

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
December 11, 2008**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

Dave Lopeman	Chairman
Arnold Cooper	Vice Chairman
Vince Henry, Sr.	Secretary
Russell Harper	Treasurer
Misti Saenz-Garcia	1st Council Member
Marcella Castro	2nd Council Member
Charlene Krise	3rd Council Member <i>(arr. 9:40, left at noon)</i>

Executive Director

Ray Peters

Legal Counsel

Kevin Lyon

Recording Secretary

Melissa Puhn

Arnold cooper called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Russell Harper offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vince Henry moved to approve the December 11, 2008 Council agenda. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the November 25, 2008 Council minutes, with additions. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and (0) against.

TRAVEL REPORTS & PLANS

December 23: All Staff Christmas Brunch, Little Creek Hotel

January 10: Winter General Body Meeting, 9:00 a.m. TLG Gym

January 17-21: Presidential Inauguration, Washington DC. Russell, Vince, Charlene, Misti, Marcella, Ray and Bobby will attend. Due to the high volume of people expected in DC that week, Council found it in their best interest to make ground transportation arrangements ahead of time. This will add to their safety and will also save on taxi expenses. Ray has been coordinating meetings for Council to meet with delegates while in DC. Russell would like a list of talking points for the meetings.

January 23-24: Tribal Sovereignty & Self-Governance in a New Era, Temecula, CA. Ray stated that HHS staff and Deb may attend.

February 21-22: Sa-He-Wamish Days, Little Creek Casino.

March 9-12: "Res 2009", Las Vegas, NV. Island Enterprises usually attends.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

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Dave shared a letter received from Youth Council Member Jaime Cruz. She is requesting assistance from Council so she can attend the 2009 Presidential Inauguration. Council feels that as a youth Council member, she would better benefit the learning experience of Washington DC by traveling with Council when they go in the spring. There is such a high volume of people expected for the inauguration.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

LCC Compliance Officer: Ray provided a draft copy of the LCC Compliance Officer Job description for Council review. LCOB will review at their next meeting and it will then be presented to Council with LCOB's recommendation. Council would like that position to report to all three executives; Cameron, Mike and Mark. Council also would like to hear regular direct reports from the Compliance Officer.

LCOB Appointment: The community member position was advertised and the deadline for submission is this Friday the 12th. As of now, there has only been one applicant. This will be presented at the next Council meeting in January.

All-Staff Christmas Party: Council agreed by consensus to sponsor prize money for a card tournament; \$100, \$75 and \$50 for first, second and third place winners.

Council received a letter from a community member requesting \$300 to help cover the remaining cost to the annual Alcohol Awareness Dinner which will be held January 25th. Council agreed by consensus to donate \$300 for sponsorship.

Council received a letter from a patron of the Casino sharing a concern she had about a recent experience. Cameron is aware of this situation and will send her a letter along with coupons. Council will receive a copy of the letter. Council also would like to send her a letter informing her that she will be hearing from the Casino Management.

Council received a letter from a tribal member requesting assistance with his house. Council directed Ray to look in to his situation and to report back.

Ray read a letter from a tribal member requesting assistance for school clothes. Council decided not to assist since she has recently received funding from Council. Charlene would like to see this tribal member involved in the after school employment program.

Property update: Ray provided an update on a piece of property which the tribe owns interest in.

One Percent and Two Percent: Ray provided an overview of both the One Percent and Two Percent Contribution Commissions. Marcella asked about how the One Percent Committee decides on funding amounts for individual applicants. She feels that tribal members should receive a higher donation amount than non tribal members. Charlene would like to see the policies and procedures of the commission.

Kevin explained the different "pools" of funding that goes to the One Percent Commission. One "pool" needs to fund non-profit 501(c)3 organizations; the second "pool" can go towards tribal

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programs. Kevin shared that this information is included in the Squaxin Island Gaming Commission Community Contribution Regulation.

Ray reported that the One Percent Committee is flexible and tries to impact as many charitable causes and tribal causes. The committee also has consistency in distributions.

Marcella would like to see the contribution to the clinic increased. They fell short of funding this year for the Thanksgiving baskets. She would like to see \$18,000 donated each year.

Ray handed out the code of ethics for Council.

Ray provided an update on the Domestic Violence position. The half-way house was discussed.

Ray reported that Ed Fox, Bonnie Sanchez and Charlene Krise are the representatives for the Native Wellness Institute.

PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Brian Thompson introduced the Housing Enforcement Officer, Jim Reinhold and what his primary duties are. Brian shared they will be bringing the Animal Code back to Council for consideration.

