

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
July 26, 2007**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

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

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Secretary (*left at 1:00*)
Treasurer
1st Council Member (*canoe journey*)
2nd Council Member (*arrived at 9:24*)
3rd Council Member (*canoe journey*)

Executive Director
Deputy Director
Legal Counsel
Recording Secretary

Ray Peters
Don Whitener
Kevin Lyon
Melissa Puhn

Jim Peters called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. and offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vince Henry moved to approve the July 26, 2007 Council agenda. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the July 12, 2007 Council minutes. Vince Henry seconded the motion. Kevin Lyon presented a suggested change and the motion was withdrawn and the minutes were tabled until later.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

July 27, 2007; All Staff BBQ Potluck at noon on the Legal Office lawn.

July 31, 2007; United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty held at Lummi.

August 13, 2007; Elders Lunch at the Mud Bay Dig Site, Council was invited to hold a meeting at the site, but logistically it would be better if Council had lunch with the Elders on the 13th.

August 15, 2007; Second Public Budget Hearing, 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. Island Enterprises and the Casino will present.

September 12-13, 2007; Self-Governance Communication & Education Tribal Consortium, held in Hinkley, MN. Ray Peters, Whitney or Ed Fox and Deb Stoehr will attend.

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September 17-20, 2007; ATNI Annual Conference, held at the Quinault Beach Resort. Arnold Cooper, Pete Kruger and, Ray Peters will attend.

September 27-28, 2007; 4th Annual NW Regional Enrollment Conference, held at Suquamish.

October 1-2, 2007; Native American Finance Conference, held in Las Vegas. Ray Peters and Deb Stoehr will attend.

October 5-7, 2007; 13th Annual Native Basket Weavers Association, held in Lapwai, ID. Charlene Krise will attend. Council previously agreed to support five tribal members to attend; Paula Henry, Josh Mason, Dave Krise, June Krise, Donna Penn. If more than five tribal members show an interest in attending, Council will look at it again.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Council sponsored backpacks: Walt Archer presented the budget for backpacks this year; 250 gift cards at \$15 each totaling \$3,750. Vince Henry moved to approve the council purchase of gift cards for the youth to purchase backpacks for the 2008 school year. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (*this was later paid by One Percent*).

Jim shared a letter he received from the Governors Office of Indian Affairs; expressing their gratitude and thanks to the Squaxin Island Tribe for hosting this years Centennial Accord.

Hunting: Pete Kruger and Andy Whitener discussed hunting tags. Kevin Lyon handed out the hunting litigation and proposed funding. Those present at the recent hunting meeting agreed to move forward. Tribal Council approved the Tribe's continuing participation in the joint litigation effort and participation in the 3% funding request. Kevin directed to pay into the joint fund.

Canoe Journey: Jim will be traveling to meet those participating with the canoe journey. He will be delivering supplies. Council discussed reimbursement for attending the canoe journey. Council agreed that if they attend as a Council Representative they will collect salary and travel expenses.

Jim reported that he provided a welcome at the Casino this morning for the Census Bureau. Jim inquired about a tribal group that assists with the census. Ray will get staff together and create a plan to update the tribal information. Ray and Kevin will work with the Planning Department.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Shaker Church Update: Mike Poier did an inspection of the building and it was found in good condition. Kevin briefed on the necessary steps to put this property into fee (in the Tribe's name) and then into trust. The property is ready, if Council is, to move into fee. Council needs to assess its exposure for maintenance, insurance, liability, etc. prior to accepting the property into fee. Council to consider the option of holding the property in fee only as necessary to make an application for fee to trust. Council also considered the Church's possible expectations regarding the responsibilities of the Tribe. Renovation of the building was discussed as well as an estimated cost. Council suggested

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to solicit funds from other tribes to help renovate or rebuild the building. Council agreed to look in to a way to get the property in to trust but not assume any responsibility. Council would like to meet with the church representatives to see what they would like to do; then request Council approval on moving forward.

Construction update: Ray provided a brief update on current construction; the fire station has begun and concrete will be poured next week; the new Public Safety Building is complete and they are waiting for furniture to be delivered; Manke is running the pipelines today for the cemetery and fencing will follow; still working on the full engineering for the housing sewer to be connected to the MBR.

Talking Circle; Council agreed to hold the fourth quarter Talking Circle Tuesday, September 25th at 5:00 p.m.

CULTURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Slocum Cemetery update: Rhonda Foster reported on the approval process with moving forward on the cemetery. Rhonda handed out the first draft of the Proposed Identification and Relocation Plan for the Slocum Oakland Cemetery. She invited Council to visit the cemetery; possibly after the next meeting on August 8th.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Andy Whitener, Jeff Dickison and Eric Sparkman presented the Shellfish Enhancement Plan. This will also be presented at the Talking Circle and shared with the Shellfish Committee.

LITTLE CREEK CASINO

Bingo; Council agreed by consensus to accept the recommendation from the Little Creek Executive Team to reformat bingo.

Policy and Procedure Policy changes; Russell Harper moved to approve the changes made to the LCCHR Policy and Procedures Manual. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried four in favor and zero against.

Chief Executive Officer Evaluation; Council went in to Executive Session.

HOUSING UPDATE

Brian Thompson handed out the minutes from the Housing and Utilities (HUC) Meeting. Council went in to Executive Session. Coming out of executive session Council directed Kevin Lyon to work with the HUC to do training in regards to ethics and conflict of interest.

FINANCE

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FY08 Draft Budget: Deb Stoehr handed out the draft FY08 departmental budgets as approved at the budget commission yesterday. Still need to allocate for unmet needs. Arnold Cooper moved to approve the FY08 draft budgets. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. A final budget will be presented for approval once complete. The motion carried four in favor and zero against.

401(k) Amendments: Deb presented **Resolution #07-63** which adopts the 401(k) ADP/ACP Safe Harbor Plan and other provision. Russell Harper moved to approve these changes. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried four in favor and zero against.

Workers Compensation Rate Adjustments: Deb reported that the state reduced their rates by eliminating the medical aid fund. Deb is proposing a 37% reduction in the rates and to review the plan in a year. Pere Kruger moved to approve the rate adjustment. Russell Harper seconded the motion. This will be effective August 1, 2007. The motion carried four in favor and zero against.

LEGAL

Kevin handed out a draft report on a dispute resolution for Councils reading.

Kevin handed out the draft by-laws for the enrollment committee and briefed on the process that will be taken with the enrollment committee and enrollment officer. Council would like to review the by-laws and come back to at the next Council Meeting.

Kevin handed out draft notice of referendum. This includes a list of tribal members on the five year wait and a list of members who signed the petition. Kevin drafted the notices that will be sent to each eligible voter. The vote is scheduled for August 25th from 9:00 am – 1:00 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Administration Building. Jim would like this to be mailed the first week of August.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Whitney Jones provided an informal overview of the Clinic contract health services. The clinic is always looking in to ways to increase services onsite, in turn lowering the contract health services.

Council directed Whitney to look in to insurance options for employees who retire from the Tribe.

LEGAL

Kevin updated on the Tort claims and handed out **Resolution #07-64** which appoints Elaine Moore and Wendy Bowman to the Business Administration Board. Russell Harper moved to provisionally approve this appointment pending the criteria. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Kevin also presented **Resolution #07-65** which adopts the Tort Claim Ordinance and states the expressly limited circumstances under which a person may file a claim against the SIGE. Russell

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Harper moved to approve resolution #07-65. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Kevin updated on the new game opportunities with MultiMedia. Kevin would like to engage in moving forward with the gambling commission. Council gave their approval for Kevin to continue to move forward with this.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.