as planned.

January 19-21: NICWA Training, Portland OR, Misti and Marcella will attend.

February 2: How to Protect Indian Cultural Intellectual Property, MLRC. Charlene stated that MLRC is working with Legal regarding protecting native designs and property rights.

February 8-11: ATNI, Great Wolf Lodge, Dave, Arnold, Pete, Misti, Charlene, Marcella and Ray will attend (*Dave authorized Misti, Marcella and Pete to stay at the hotel; even though it is considered "local travel" per the Travel Policy*).

February 16-17: Enrollment Survival Skills, San Diego, CA. Marcella stated this is the same conference she attended in Florida, which was a good conference.

February 18-19: Roberts Rules of Order, San Diego, CA. Marcella really encouraged Council to attend this conference; she attended a similar one and there was a lot of good information. Ray stated that these same trainings are provided in the Seattle and Portland area quite often.

March 1-3: NCAI Executive Winter Session, Washington DC. Ray, Arnold and Misti will attend. Misti stated that Lummi takes their Youth Council to NCAI. Council would like to expose the Youth Council, taking one member at a time. Misti offered to chaperone a youth. Ray suggested that

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Council attend the Youth Council Meeting next week and discuss this with them. Ray will talk to Sis Brownfield also. Ray would like to discuss strategies for this trip sometime next week.

March 16-17: Next Decade Finance Conference for Indian Country, New Orleans.

March 15-17: NTGC/R Palm Springs, CA. Misti will attend.

May 2-6: 2010 Annual Tribal Self Governance Conference, Scottsdale AZ, Ray, Charlene, Pete and Misti will attend.

Misti asked about scheduling another meeting with the Nisqually Council regarding the Canoe Journey. She and Pete met with them earlier with the Canoe Family. It was decided that Squaxin will not co-host the 2012 Journey. Nisqually Council shared that during canoe journeys they put all of the political messes aside and concentrate on the canoes. Pete stated that while meeting with Nisqually they decided not to involve Nisqually. Charlene wanted to know that that was clearly verbalized to Nisqually by the Squaxin Council. Misti stated that yes, it was verbalized that Squaxin would not co-host, but would welcome any financial assistance for hosting. She shared that Nisqually and Squaxin needs to have a Council to Council discussion regarding the 2012 Journey. Ray shared that all hosting tribes reach out and accept help from other tribes; whether it is funding, food, in-kind, etc. Charlene stated that if Squaxin is singularly hosting, all basis need to be covered; in Indian Country people always have good intentions but often do not follow through. If Squaxin is hosting, then Squaxin is responsible for everything. Pete stated that the right people need to be in the right places for this to go right.

Dave stated that Council needs to be firm with the canoe family. This year's journey needs to be better organized. If they would like funding they need to be organized and stick together. Charlene will contact the Makah Tribal Chairman and see where Squaxin is camping this year. Dave would like to see Squaxin camp together and not be scattered everywhere. Charlene will draft a letter for Dave's signature addressed to Makah asking where Squaxin camp location is. Dave emphasized that Squaxin needs to stick together and camp together at Makah; otherwise they will get no funding this year.

Ray will draft a letter to Nisqually explaining that Squaxin will plan the 2012 Journey as a single host, but will still look forward to Nisqually participation and contributions. Squaxin will reach out to other tribal and non tribal groups for donations. Arnold does not want to lead Nisqually to think they are still co-hosting. Dave would like to meet with Nisqually Council. Charlene shared that Squaxin was one of the first tribes to host a journey and relied heavily on outside groups. Pete would like Ray and Bobby to help find a landing site. Somebody needs to be in charge of each aspect: camping, cooking, garbage, etc. Once a location is determined those aspects can be determined and partners can get involved. Charlene suggested that Ray and Bobby attend the Makah Journey this year to see the involvement. He will also meet with Bridgette Ray about the projected budget. Charlene would like Ray, Bobby and Bridgette to meet with the Suquamish planner; Ray will set that up. Misti stated that some of the Canoe Family is upset because Bridgette said that she is the coordinator. Ray stated that the Canoe Family is Squaxin and all of Squaxin is involved. Charlene assured that Bridgette is not the coordinator, but technical assistance. Ray stated that an organization chart needs to be put together. Dave would like to pinpoint volunteers. Dace discussed mandatory volunteering from employees, although he is sure that employees would volunteer anyway. Ray stated that a week before and during the landing, tribal employees will be volunteering. Also need to

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approach IEI, LCC, elders and the community to solicit participation. Ray stated that essential governmental services will continue but most employees will be working the journey.

