

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
April 9, 2009**

**Attendance:**

**Tribal Council**

<b>Dave Lopeman</b>	<b>Chairman</b> ( <i>arrived at 12:30</i> )
<b>Arnold Cooper</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
<b>Vince Henry, Sr.</b>	<b>Secretary</b> ( <i>left at 12:21</i> )
<b>Russell Harper</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Misti Saenz-Garcia</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Council Member</b>
<b>Marcella Castro</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Council Member</b>
<b>Charlene Krise</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Council Member</b>

**Legal Counsel**  
**Executive Director**  
**Recording Secretary**

**Mark Allen**  
**Ray Peters**  
**Melissa Puhn**

Council held an Executive Session prior to the meeting.

Arnold Cooper called the meeting to order at 11:47 a.m. Russell Harper offered the opening prayer.

**ENROLLMENT**

Tammy Ford was present to request clarification for a tabled enrollment application. The application was tabled at the last Council meeting due to a question Council had. Council would like to see a paternity DNA test for this particular applicant as well as the applicant's father in order to determine lineage from the applicant, to the father, to the grandfather. Tammy will bring this decision back to the Enrollment Committee.

Council discussed the enrollment policy and by-laws, they would like to see completed. Charlene mentioned that she would like to see a thorough look at who is being enrolled. Tammy shared this is the reason the Enrollment Committee would like to move toward full DNA testing on all applicants. Council stated they only feel DNA testing would be necessary on a case by case basis.

Due to the decision of the tabled enrollment; by request of the Enrollment Committee, Tammy presented a second individual for a paternity DNA test with the same situation as the tabled enrollment application.

Tammy presented a third new enrollment application which was tabled by the Enrollment Committee. The committee would like to request a maternity DNA test on this applicant. After explaining the committee's reasoning Council agreed with their recommendation of DNA testing for this applicant.

Council agreed on DNA testing for all three applicants presented. The testing expense will come out of the Council budget. Council would like to see what the outcomes of the tests are. Misti stated that those that are not a descendant should not be enrolled and are taking away from the ones that are; unfair to the true descendents who are not yet enrolled.

Coming out of the earlier executive session, the following actions will take place:

## **SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Council directed a report on the dental program; including the number of patients served and how far out the dentist is scheduled. Council directed that Kamilche Dental is available to tribal members and would like to know how many Squaxin Members are served by Kamilche Dental. Council would like to see the process for patients utilizing Kamilche Dental and would like to see an efficient seamless approval process.

Council directed that the Whitener property tenants be notified that they have thirty (30) days to vacate the property. Council directed Ray to prepare an advertisement for the Rawson, Linder and Clary Properties and to seek out the appropriate rent, then report back to Council for approval.

Council directed Ray to develop a K-12 Education Board that will direct and evaluate the Education Director. This board will be comprised of seven community members representing the different families. Legal will draft by-laws.

Ray discussed the need and requests for emergency funds of Council. The idea of an Emergency Fund was discussed with an application and approval process. Marcella's program through the Clinic would be able to set up the criteria with some accountability. Charlene would like to see emergency hire jobs. Ray reported that he is working with Human Resources to see what can be done in regards to e-hire jobs.

Council discussed the need for a donation policy. Council does not like the impression that they have "deep pockets" and can donate to anyone just for asking. It was suggested that a certain amount be set aside as an emergency fund account. Misti brought up the minimum wage for tribal members.

### **TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST**

Ron Whitener provided an update on his study he has been working on with tribal elders. Ron presented **Resolution #09-35** which authorizes the University Of Washington Law School to submit a grant supporting the development of a research regulatory process at Squaxin Island, informed by tribal member consultation. Misti Saenz-Garcia moved to approve this resolution and Marcella Castro seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the April 9, 2009 Council agenda. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the March 27, 2009 Council Minutes as amended. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

### **TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS**

## SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

**April 13-16: National Indian Gaming Tradeshow (NIGA),** Phoenix, AZ. Misti and Marcella will attend.

**April 14: Natural Resources garbage clean-up day,** meet 8am at Natural Resources.

Arnold would like to invite Green Diamond to meet with Council to verify what the tribe can and cannot do on Green Diamond property. Natural Resources will reach out and setup a lunch meeting with Council and the GD Superintendent.

