

Meeting Minutes of the
City and Borough of Juneau
Historic Resources Advisory Committee

Wednesday, May 1, 2013
City Hall Building, Room 224
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Members:

 x Gary Gillette (Chair) x Don Harris (Vice-Chair) x Connie Munro
 x Shauna McMahon (Recorder) abs Rico Worl x Myra Gilliam
 abs Marie Darlin abs Elizabeth Eskelin x Gerald Gottschall

Staff: x Jane Lindsey (CBJ, Juneau-Douglas City Museum)
 x Jon Lange (CBJ Community Development)

Public Guests: Travis Smith

- I. Call to Order: 5:00 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda: Approved unanimously
- III. Approval of Minutes: approved unanimously with no changes. Motioned by Connie Munro
- IV. Public Testimony on Non-agenda Items: none
- V. New Business:
 - 1. Parks & Recreation Discussion – CBJ maintained Cemeteries – Ben Patterson

Round robin introductions were made for the benefit of Mr. Patterson. The recent inquiry regarding Walter Harper grave site has started internal discussion regarding memorial repairs and projects. Joe Juneau gravesite restoration interest has also brought the policy matter to light. Currently CBJ has no policy. Mr. Patterson proposed case by case evaluation in the future. He requested member input into defining a "historic grave." The Evergreen Cemetery brochure was noted by members as a good place to start a historic listing of gravesites.

Jane Lindsay: Preservation guidelines emphasize do no harm and reversibility. She also noted the Cemetery and Marker Assessment Form as a good resource

Gary Gillette: There was previous interest in nominating Evergreen Cemetery to National Register of Historic Places. SHPO wished to do a statewide listed instead. He also noted a 50 year threshold for historic listing.

Connie Munro: Ms. Spartz is considering placing on retainer a Seattle maintenance contractor for the Walter Harper gravesite.

Gary Gillette asked about contact from family of Walter Harper. Patterson said not yet but Ms. Spartz has been thorough in her research. Mr. Patterson asked the members for input on how to determine "family member" and at what point does it become public domain after estate.

Myra Gilliam: what are the owner responsibilities for the gravesite? Mr. Patterson replied that the city does edging, leveling, but does not have property rights or other care responsibilities to the memorial.

Members expressed support and encouragement of HRAC consultation being included in proposed policies related to historic gravesite memorials. Written verification of consultation with family owner of gravesite was also mentioned as important to the policy development. Incremental cleaning was noted as an important tool to try prior to more intensive projects.

2. Centennial Commemoration of Kennedy Str. Mining Cabins/Starr Hill- Claire Richardson & neighbors

Ms. Richardson gave an overview of proposed 100 year history celebration of area. She anticipates a Block Party permit for June 22. She is hoping to record neighbor stories and narratives as well as celebrating the notable artists of the area. She had mentioned possibly coordinating a First Friday JDCM exhibit- Jane Lindsay noted that exhibit planning often occurs a year in advance so that would not be a feasible option but that a coffee & collections presentation might be possible. Other potential exhibit venues noted by members included the JACC, The Canvas, and Rockwell's. Jane Lindsay suggested that walking tours and/or house tours may be a nice complement to the centennial. Both Jane Lindsay and Gary Gillette suggested the oral history work may be a good proposal for a viable local history grant.

3. Valley and Douglas Island Historic Properties Consultation and Discussion- Rachel Myron U.S.F.S archaeologist for Juneau Ranger District

Rachel Myron recounted recent U.S.F.S. efforts coordinating recreation & trails coordination with heritage section.

Peterson Trail: Routing efforts have been made to protect segments of tram with interpretation focused at trailhead. Archeological surveying continues possibly up to 2 miles this year. Use of the cabin has been increasing to about 200 nights and there has been work to mark circuit and winter route.

Treadwell Trail From CBJ boundary to Bonnie Brae work towards a NEPA evaluation is anticipated. Currently determination of eligibility to National Register of Historic Places is done and the Determination of Effect will be done later for the Treadwell Ditch Trail. The "culverts" on the Treadwell Ditch trail are actually classified as diversion structures.

W. Glacier Trail Research was initiated in 2005 during parking lot project. The vicinity once included one of the largest outdoor rifle ranges. Currently there is interest in developing a bike/ski path for pedestrians from Skater's Cabin to the trailhead

4. Temporary Structures & Food Carts in Downtown Historic District Discussion

Gary Gillette noted that technically there is 40 foot area in front of library that is in historic district. A cart is being proposed within that historic area. Travis Smith, The Rookery owner, gave a handout and discussed the cart proposal. The Cart is 10.5' long and would be colors like the current Valentine's Building (not the pink shown in photo). Don Harris noted the muted colors mentioned on page 28 of the design standards. Gerald Gotschall liked the mobility of the cart. Gary Gillette noted many past and present vendors included canopy or false front features.

-MOTION- HRAC request city notify current and potential temporary structure owners and inform of design standards and intent to implement for temporary structures next year. Allow variance for this year's "The Rookery" cart but acknowledge planned standards implementation for next year.

5. Mike Pusich Harbor Sign Review

Gary Gillette noted change to color scheme to aqua and green colors and passed around draft sign design.

6. CBJ Ordinance Regarding Hawking in Downtown Historic District.

Members were curious about limitation only to downtown historic district. The ordinance is being introduced 5/13. Draft ordinance was handed to members

7. Program Comment on Common Post- 1945 Concrete and Steel Bridges Discussions

Members thought about relevant bridges and older bridges but did not have feedback yet referencing the proposed general permit type scenario for those bridges. The members did express interest in inviting presenter on topic.

VI. Old Business:

1. Annual Retreat Discussion

Some topics of interest for an annual retreat included 1) a speaker on historic cemeteries, 2) further discussion on temporary buildings- create specific new standards, definitions, or continue status under structures 3) CLG Grants. It was noted that general advisory board member training was not a priority.

VII. Committee Member Comments

1. Relevant upcoming celebrations were mentioned- Alaska Mining Day (5/10) and International Museum day (5/18). Last Chance Museum was going to offer free admission for Alaska Mining Day.

2. HRAC interest in having a "Meet & Greet" with Gastineau Historic Society was mentioned.

VII. Next Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 5, 2013. (Room 224, City Hall)

VIII. Adjournment: Approximately 7:10 pm