Dave provided an update on the log that was acquired and will be donated to Monroe Correctional Facility. It will be carved in to a totem pole by inmates. Dave suggested that they carve the seven clans. He stated that if anybody would like to go to Monroe with him, the facility needs names, birthdates and social security numbers. Charlene would like to attend. Misti stated that some of the elders would like to know where the pole will be placed once it is completed. Council is unsure at this time. This was presented to the elders for their opinion and Dave got the impression that they were okay with the idea. There were 25 elders at the meeting and it was approved to get this pole made. Glen stated that he is aware of several elders who have an issue with the spirit of the carvers and that it will be portrayed on the pole. Ray shared that this is a free log; the only costs will be trucking which is about \$300. He and Andy were directed to find a cedar log. Manke is donating the log.

Arnold stated that he has no issue with this but he does wish that it came to Council for discussion before a decision was made. He feels uncomfortable since it was not a Council decision. Council agreed to get a log but did not agree to have Doug Tobin to the carving. Charlene explained that the Department of Corrections hosted a summit, and at that meeting they stated that if a tribe would donate a log they would be able to have inmates carve it. Arnold suggested that this go to the general body and the elders to see what the thoughts are on having inmates carve a pole for Squaxin. He feels that the decision needs to be discussed in a Council meeting and approved by the elders. Charlene stated that she shared this with Council and nothing was done "under the table." Charlene brought up the totem pole that is stored at the Burke Museum, which was designed by Doug Tobin. Misti stated that she left the elders meeting early, but she felt that the presentation to the elders could have been better. She has nothing against Doug, but felt that the elders who approached her did. Arnold would like it officially recorded that this was a Council decision, to have a totem carved by Monroe Inmates who will be taught by Doug Tobin. Council needs to be accountable for their decisions.

Glen shared a brief history of the pole at the Burke Museum; Doug Tobin was under contract and the pole was supposed to be on display at Percival Landing. There was enough concern from the Port of Olympia because of its association with Doug that the pole ended up at the Burke instead. Glen suggested reviewing this topic at the General Body Meeting and get some feedback on whether to proceed with the log donation to Monroe. This might help protect another carved totem from being possibly rejected in the future. Pete agrees that this should go to the general body. Marcella shared that she has no problem with Doug carving a pole for Squaxin.

Dave stated that he will have Manke donate the log to him personally, and he will get it transported to Monroe as a personal donation from him. Then Monroe can do what they wish with the log.

Charlene stated that most renowned art is always associated with controversy.

Dave stated that he will go to Monroe Correction Facility and state that the tribe does not support the pole. Arnold does not feel anything is being done wrong, he just feels that it needs to be a conscience Council decision. Dave would like permission to go to Monroe and for Ray to go with. Arnold doesn't want to close that door, but would like to see it go to the general body and elders first. Arnold would like to wait until May to make a decision. Dave shared that he will go to Monroe on

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his own. He said that no other tribe in Washington has ever helped inmates other than Squaxin Island Tribe. Charlene would like to see them get the pole.

CHAIRMANS UPDATE

A letter to Representative Norm Dicks was sent under the Chairman's signature, December 16, 2009. This letter was in reference to the Indian Health Service's proposed distribution of the increase in Contract Health Care. A copy of the letter was provided.

2010 Department of Corrections Summit: Dave shared a letter that was sent by the Department of Corrections that summarized the Tribal/Corrections summit, hosted by Nisqually last November. They have not yet set a date or location for the 2010 Summit and they are asking if Squaxin is interested in serving as a host. Dave would like to host the 2010 Summit. Ray will reach out to them and find out the financial responsibilities. He will draft a letter for the Chairmans signature letting them know that Squaxin is interested.