Charlene requested that a shelf be put in Council Chambers. She would like to see the Tribal codes, maps and other pertinent information stored and readily available.

**April 14: Golden Tennis Shoe Luncheon,** Charlene will attend.

**April 19-22: National Indian Child Welfare Assoc. (NICWA),** Reno, NV. Misti, Charlene and Marcella will attend.

**April 28-30: Native Women's & Men's Leadership Training,** San Diego, CA. Arnold will attend.

**April 28-29: Northwest Native Asset Building; Economic Prosperity in Challenging Times,** LCCH *(Council will sponsor \$2,500 towards this conference).*

**May 2: 2009 General Body Meeting**

**May 4-7: Emergency Operations Training,** Emergency Operation Center

**May 6-7: Tobacco Plus Expo,** New Orleans. Dave will attend.

**May 17-21: 2009 Annual Tribal Self-Governance Conference,** Orlando, FL. Misti, Marcella & Ray plus staff will attend.

**May 18-21: ATNI Mid-Year Conference,** Reno, NV. Arnold will attend.

**June 14-17: NCAI Mid-Year Conference,** Niagara Falls, NY. Misti and Marcella will attend.

### TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

Vicki Kruger requested the possibility of a property trade. She stated that her father was an original allottee of Quinault. One of his allotments is 80 acres and the other is 28 acres. She would like to trade some of the Quinault property for a 100 year land lease for two lots of Squaxin trust land. She has no preference on location. Council directed Ray to look in to the possibility of this situation.

### PLANNING

Brian Thompson introduced the new Planners: Margaret Foley, Elizabeth Eagen and Bridgette Ray.

## SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

Brian handed out a biography questionnaire for each Council member to fill out. Planning will write up a biography on Council as part of a grant application.

Brian handed out an ARRA Update on the Grants and Stimulus Package.

Brian handed out information on the Squaxin Island Emergency & Safety Program as well as a Cost Benefit Analysis. The Emergency & Safety Program was established as a national domestic all-hazard preparedness goal, with improved delivery of Federal preparedness assistance to Tribal, State and Local Governments. The Emergency & Safety Program is required by Federal Law, which is a result of a Homeland Security Presidential Directive. As outlined on the Directive, failure to adopt such program results in being ineligible for specific federal and state grants. The Squaxin Island Emergency & Safety Program is responsible for ensuring the Tribe is compliant with all required criteria. The program reimbursements exceed the actual program costs, resulting in zero tribal government dollars spent on the program.

Arnold requested a copy of the Emergency & Safety Program Budget.

Brian presented the following resolutions:

**Resolution #09-26** authorizes the submission of a Department of Justice grant application (three year funding request) to the Community Orientated Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Recovery Plan (CHRP) grant program to hire two new police officers. Council commits to fund the two new officers salary and benefits for one full funding cycle after the grant ends.

**Resolution #09-27** authorizes the Northwest Indian Treatment Center to prepare and submit with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, a grant proposal to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grants to expand substance abuse treatment capacity.

**Resolution #09-28** authorizes Squaxin Education Department to submit a grant proposal with the U.S. Department of Justice, for the Recovery Act – Local Youth Mentoring Initiative.

**Resolution #09-29** authorizes SPIPA to prepare and submit a grant proposal with the Department of Health and Human Services Center for Disease Control for the expansion of cancer screening services.

Misti Saenz-Garcia moved to approve resolutions #09-26, #09-27, #09-28 and #09-29. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

**Resolution #09-30** authorizes Planning and Community Development to make formal application to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for funding assistance which will be used for the Skate Park Project. Council acknowledged that if funds are received from RCO for the Skate Park, the funds must be used and retained for the use of the Skate Park only, and the Skate Park must remain a Skate Park.

**Resolution #09-31** approves the comprehensive park and recreation plan; this plan provides an inventory of assets and a vision of how the Squaxin Island Tribe proposed to improve parks and recreation.

## SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

Arnold Cooper moved to approve Resolution #09-30 and #09-31. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

**Resolution #09-32** approves the Indian Housing Plan for the Squaxin Housing Program and that Council authorizes the submission of the Indian Housing Plan for fiscal year 2009 to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Arnold Cooper moved to approve Resolution #09-32. Marcella Castro seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against (Misti was out of the room).

**Resolution #09-33** approves the Planning Department to submit an application through Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) program for the competitive grant for design and construction of energy efficient multi-family housing units.

Arnold Cooper moved to approve Resolution #09-33. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

Brian handed out the draft Animal Control Code for review. The code was changed to define “dangerous dogs” defined as a behavioral trait rather than a specific breed. Council directed Brian to inform the Animal Control Officer that if a dog is picked up it can automatically be taken to the pound. Brian will return to the next Council meeting with a final Code for consideration.

Housing has purchased a white panel van for housing maintenance. Council suggested that an auction be held for the old van.

Brian handed out the March 31<sup>st</sup> Housing Wait List. Charlene would like to know the effectiveness of the Housing Support Team. Brian stated that the purpose of the team is to help tenants with Tribal Resources. Brian stated that the number of evictions has dramatically dropped since the creation of the team.

Brian presented the over-income tenant issue. He handed out the options for fixing this; housing is meant for low-income and there are tenants who are over income. This is a direction coming from HUD and Brian is looking for direction on how to deal with it.

He presented Council with their options. Council discussed one option of purchasing the houses rented by over-income tenants and renting the houses at the same cost to the current tenants. This option would require a separate program.

Dave would like Housing to reach out to the over-income tenants and present them with the options available and see what their feedback is. Brian will set up meetings with the tenants.

Brian reported on a concern regarding snow removal on the reservation. He explained that during a small amount of snow accumulation maintenance will use their equipment to clear the tribal center and clinic parking lot. They also shovel the sidewalks near the Elders houses. They do not clear the streets due to lack of equipment and manpower. During heavier snow accumulation DCD contacts

## **SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Mason County to plow the roads on the reservation; they will plow Klah-Che-Min as a priority. Maintenance, DCD and Law Enforcement are always in contact during severe weather events.

Misti stated that the Emergency Operations Center is a great program, but she would like to see better communication to the community of what their responsibility is. Misti stated that she would like to see generators purchased for the elders houses during power outages; she suggested using funds from the unbudgeted reserve account. Ray stated that they are working on a program which would allow the elders to stay at the hotel if the power is out for a period of time. Brian stated that the Shelton PUD is very responsive during power outages.

Marcella requested that the road she lives on be plowed since it is a hill.

John Taylor presented the budget for the Emergency Operations Center. John also went over the training that is required of Council. The training lasts four days. Council would like to schedule the week of May 4<sup>th</sup> for EOC Training.

Misti asked about an assisted living facility.

Misti requested drug awareness posters be hung around the reservation. Ray will look in to this.

Council would like the money managers from Merrill Lynch and Charles Schwab to come in for General Body and have an information booth.

Misti would like to see a pain clinic started. Ray will work on a model.

Misti requested a kiosk be available for tribal members to pick up any educational information. Ray will look in to.

Misti stated that she would like to see three fish and wildlife officers. Arnold would like to have an update on Law Enforcement and to see what their plans are for fish and wildlife. Ray suggested this would be a good topic for work session. Misti would like to see funds from the unbudgeted reserve account used to fund an additional wildlife officer. Council discussed an officers contract stating that of an officer is trained at the academy through the tribe, they would be required to spend a certain number of years employed with the tribe.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Ray handed out a current chart outlining the casino distribution. Council discussed ways to increase per capita payments and where to take that funding from.

Ray provided a budget schedule. Ray reported that in order to “catch up” with the federal government in regards to COLA it would be financially detrimental to the tribe. Council agrees to stay status quo.

Ray clarified that Council approved the 2.99% COLA for this year.

## SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

Ray reported that Council scheduled the week of July 13- 17<sup>th</sup> to meet with each department to discuss their budget. Council would like to have the budgets sent to them first so they can review on their own time.

Deb Stoehr provided a report on the Tourism budget.

