

**CITY OF OLYMPIA  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
AND  
THE SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
June 1, 2009**

The meeting was held Tugboat Annie's Restaurant in West Olympia, at 6:00 pm.

Members present:

City of Olympia: Doug Mayor Mah, Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Kingsbury, and Councilmembers Joe Hyer, Karen Messmer, Rhenda Iris Strub, Craig Ottavelli, and Joan Machlis; City staff, City Manager Steve Hall, Public Works Department Director Michael Mucha, and Parks, Arts, and Recreation Department Director Linda Oestreich.

Squaxin Island Tribal Council: Chairman Dave Lopeman, Vice Chairman Arnold Cooper, Charlene Krise, Secretary Pete Kruger and his wife Lil Kruger, and Treasurer Andy Whitener; Staff, Executive Director Ray Peters.

**1. West Bay Park - Habitat Study and Future Goals**

Linda Oestreich made a presentation of the City's current development efforts for a park on West Bay Drive. She discussed enhancements to the habitat and shoreline adjacent to the park, as well as the plan to remove creosote pilings in the water. She also indicated a large portion of the project was to clean up soil contamination left by past users of the property. Finally, Linda mentioned the planned habitat study that the Tribe and the City have agreed to launch in order to better understand the habitat conditions and needs that will help guide future public and private development along West Bay.

City Council and the Tribal Council members discussed the mutual interest in West Bay and the value of good environmental stewardship in this area.

**2. Percival Landing Update**

Linda Oestreich presented a status report on the reconstruction of the Percival Landing boardwalk. She indicated that a contract had just been authorized to complete 100% design on the facility. She reminded members present about the cultural interpretation aspects of the landing. Finally, she reviewed the current funding package to date and indicated the project is still \$7-8 million short of being able to begin construction.

City Council and Tribal Council members asked about various aspects of the project, including the amount of shoreline that would be restored as part of the project, and the availability of boating slips for the public and project timing.

**3. Canoe Journey**

Members of the Squaxin Island Tribe, including Ray Peters, indicated the Tribe's interests in possibly hosting the 2012 Canoe Journey in the greater Olympia area. Arnold Cooper stated that the upcoming Journey at the Snoqualmish Indian Tribe in northern Puget Sound would be a good opportunity for Olympia representatives and others to learn about the logistics involved in hosting a Canoe Journey. Tribal members indicated that as many as 35,000 may attend this five-day celebration. The host

Tribe can expect as many as 150-200 canoes plus support people, plus visitors and tourists who come to see the event.

Discussion ensued about the logistical requirements of hosting a Canoe Journey and also about the exciting vision that is possible if the greater Olympia area were selected as a future site for a future Canoe Journey.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.