Child Care Subsidy Report: Ray provided this report as requested. Council discussed what is offered to tribal members and employees versus what other tribes offer. Marcella stated that the child care state program will see some cuts this year. Misti brought that the richer tribes don't offer as much funding for child care and other tribes don't offer such a large employee discount. She hopes that the Child Development Center (CDC) continues looking in to the non-profit arm. Ray stated that Squaxin is generous in regards to the tribal member subsidy, as well as the employee discount. Misti only wanted to share how generous the subsidy is. Marcella suggested discontinuing the employee subsidy. Charlene would really like to continue providing for tribal members, and if cuts need to be made they should be made elsewhere. Ray suggested discussing this at the next IEI Board Meeting. Council also would like to see the enrollment. Right now the subsidy is 50% for non tribal employees and 100% for tribal members. Ray reported that the CDC audit was done by Kevin per Councils request and not all applicants must apply for outside funding before they can obtain the IEI subsidy. Misti is glad to see the wasted spending cut down.

Council donation request: Dorinda Thein submitted a letter requesting funding. She has been teaching quilting classes to tribal members. She would like to purchase more equipment and supplies and is asking for assistance to do so. She was directed to the One Percent Committee.

Charlene asked about meeting with the Department of Social Services regarding funding. Marcella asked for a copy of the tribes' definition of an "Indian child." Ray will set that meeting up. Ray will look in to the definition for Marcella.

TRIBAL GAMING AGENCY

Desi Smith provided a quick update. TGA put together an updated list of licensing issues and topics which he handed out just for Councils reading.

He also handed out he next National Tribal Gaming Conference/Regulation Meeting.

Along with the NTGC/R the Gaming Directors in Washington are putting together a Washington Tribal Gaming Group. They have drafted some by-laws for their ad-hoc committee.

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Once Desi gets a copy of the external audit, he will provide copies to Council.

Desi shared that he will be out for six weeks on medical leave. In his absence Summer Petty will be in his place. He provided her contact information. Next Tuesday will be his last day.

2012 CANOE JOURNEY UPDATE

Bridgette Ray handed out a summary update. The joint Squaxin/Nisqually meeting that was held on January 12 the topic of co-hosting was discussed. Council gave the direction to the canoe family that they will not be joint hosting and that Squaxin will assume the sole responsibility for hosting 2012.

The Steering Committee met on January 12. The committee consists of Pete Kruger, Jeremiah George, Jaime Cruz, Bridgette Ray, Charlene Krise, Joe Seymour and George Krise. They have regular monthly meetings the second Tuesday of each month from 3-4pm. They discussed landing sites and issues, committee work areas; a Google group was set up, and the promotional video that Jaime is working on.

Bridgette plans to create a draft outline of a detailed work plan, reflecting timeline and budget considerations. This will be reviewed by the Steering Committee and then will be presented to Council for approval.

ENROLLMENT

Tammy Ford shared that the enrollment committee met and they recommended the following seven enrollment applications: **Resolution #10-01** enrolls Moses Kruger, full benefits; **Resolution #10-02** enrolls Hayden Seymour, full benefits; **Resolution #10-03** enrolls Taeahni Fox, full benefits; **Resolution #10-04** enrolls Naraiah Gray, full benefits; **Resolution #10-05** enrolls Grace Scout, full benefits; **Resolution #10-06** enrolls Olivia Mason, full benefits; and **Resolution #10-07** enrolls Leah Gentile, full benefits. Charlene Krise moved to approve all enrollments. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

This puts the current enrollment to 1,022 tribal members.

Tammy handed out information regarding adoption as it is written in the enrollment code. Arnold asked about an adoption that was passed during a general body meeting several years ago. Tammy explained that a member must be 1/8 degree Indian blood and must be approved by a majority vote at a general body meeting where 30% of voting members are present. Charlene suggested that the MLRC probably has those minutes in archives.

Tammy stated that the Enrollment Committee will be at the General Body Meeting. The number of eligible voters is 672, so 202 make a quorum.

