

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

Wednesday, October 2, 2013
Assembly Chambers
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Members:

___ Gary Gillette (Chair)	___ Don Harris (Vice-Chair)	___ (vacant)
___ Shauna McMahon (Recorder)	___ Mark Sowers	___ Myra Gilliam
___ Marie Darlin	___ (vacant)	___ Gerald Gotschall

Staff: _Abs_ Jane Lindsey (CBJ, Juneau-Douglas City Museum)
___ Jon Lange (CBJ Community Development)
Abs Laura Boyce (CBJ Community Development)

Guest: Marcy Sowers

- I. Call to Order: 5:03 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda: Approved unanimously.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Approved unanimously. Don Harris motioned approval.
- IV. Public Testimony on Non-agenda Items: none
- V. New Business:

1. Downtown Historic District – Seasonal Business Window Display Update

Jon described response from business members to window display inquiries. Examples of responses include “Give me something- I’ll put it up”, “What about concerns with broken windows”, and could we have elementary students to art?”

Guest Marcy Sowers proposed an art lottery or art contest to better address window displays. Perhaps propose a theme such as “historic Juneau”.

Last year the Alaska State Museum provided museum posters to businesses. When approached in person there was good business reception.

Myra Gilliam mentioned potential of doing enlargements of historic photos from Juneau-Douglas City Museum database. Guest Marcy Sowers mentioned pairing this with having older students do research of the photos. Practical aspects of coordination such efforts would need to be considered. Printing from digital photos and using new print paper might be ways to minimize costs.

V. New Business continued

2. Public Art

A proposed art installation was introduced and handout distributed. It included metal tree forms for installation on Main Street.

3. Auke Bay Area Plan

Presentations/workshops planned October 15 and October 19 as part drafting area plan. It is a CBJ multi-department project. The next stage is creating a steering committee. Gary Gillette and Myra Gilliam mentioned recent surveys for Auke Bay harbor and highway corridor project. It was suggested that these should be kept in mind in the planning efforts.

4. Consideration of By-law amendments

HRAC members identified current term structure – staggered three year terms. The July 1st start was mentioned – further research needed to find reason for that date.

-MOTION- HRAC committee proposes striking 2nd sentence in Section 3 of HRAC by-laws: “No member may serve more than two consecutive terms or six years, unless there are extenuating circumstances.”

(motioned by Myra Gilliam, approved unanimously)

CDD staff will confirm whether further action is needed to implement change.

VI. Old Business

1. Grant Ideas

Digitizing Maps- Parks & Rec proposed digitizing Evergreen Cemetery maps. Currently information on project scope or financial details is not known.

Last Chance

Tower

Project would require engineer assessment and remediation – possibly posed as multi-phased project.

Preservation Plan Likely supported by CCD director. John was asked to check with CCD direction on his interest/direction in Preservation Plan project.

Photo Inventory Inventory and Digitizing Juneau-Douglas City Museum photo collection

-MOTION- HRAC discussed four proposal ideas and supports having CCD forward two of the four projects as CLG proposals. (approved unanimously)

Gary Gillette asked Jon Lange to include CLG proposals as retreat item.

V1. Old Business cont.

2. CBJ Grant Updates – Gary

Gary Gillette provided update on Salt Water Pump house. The roof trusses are up. The trusses rest on plywood “shell” so concrete is not stressed.

3. Retreat Planning – staff

The date and location (10/26 – Port Customs & Visitors Center Conference Room) was reconfirmed. HRAC members were asked to bring potluck items. Five topics were listed as retreat agenda items

- 1) Temporary Structures and standards
- 2) Signs & Sandwich boards enforcement
- 3) Native design
- 4) Plaques for historic buildings
- 5) CLG updates

VII. Committee Member Comments

Myra mentioned the current Alaska Hotel renovation.

VIII. Next Meeting

Retreat, October 26, 2013 9am – noon at
Docks & Harbors Port Customs and Visitors Center Conference Room

IX Adjournment 6:35 p.m.