



anything. I want to say it came out of the Stranger because it sounds like something that they would do. The Stranger is the local, weird independent press that goes in-between being friendly with anarchists to despising anarchists. It seems like a very corporate brands so CHOP was the response to that. I think there's a lot of misconceptions about the CHAZ, the name. So the argument for the CHOP was that it's like Capitol Hill Occupied Protest is somehow less offensive to the Duwamish people. Which from what I've heard the Duwamish people didn't really care what this area was called. The Duwamish people are one of the indigenous people who were the original caretakers of what is now Seattle. There's another argument I heard where someone tried to say that 'occupied protest' is more part of the Black radical tradition than autonomous zone, but I couldn't follow the logic or history they were presenting. I think part of it was that some people felt like the name CHAZ came from the outside and they just wanted to re-brand it for that reason. Some people talked about CHAZ sounding super white and wanting to re-brand it for that reason. I've been referring to it as Chopped City CHAZ just to kind of like laugh at the name. But yeah, it's interesting. I feel like the name being contested is reflective of the on the ground scene where there's this contact flux and people are having identity problems, I don't want to go as far as to call it a crisis but the space is still trying to figure out what it is.

TF SR: And the people that you – Suquamish, is that what you were saying?

D: Duwamish.

TF SR: That's the S-U-Q-U-A-M-I-S-H?

D: That's Suquamish. Duwamish, so yeah, the area of Seattle from the history I know, totally could be wrong, was a shared space from a lot of tribes: Mukilteo, Suquamish, Duwamish, Snohomish, I'm forgetting a bunch probably, maybe the Puyallup. The treaty as far as I know was signed with the Mukilteo people but I could be wrong*. I'm just gonna stop talking about it because I don't want to mess up anything.

The Duwamish people are, the government considers them a part of the Mukilteo tribe but they've been fighting for federal recognition for a long time and they have a longhouse in west Seattle that was actually where the original settlers landed. Oftentimes the opening of an event you would recognize the Duwamish and Suquamish people as the original caretakers of the land. So those are the two that are often recognized as the original caretakers.

**transcriber's note – the treaty was signed in Mukilteo by a number of tribes*

