

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

Wednesday, Aug 6 2014  
City Hall Room 224  
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Members:

\_\_\_ Gary Gillette (Chair)                      \_\_\_ Don Harris (Vice-Chair)                      \_\_\_ Shauna McMahon  
(recorder)

\_\_\_ Marie Darlin                      \_\_\_ Gerald Gotschall                      Ab Sorrel Nikko Goodwin

abs Myra Gilliam                      Ab Zane Jones                      \_\_\_ Michael Tripp

Staff: abs Jane Lindsey (CBJ, Juneau-Douglas City Museum)

\_\_\_ Laura Boyce (CBJ Community Development)

Guest:

Greg Chaney (CBJ- CCD)  
Margo Waring (JEDC)  
Samantha Dye – (Dye Consulting)  
Bruce Denton (Senate Bldg.)

- I. Call to Order: 5:05 pm,
- II. Approval of Agenda: Marie Darlin motioned. Approved unanimously
- III. Approval of Minutes: Gerald Gotschall motioned. Approved unanimously
- IV. Public Testimony on Non-agenda Items: none

Round Robin introductions for benefit of guests and new committee members

V. New Business

- 1a Downtown Improvement Efforts - JEDC update Margo Waring

Margo Waring described recent outreach efforts by the Juneau Economic Development Council regarding Juneau downtown storefronts. There is a recent flyer “Winter Windows” about requirements for a display window with year-around interest.. Laura Boyce is going to see about including the flyer in a planned CBJ letter to business letter. Ms. Waring also mentioned the recent awarding of the “Storefront Star” Award to

Twilight Café. She noted public interest was strong during the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday promotion of the “Storefront Star” competition. Resources available to store owners were mentioned including LED lights and Alaska State Museum posters. Laura Boyce will check historic district standards regarding any impacts on LED lighting usage.

1b. Downtown Improvement Efforts – Documentary on downtown issues

Bruce Denton introduced a documentary he had Pat Race recreate detailing some downtown social issues. It highlighted concerns such as litter, homelessness, inebriation, aggressive swearing, public smoking, sense of safety, building wear and tear. The documentary was first shown to specific audiences in June to facilitate discussion. Gradually to been expanding showing to more stakeholders. There was some general discussion by HRAC members after the movie. Comments specific to HRAC role and concerns included: supporting canopy lighting downtown, historic grant education such as National Trust grant presentations to encourage private building improvement projects. Bruce Denton mentioned perhaps utilizing SAGA volunteers for painting buildings and clean-up projects. Margo Waring noted a current effort to paint downtown utility boxes- has sponsor and is currently seeking artists. There was also mention of stipend support so that business owners could approach architects to review their building façade for potential renovation concepts.

2. Juneau Empire Articles

A draft of a proposed letter to the editor by Jane Lindsay was shared. Comments on the draft of “There is No Place like Our Historic Buildings” can be sent to Ms. Lindsay. Could this be a foundation for more articles raising awareness of HRAC and historic district topics?

3. Grant Updates and Opportunities

Laura Boyce noted that the CLG grant regarding to mapping Evergreen Cemetery was resubmitted with additional links between people noted in the cemetery and historic buildings downtown. Gary Gillette noted that the CLG grant regarding a tower at Last Chance Mine was awarded and work has begun. A historic anniversary grant was awarded to Last Chance for brushing, trail, and interactive signage- it was submitted by the Gastineau Historic Society) Sentinel Lighthouse has an awarded grant to replicate the ball vent at the top of the structure and replace glass.

VI Old Business

1. Downtown Historic District Sign Update

CBJ CDD is working on outreach and addressing compliance with standards relating to signage. In general there has been more responsiveness from out of town business owners than local.

2. Community Development Department Updates

No updates mentioned at this meeting

VII. Committee Member Comments –

None

VIII. Next Meeting September 3 at 5:00 pm. (Location to be announced)

IX. Adjournment 6:40