Enrollment will hand out copies of the draft code. They sent two public notices giving the general body an opportunity to comment on the draft code and they did not receive any comments. The public notice included key features of the code and listed where a copy could be obtained or how to request a copy to be mailed. Arnold stated that after the general body meeting, Council would like to have the code mailed out to all heads of households. Tammy asked that if there ever is an amendment to the code, does Council want all amendments mailed out in the future? No, the

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amendment can be posted in the newspaper. Ray shared that Council would like copies of the draft code available at the general body meeting and record who picks up a copy. That way they will not need another copy mailed.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Jeff Dickison handed out an explanation about Johns Creek as a response and follow up to the article that was in the today's Journal. The explanation will be for the Chairman's signature.

Jeff shared that the group Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) has requested an elected official to attend their meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for February 4th and they plan to discuss a coordination and oversight board for the South Puget Sound. Natural Resources have been working with the issues for years and there are a lot of funding issues. PSP expects to have Pierce, Mason and Thurston County Commissioners and leaders from Nisqually, Puyallup and Squaxin. The meeting will be at the Department of Ecology in Lacey. Council decided that Andy will serve. Jeff also will attend.

Aquatics Update: Jeff provided an update from the December 16th geoduck discussion meeting. This meeting was at the request of Council for divers to discuss different proposals. Jeff provided one written proposal that was submitted after the meeting, from one diver. Jeff would like guidance on what steps to take next. He will assist the committee in setting up another meeting. This report is not for a decision, but merely guidance and/or direction.

Marcella would like to see the Aquatics Committee hold another meeting. She stated that some of the members were not notified. Jeff shared that the meeting notice was included in the weekly bulk mail and on the Daily Scoop.

Charlene suggested a mediator at the meeting. Different ideas were shared among those present. Arnold stated that Council does not want to make a decision with only a few divers present. The geoduck will remain status quo until the divers can come up with a solution. Another aquatics meeting will be scheduled. Arnold would like to see a resolution at one of the Council meetings in February. Dave suggested that Council meet with all of the divers at the second meeting of February and a decision will be made at that time regarding the 2010 geoduck fishery. Natural Resources will advertise this.

Charlene stated that since emotions get involved, she would like a mediator and ground rules. Dave reminded the divers that diving is a tribal right, not an individual right.

HOUSING/PLANNING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Brian provided an updated housing list, dog catching report and the empty unit list. Brian shared that the housing list changed since last time: Housing was about to assign a home to a tribal member but it was later found that she owes a fine to another housing agency therefore she is not eligible to receive a home. The home will then go to the next in line.

Marcella asked why it takes so long to refurbish a home. Brian stated that once a tenant vacates the house, they test the house for meth which takes 10 days, if the results are positive they re-test which takes another 15 days. After that they put together a Scope of Work. The Scope goes out to bid. The

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last house they did not receive any bids so it was re-advertised to a larger group. They finally received some bids the second round. Brian stated that many contractors do not like itemized bidding but this is necessary in order to determine what damage is considered wear and tear and what damage needs to be charged to the previous tenant. Since they are not receiving bids the first round, they will include a larger group in hopes to get bids the first attempt. Tribal preference will still be practiced. This process can take a few weeks.

Brian shared that Liz Kuntz is at a Northwest Indian Housing Association meeting today. They hosted a group from HUD on Tuesday and showed them the housing.

Brian handed out a spreadsheet that shows the undivided fractionated interest on Squaxin Island. The tribe is not the majority owner of one allotment. The tribe has spent \$808,479 in Island Acquisition Funds. He will bring a resolution to the next Council meeting to start round three of buying the fractionated interest. FY10 has about another \$300,000 in Island Acquisition and will continue buying until the funds are gone.

Brian presented the following resolutions: **Resolution #10-08** and **Resolution #10-09** both refer to Parcel # 31919 32 00000 and Parcel #31920 12 00000, respectively, purchased from Taylors, to be transferred from fee in to trust status. **Resolution # 10-10** refers to Parcel # 31918 34 00000, purchased from Manke, to be transferred from fee in to trust status.

Charlene Krise moved to approve the three resolutions. Misti Saenz-Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against (*Pete was out of the room*).

Brian reported that Jim, the Housing Enforcement Officer will start working one weekend each month. Marcella shared that there was a mean dog outside of her house over the weekend. Brian encouraged her to call law enforcement. Marcella said that she doesn't call them because by the time they get there the dog is usually gone. Ray will direct Mike Evans to respond to these calls asap. She stated that there should be a number to call on weekends.

