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**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
MEETING
October 25, 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 noon*)
Treasurer
1st Council Member (*travel*)
2nd Council Member
3rd Council Member (*arrived at 10am*)**

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

**Ray Peters
Whitney Jones
Kevin Lyon
Melissa Puhn**

Jim Peters called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Pete Kruger offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the October 25, 2007 Council agenda. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried four in favor and zero against.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the October 11, 2007 Council minutes. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried four in favor and zero against.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

October 23-29: National Indian Education Association, Honolulu, HI. Will Penn and Education staff is attending.

November 3: SPIPA Art Auction, Little Creek Casino Events Center. Tribal Council has purchased twenty tickets. Extra tickets will be provided for employees.

November 6-8: Native Wellness Conference, Coeur D'Alene, ID, Will Penn plans to attend.

November 6-7: Reasonable Alternatives to Blood Quantum Requirements, Quinault Beach Resort. Arnold Cooper, Charlene Krise, Pete Kruger and the Enrollment Committee will attend.

November 11-16: National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), Denver, CO. Arnold Cooper, Vince Henry, Pete Kruger, Ray Peters, Glen Parker and tribal member Jolene Grover will be attending.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS (*continued*)

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November 13-15: G2E Global Gaming Expo, Las Vegas, NV. Russell Harper and Jim Peters will attend.

November 17: Potlatch Fund Annual Gala, Grand Hyatt Seattle. Charlene Krise and Will Penn plans to attend.

December 4: Per capita distribution.

January 12, 2008: Mid Year General Body Meeting 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon.

LEGAL

Council went in to executive session to discuss a litigation update.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Dangerous Dog Ordinance: Kevin Lyon presented draft changes to the animal control ordinance. As requested he amended the current code to reflect that if a dog bites a human, the dog will be taken away. Kevin briefed on the definition of a “dangerous dog” and shared a list of dangerous dogs and the possibility of prohibiting certain breeds of dogs. Council discussed other variations of the ordinance and rewording the modification to reflect dangerous behavior rather than dangerous breeds. Kevin will provide a few conceptual changes at the next meeting for consideration.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Internship: Ray briefed on the internship that tribal member Jolene Grover is doing through Evergreen State College. One of the requirements of her contract is that she attends NCAI. Council agreed by consensus to cover her travel expenses. Russell asked Jolene to look in to tapping into the NCAI scholarship funds while she is there. He would like to see her bring funding information back for the Squaxin teen council. He also asked that she attend the break out sessions that are for the tribal youth.

Packwood Property: Ray updated Council on the property in Packwood. He has collected information in regards to the stipulations around the property. He plans on visiting the piece soon.

Council donation: Council agreed by consensus to donate four gallons of oysters to SPIPA for their art auction.

November 8th Council Meeting: Ray reported that November 8th, the date of the next Council meeting will be an IRS Consultation Meeting that he, Jim and Kevin will attend. Council agreed to change the meeting date to Friday, November 9th and to include Island Enterprises and the Casino on that day as well, rather than the Wednesday meeting.

Whitney Jones reminded Council that today is Socorro Bernal’s last day of work. There will be cake after the Senior lunch today. Council will order flowers for her.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

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Slocum Cemetery update: Rhonda Foster and Larry Ross shared a power point presentation on the Slocum Cemetery. They have contracted with Island Enterprises to provide security, which will be funded by Manke. Rhonda shared that all tribal members are welcome to visit the site. Cultural Resources will provide protocols at the site for visitors and workers, and must be adhered to. Cultural Resources will be on site Monday – Thursday for a month. Rhonda sent out a job announcement seeking workers. A layout of the new cemetery was provided. A reburial ceremony will be done when the headstones are in place. Rhonda stated that Cultural Resources will be managing the site and will be actively involved.

PLANNING

Lynn Scroggins presented **Resolution #07-84** which states the Washington State Department of Transportation has awarded the Squaxin Island Tribe through its 2007-2009 Public Transportation Consolidation Grant Program, for public transportation services in rural communities where limited or no service is currently available. This resolution authorizes the Tribal Chairman, Executive Director or Deputy Director to be the Tribe's signatory and representative for the duration of the project. Arnold Cooper moved to approve Resolution #07-84. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried five in favor and zero against.

SHAKER CHURCH

Lisa Ewing, Bishop Lawrence Wesley, Mike and Shirley Davis, Richard Johns, Rita Andrews and Dennis Martin were present to discuss the Shaker Church. Ray gave an update on the status of the land being put into trust status. With the assistance of Legal, the fee to fee process is ready. There may be historic preservation grants available; Council would like to see the church do a fundraising campaign from other tribe in order to administer funds for contractors and coordination. Jim would like to look in to replacing the doors and windows to help deter the theft problem.

Council encouraged the church to hire an attorney representative. It was suggested that they seek a Skokomish Attorney and Rita will look in to that.

The church group also presented a piece of property that borders the church property that is for sale. Ray will research this further.

Bishop Wesley stated that he would like to have another meeting in the future with Council, Kevin Lyon and the Shaker Church attorney.

LEGAL

Andy Whitener, Jeff Dickison, John Konovsky and Attorney John Arum presented a water claim. Council went in to executive session to discuss the Miller Land litigation update. Coming out of executive session, Council agrees with the recommendation of John Arum to move forward and file

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for an appeal with the Supreme Court. Council agreed by consensus to move forward and a budget allocation will be made.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUESTS

Davina Braese asked Council for sponsorship of her tryouts for Miss Teen Seattle beauty pageant. Council agreed to donate \$300. Arnold stated that he will ask KTP to donate a tank of gas for her, to assist with traveling expenses.

Alexandria Rivera asked Council for sponsorship for her tryouts for the Miss Teen Seattle pageant. Council agreed to donate \$300. Arnold stated that he will ask KTP donate a tank of gas to assist with her traveling expenses as well.

Don Smith was present to ask Council to re look at the limited entry for geoduck fishing. He would like to see all tribal members have the opportunity to dive. Jim explained how the fishery works, and encouraged him to talk with Natural Resources and to get on the agenda for the next Aquatics Committee meeting.

Kassidy Whitener was present seeking assistance for her school trip to Washington D.C. Council asked her to fill out a One Percent application.

Charlene Krise expressed a concern regarding housing. Ray would like to provide a status report from Housing on a regular basis. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

LEGAL *(continued)*

Kevin handed out information of the hunting litigation, for informational only.

Kevin handed out a list of individuals interested in serving on the Business Administration Board. Council agreed by consensus to appoint Mike Peters.

Kevin provided an update on Island Optics.

Kevin briefed on the Shellfish Settlement and provided a proposed amendment. Council will review and direct Kevin at the next meeting.

Jim briefed on the Culvert Case meeting he attended yesterday.

Being no further business, the October 25, 2007 Council meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.