Brian presented **Resolution #08-109** which authorizes the submission of a 2009-2011 Public Transportation State and Federal Grant application for funding of the transit top priorities of operations support and a minibus replacement. Charlene Krise moved to approve Resolution #08-109. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

TRIBAL GAMING

Desi Smith handed out a copy of the Indian Gaming Magazine which advertises the Tribal Casino Internal Audit Workshop which will be held at the Casino January 26-30th. Desi stated they are expecting around 100 attendees and invited Council to attend.

Desi invited Council to the TGA Christmas Party, December 16th at 6:00 p.m.

ENROLLMENT

Tammy Ford presented the following enrollments, which have been approved by the Enrollment Committee at their last meeting. **Resolution #08-111** enrolls Kameron and William Weythman with full benefits; **Resolution #08-112** enrolls Treyson Spezza with full benefits; **Resolution #08-113** enrolls Nathan Arman with full benefits. Misti Saenz-Garcia moved to approve these enrollment resolutions. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

Misti asked about the five year wait for members who relinquished as a minor. Tammy stated that the recommendation is still in draft form with the Enrollment Committee.

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Kevin shared that the Enrollment Committee has been working on the language for that recommendation and will be included on the agenda for the next Enrollment Meeting and will be brought back to Council at their next meeting.

LEGAL

Kevin reported on his progress of solving the social security issues with the Elders. Kevin provided a draft letter which explains that if an elder is to self declare a special needs circumstance and sign a form stating so, then their per capita check will be a special needs check therefore will not be counted as income and also will not affect their social security benefits. This will be ready for the next Elders per capita distribution. Kevin is working in increasing this to benefit all tribal members.

Kevin updated on an employee issue at the Casino.

Kevin provided an update on employee comps at the Casino.

ISLAND ENTERPRISES

Dave Johns, Bob Whitener, Jr. and Bryan Johnson were present.

Dave Johns handed out two possibilities for a geoduck enhancement program. Council would like to see this presented to the General Body. Vince would like to see the environmental impact this may have on the clams. Council directed Dave to present this to the Natural Resources' Committees (Shellfish, Fish & Aquatics), then present back to Council.

Bob and Brian updated on the retail stores; KTP and the card lock store. The card lock final engineering draft has been received and will be presented to the IEI Board this month. Once approved by the IEI Board it will be presented to Council for consideration. A new training program has been implemented at KTP and will start January 5th. KTP has had strong steady sales and the new line of cigarette Traditions has been launched at KTP, Steamboat and Franks Landing. They would like to expand Traditions to other stores in January.

Bob updated on the Stillaguamish Store. He received a draft contract today which is at Legal for review. Kevin updated on the services that will be provided. Council approved the contract by consensus; Kevin will make the necessary changes and will bring it back for signature.

December 17 is the IEI Board Work Session. Bob has contracted two people to teach group dynamics and how a Board works. Council is welcome to attend. It will be held all day at the Museum.

Island Optics Board meeting Monday, they have prototypes ready and Bob would like to see production within three months.

Bob reported that Arnold is up for reappointment on the IEI Board. Russell Harper moved to reappoint Arnold to the IEI Board. Marcella Castro seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Chris Peters and Tracy Bogart were present to provide an update on Law Enforcement. Tracy presented the MACECOM (Mason County Emergency Communications) Agreement. Tracy explained that in the past there were two dispatch centers; one for fire emergencies and one for all of Shelton. The two dispatch centers merged in to one and now covers all emergencies in Mason County. All of Mason County officials and governments will need to approve the agreement. This agreement has been reviewed and accepted by the other entities involved. Vince Henry moved to approve the MACECOM Agreement. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against (*Charlene Krise was absent*).

Whitney Jones provided a brief update from Ta Ha Buts Learning Center. She recently spoke with Bill Kallapa and found that the approved \$20 Westfield Shopping Center Gift cards for the youth are not an option, but Westfield Shopping Center will issue \$25 gift cards. Whitney is seeking input from Council whether they would like to increase the amount or to change locations. Council agreed by consensus to increase the card value to \$25 which will increase the total cost to \$1,350 which will be divided amongst the government, Island Enterprises and the Casino.

LEGAL

Kevin updated on an exclusion ordinance. Council decided to stay status quo.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUESTS

Tribal member came to Council with a rent adjustment request. She stated that during the months of September, October and November her rent should have been lower due to lack of income. Ray will look in to her situation and will keep in contact with her.

Tribal member presented a button blanket to Council which is for sale. Council agreed by consensus to buy it for \$500.

There being no further business, the December 11th Council meeting adjourned.