Brian presented **Resolution #10-11** which accepts the Housing Pump Station/Force Main and Reuse Pipeline Project. This will connect the SBR to the MBR and additional pipes will need to be installed for wastewater and returning reuse water.

Brian presented **Resolution #10-12** which authorizes submittal of plans, specifications and an engineer's estimate for construction of improvements on a section of Klah-Che-Min to BIA for review and approval; also requests allocation of the Tribe's share of the ARRA funds to this project when approved. Brian stated they plan to resurface, fix speed bumps and striping.

Charlene Krise moved to approve these resolutions. Misti Saenz-Garcia seconded the resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

Dan Neelands reported that the multi family housing project is moving along quickly. They have completed phase I. Dan stated that part of the selection criteria for the contractors is their willingness to hire tribal members. They have a system set up through HR where HR screens applicants and provides a list of interested tribal members to the contractor.

Dan reported that they are finishing up the paperwork on the Highway 108 turn lane.

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Brian reported that the Secretary at Department of Transportation has officially released the Arcadia Boat Ramp Appropriation, it will then go to WSDOT and they will work with the tribe and get the project started. Brian will work on setting up a meeting with them to see how fast the project can start.

Ray handed out four necklaces that Myrtle Richards made and would like to sell. Council will buy them for \$40 each and use them as door prizes at the General Body Meeting.

Ray handed out two necklaces that Roy Perez made; he is selling them for \$125 each. Arnold and Misti both decided to buy one personally.

FAMILY SERVICES

Lorraine VanBrunt reminded Council of the TANF Meetings coming up. She would like to have Council attend the meeting next week on the 21st; this will be a meeting with SPIPA to do a basic TANF overview. Dave suggested hosting the meeting in Council Chambers at 9am.

The next meeting is the 29th which will be a SPIPA/TANF Debriefing. This meeting will be held at SPIPA.

Misti asked if any of the Family Services are attending the NICWA Training in Portland next week that she and Marcella are attending. Lorraine stated that she is working with NICWA to do a training here on site instead.

Misti shared that the elders kitchen will be inspected by Joe Callebese, TGA Inspector. Lorraine has been working on regular professional cleaning and inspections.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

Steve Witcraft was present on behalf of his parents, George and Marge Witcraft. His parents are living in one of the duplexes and spend a few months each year in Arizona. There is some question about why his parents can travel to Arizona and leave their house vacant. Steve shared that this probably will be the last year that his parents get to travel to Arizona, so this won't ever be an issue again. They understand the housing policy that states they are not to leave their house vacant for more than 30 days; but they thought as long as someone was living in their home while they were away, it was okay. So their house is not empty, it's just that they are not in it. They misunderstood the policy, so he is asking for forgiveness on their behalf. His parents will return in February. They received a letter from Housing stating that if they needed to return. Marcella asked Steve if they have spoken with the Housing Commission to get leniency. Marcella feels that this is a similar situation to tribal members who are away at Treatment for a few months and are allowed to keep their house. Brian stated that at Councils request the Housing Commission tightened up the restriction and made the 30 day limit. Council recently adopted this change last August. The housing staff claims to have made the rule clear to tenants. The Witcrafts can appeal the letter received from Housing. Charlene stated that not all of Council voted for the change. She understands that spending cold winters in Arizona prolongs the health of elder tribal members. She also is thankful that there is another elder who is able to stay in the house. Ray stated that the best option is for the Witcrafts to appeal to the Commission. Charlene encouraged him to go through the appeal process; she would hate to see them

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turned down. Council recommended that they go through the appeal process, and as a last resort come to back Council

Ray handed out **Resolution #10-13** which amends the Geoduck Code making Seniors 55+ exempt from geoduck stumpage tax. If a senior paid 2009 taxes for geoduck stumpage he or she will receive a refund, without interest. Natural Resources will work with Finance on the names, taxes paid and entitlement to a refund. Arnold Cooper moved to approve this change. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY MEMBER

Christine Semanko came to share information about her Awareness Dinner she is hosting the end of January. She also discussed a text message that was sent around spreading false information about her dinner. She explained that she enjoys hosting this dinner and she receives grants and financial assistance from a few agencies but last year the dinner cost her \$2,000. In no way does she profit from this dinner. She received \$2,500 from One Percent again this year and this will pay for the t-shirts she gives away to all attendees, the t-shirts cost \$2,100. The balance of the grant was used to help purchase items for giveaway, which cost about \$1,000. She also stated that this dinner is not about Wilson BlueBack, but about Prevention. The dinner is inspired by Wilson, but its not a memorial. Last year 240 people attended. Christine considered not hosting the dinner next year because of the rumors and problems she has been having with tribal members. Her daughter and other community members strongly encouraged her to continue this good event.

