

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
MEETING
February 22, 2007**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

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| Jim Peters | Chairman |
| Andy Whitener | Vice Chairman (<i>travel</i>) |
| Vince Henry, Sr. | Secretary |
| Russell Harper | Treasurer (<i>sick</i>) |
| Will Penn | 1st Council Member |
| Pete Kruger | 2nd Council Member |
| Charlene Krise | 3rd Council Member |

Executive Director

Ray Peters (*travel*)

Deputy Director

Don Whitener

Recording Secretary

Melissa Puhn

Jim Peters called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. and offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vince Henry moved to approve the February 22, 2007 Council agenda as amended. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried four in favor and zero against.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Will Penn moved to approve the February 8, 2007 Council Meeting Minutes as amended. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried four in favor and zero against.

TRAVEL REPORTS & PLANS

NCAI Executive Council Session is **February 26-28**, in Washington DC. Jim Peters will attend.

The Council Work Session is **March 12 – 15**, at Quinault Beach Resort.

Honoring Dinner for Darrell Hillaire, March 15, Silver Reef Casino

NIGA is **March 25-28th**, in Phoenix, AZ. Andy Whitener and Ray Peters will attend.

2nd Annual ATNI Economic Summit is **April 2-4**, at Suquamish Clearwater Resort. This information will be forwarded to Island Enterprises.

Self-Governance Conference is **May 6-10**, in Garden Grove, CA. Jim Peters, Vince Henry and Ray Peters plan to attend.

National Native American Economic Policy Summit, May 15-17, Phoenix, AZ

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Council went in to Executive Session.

Following Executive Session, Council adopted by consensus recommendation from the Family Wellness Team regarding Case No. 04-7-00242-9; adopted by consensus a letter substantially in the form presented for the Chairman's signature; and adopted by a motion a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for staff to participate in the state court proceedings, and directed the Legal Department to implement that limited waiver. Pete Kruger moved to approve the motion. Will Penn seconded the motion. The motion carried four in favor, zero against.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR UPDATE

Council Work Session: Don Whitener presented the draft agenda for the Council Work Session. Jim would like the work session to focus discussion on departmental directors' hurdles unique to their department and how Council can assist; ending discussion with points all can agree on. Directors will be contacted regarding their scheduled time.

PLANNING, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Brian Thompson presented the following resolutions; **Resolution #07-17**, authorizing the submission of a grant application for funds to upgrade the Arcadia Boat Ramp, **Resolution #07-18**, authorizing the submission of a grant application for funds for the pipeline connection to the MBR application, and **Resolution #07-19** which states that the requirements have been met for notice and public participation for the MBR. Charlene Krise moved to approve these resolutions. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried four in favor and zero against.

Brian updated on the acquisition of land on the island. Due to some inconsistencies with the survey, the process of purchasing land on the island has been put on hold until a new appraisal has been completed.

Brian updated Council on the defective siding replacement project. Penni Giles is the community development manager for this project. Twenty nine homes have been identified with inadequate siding. The houses will be evaluated and ranked in order by need, a contract will be drafted to work on five homes at a time. Work will begin early this summer.

Brian provided an update on housing renovations.

The Housing Department held a successful training session for tenants whose homes are about to convey.

The Housing Fair March 10th, in the Squaxin Tribal Gym.

PLANNING, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT *(continued)*

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Brian provided an update on the water and utilities system. He discussed the rate increase to help offset the water and wastewater structures; this will affect the Casino, Enterprises, Government and Housing.

LEGAL

Kelly Croman provided an update on the Gaming Compact.

Council went in to Executive Session.

Following Executive Session, Kelly presented **Resolution #07-20**, which states the Squaxin Island Tribal Council considered an amendment to the Compact adding Appendix X2 and revising provisions related to the Tribal Lottery System and also revising provision of Section XV.D.6. Charlene Krise moved to approve Resolution # 07-20. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Council briefly discussed the last elders meeting. The elders will have a standing report on Council agenda for one hour in the afternoon.

TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERNS

Council agreed by consensus to donate \$500 to a tribal member for personal assistance.

Council agreed by consensus to donate \$150 of oysters to a potlatch this coming weekend at Nisqually.

Colleen Woodard asked Council to sponsor the Inter-Tribal Elders Dinner again this year. Jim will discuss with Council once the actual cost of last years dinner is known.

CHAIRMANS UPDATE

Nisqually Land Trust Auction: Council agreed to purchase four tickets at \$50 each.

Council agreed by consensus to donate \$250 for the reception for NAIHC's new Executive Director, Paul Lumley. Sense Inc. will bill Council for the donation.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Whitney Jones briefed Council on purchasing basic health insurance for tribal members who do not have health insurance. Whitney shared what it would entail and the savings on CHS dollars.

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LEGAL

Kevin provided a Legal update.

Kevin presented the revised Bank of America loan documents. Pete Kruger moved to approve the Bank of America revised loan documents. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Council agreed to purchase a basket from a tribal member for \$300.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.