Whitney Jones handed out a letter from a tribal member who is seeking financial hardship assistance. Ray gave a quick update on the “job ready” program for tribal members who are in need of employment. Council decided to table all donation requests until a donation policy is in place. Council directed Ray to build a donation policy.

Whitney provided an update on the Child Development Center (CDC). She reported that the goal of the CDC is to accommodate all children’s needs, regardless of the child’s abilities. The CDC has a higher teacher to student ratio than Washington State required. She encouraged anyone with any questions regarding the CDC to please let her know.

Whitney updated on SPIPA Grants; she reported that there was a domestic violence grant that SPIPA did not re-apply for, because each tribe was applying themselves. There are no grants lost through SPIPA.

A new resolution will be prepared to replace Kim Cooper on the SPIPA Board.

Whitney reported that the Elections Committee met and is responding to the question about mail in ballots. The committee is open to explore the idea but needs Council direction. Council would like to provide a survey at the general body meeting and to outline what constitutional changes would need to take place.

Mark Alan, along with Cameron Goodwin, Michael Peters and Mark West presented **Resolution #09-34** regarding Washington State concurrent authority in regard to state lottery sales on the reservation. This resolution does not constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity. Charlene Krise moved to approve Resolution #09-34. Misti Saenz-Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and (0) against (Russell was out of the room).

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Misti asked about hosting a Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner. Ray will check in to it.

Council scheduled April 30<sup>th</sup> to have dinner with the Olympia City Council (*City of Olympia requested to reschedule for June*).

**Council supply purchase:** Cultural Resources Department regularly makes cedar roses for funerals, funded by Council. Ray is looking for confirmation from Council to continue funding. Council agreed to continue. Charlene will assist in cedar gathering and weaving roses.

**Fireworks update:** Ray reported back regarding locations to store fireworks canisters. Pacific Fireworks is very interested in vending and storing their canisters all year. Ray suggested the location above the Tobacco Factory which is out of site. Pacific Fireworks has six canisters they

## SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

would like to store during the high season and twelve canisters they would like to store during the low season. Ray will work on a contract and negotiate pricing. He will be consistent and negotiate the same price with other vendors as well.

Ray provided an update on the golf course and handed out a timeline. Council will meet with Golf Works on Friday.

**SuperFly Film Host request:** Charlene shared the letter she received from SuperFly. This group is requesting Squaxin support as a host for this years' 2009 SuperFly Filmmaking Gathering. This non-profit organization puts on an annual 36 hour challenge to encourage emerging filmmakers (ages 13-19) to create new works. As part of hosting this event, Squaxin will have four spaces reserved for Squaxin Youth to participate; gaining first hand experience in digital storytelling and filmmaking.

SuperFly is requesting a meeting space for up to 125 youth where they can gather, prepare and serve food, sleep and work on films. "Camping out" is the most effective way to house everyone and the youth will be prepared appropriately. They would like to use the gym for this space.

The production teams will respect any areas where the tribe does not want filming to occur.

The participating youth will shuttle from Seattle to the reservation on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and return Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>. Any use of tribal busses and vans would be helpful along with hosting. Superfly will provide meals to the participants; they would like a hosted traditional dinner on Friday night. Council would like to know the financial request. Council agreed to allow them to use the gym and the cooks will be available to prepare meals. Council suggested One Percent to provide funding. Ray will meet with SuperFly to discuss details.

Marcella stated that some of the elders will be traveling to Las Vegas on the 21<sup>st</sup>. They would like to get their IEI checks early so they can have them before they leave. Council agreed to allow the elders to pick up their checks on the 20<sup>th</sup>. A notice will be mailed out to the elders.

Charlene asked about a donation to the Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness. This journey is to promote awareness, dialogue and forgiveness among Native Americans for the historical trauma carried home from boarding schools. Misti would like to see Squaxin members participate. Charlene will work on recruiting and assist in those who want to attend. This request will be given to the One Percent Committee.

Ray handed out a letter from Julie Evenhuis who is coordinating a group to participate in the Capital City Marathon. This group of employees is requesting funding assistance in purchasing Squaxin "team" t-shirts to wear during the marathon. Council will forward this request to One Percent for funding.

There being no further business the April 9, 2009 Council Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.