Bev Hawks shared that she helps and attends this event each year and feels that it is a good avenue for families who have suffered. Charlene Krise applauded Christine for her efforts and stepping up to do this event. Marcella stated that Christine has her support, there is not enough prevention education and does not want to see the dinner discontinued. Christine wants everyone to know that she does not profit financially from this event, but it makes her rich in spirit.

Nicole Cooper stated that last year she asked Christine for a sweatshirt and was told that she had to buy it. She also was did not know about the event and was hurt that she was not included. Christine explained that the event is advertised in the Klah-Che-Min and the weekly bulk mail. Sweatshirts are provided for volunteers only and are pre-ordered. There is no additional funding for extra sweatshirts. Family who wanted a sweatshirt and did not volunteer were charged. She encouraged Nicole that if this year she wants a sweatshirt that she should volunteer and she will get one.

Gloria Hill handed out a tentative schedule for her Prevention Summit this April. She stated that Family Services is co-hosting the event and would like a Council member to provide the opening blessing. She would like to do a community dinner the night before the summit; costs will be paid by Domestic Violence Services. Gloria asked Charlene and Marcella to represent the Council at the summit.

Gloria shared that she started a Women's Circle on Monday nights at 5:30.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE *continued*

2010 NIGA Membership Resolution: This will be tabled until Andy returns.

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Property Update: Ray reported on a couple of parcels that is being looked at. The Marshall House is down and cleaned up. They will be proceeding with the demolition of the Whitener House and brown house. Ray instructed Dan to proceed with the garage demolition out at Arcadia.

Ray shared that Natural Resources got a quote for treating the knotweed at the Skookum Creek Bridge. It will be a two year process where a contractor will come in, cut the canes and apply an herbicide for two years. Ray stated that probably will need to wait until the weeds are gone before the construction of a park can begin. NR might also look in to treating Legal's yard also.

Ray reported on the potential of making a low impact park between the Clinic and Old Olympic Highway. That would be a good youth worker or job ready program. Ray provided a job ready program update; so far the program is working well.

Ray handed out a letter from Melissa Whitener asking for financial assistance. Council went in to Executive Session. Coming out of executive session Council decided not to assist her.

Ray reported on a clinic issue regarding the pharmacy getting behind on prescriptions. The issue is being addressed and taken care of.

Ray reported that the request from Jill Krise asking to stay at the hotel during the weatherization of her house has been taken care of.

Charlene asked about federal funding for fishermen who have had a bad year. Dave stated that there is some funding, but Squaxin probably cannot get the funding that other tribes may be able to get.

Bev Hawks provided a Casino Liaison report. An employee approached her about overhearing that the Casino is not hiring any more tribal members due to the clam digging and fishing schedules. She would like to know what recourse would take place if this individual making the claim was to put the concern in writing. She also would like to know what happens when a non tribal member is hired instead of a tribal member.

Ray stated that if an employee would like to file an official concern, they need to contact him or Kevin. Once a grievance has been submitted, the employee cannot get any recourse, they would be protected.

Bev shared that she would like to see TGA and get a badge so she can access the employee lunchroom. Ray encouraged her to do so.

Bev asked what to do if a tribal member doesn't get a job at the casino and were not told a reason. Ray stated that the Casino has a tribal preference policy. If they do not follow the policy there could be an audit of their process.

Misti suggested that Bev have a standing time on the Council agenda to report. Council will invite her to the next meeting and introduce her to Mitch Corbine, CEO of the Casino.

Bev provided an update on Yum Krise.

Bev shared a nepotism case at the casino.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned.