

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

Wednesday, February 1, 2012
City Hall Room 224, 2nd Floor conference room
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Members:

 x Gary Gillette (Chair) x Lawrence Hayden (Vice-Chair) abs Connie Munro
 x Shauna McMahon (Recorder) x Rico Worl x Myra Gilliam
 x Marie Darlin x Steve Winker x Gerald Gottschall

Staff: Abs Jane Lindsey (CBJ, Juneau-Douglas City Museum)
 x Laura Boyce (CBJ Community Development)

Guests:

Don Harris - Interested public
Paulette Simpson - Treadwell Historic Preservation Society
Murray Walsh - Walsh Planning & Deve Services (re: Miners Mercantile Building)

- I. Call to Order: 5:00 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda: Laura Boyce provided a revised agenda. Lawrence Hayden motioned for approval. Agenda approved unanimously.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Gerald Gottschall motioned. Minutes approved unanimously.
- IV. Public Testimony on Non-agenda Items: none
- V. New Business:
 - 1. Treadwell Project proposed CLG grant - Paulette Simpson

Ms. Simpson described proposal for interpretative and protection of stamp mill at Treadwell mine area. The submittal deadline is feb 24. If selected work would likely be completed Spring 2013. The stamp mill is 130+ years old and a photo of the mill is on the cover of walking tour map. The project would create an open shelter with roof sloped to the south and sign boards for interpretation. In addition to protecting the mill and interpretation it was suggested the shelter offer a gateway effect to the larger Treadwell area. HRAC members offered the following questions and reflections. Tree removal could be a consideration to reinforce viewshed and connection to water. A photograph of the mill currently and a design sketch of the shelter was handed out.

- (Winker) Clear roofing could provide better visibility and light, particularly for photographing
- (Gillette) The design of the shelter was to reflect a mine entrance. Roof was planned to be ~12'x16' with corrugated metal. It is currently an open design. If enclosed then shelter would need to bigger.
- (Gottschall) Assure construction technique does not damage mill
- (Gilliam) Make sure interpretative signage is not obscured.

(McMahon) Since a mill is present a AJ Mine area may want to share shelter idea with Gerry Harmon of AJ Mine & Gastineau Mill. It could be useful for him to confer protection possibilities.

-MOTION- Move that HRAC accept the Treadwell Mill CLG proposal
Moved by Hayden. Approved unanimously

2. Pedestrian Way on Shattuck Way Proposal - Murray Walsh

Presenting on behalf of RH Rentals, owners of Miners Mercantile building, Mr. Walsh described a proposal to convert street area to pedestrian only use. A 5-year review or sunset might be incorporated into the project proposal. The pedestrian conversion would complement greater visitation and access to vendors in the building and possibly the planned Sealaska cultural center. RH Rentals has been coordinating with Sealaska staff. Moveable posts would close off traffic but still allow delivery and emergency access. HRAC members did mention alternatives and parking concerns. What would be the impact of not allowing parking but still allowing car travel? With pedestrian conversion it may be useful to communicate with other neighboring businesses, maybe even the downtown business association. HRAC members also noted that communicating with architects of the proposed cultural center would be important for incorporating aesthetic interest to pedestrians. Going back to historic resource concerns Mr. Gotschall noted that RH Rentals should read the design guidelines and follow applicable standards, particularly in planning the boardwalk, canopies, and street elements. The committee invited Mr. Walsh present at the next HRAC meeting with additional information and comparison of no parking option and pedestrian conversion option.

3. Annual Retreat Planning

The committee noted the need to dedicate time to organizing and formalizing goals. It was decided to have an extension of the regular April meeting to meet this need. The April 4 meeting will be from 5-9 pm instead of ending at 6:30pm. A full retreat will be discussed/planned at a later point.

VI. Old Business

1. Update regarding SLAM project

SLAM project representatives went before the planning commission for a conditional use permit. An advisory condition to incorporate panels was included in the permit. Variance for height was approved. There is a planned public SLAM meeting at 7pm on Thursday 2/2/12.

2. Goal setting for HRAC through April 2012

The committee discussed the HRAC chart of Goals & Priorities through April 2012. A lot of conversation centered around creating a History/Preservation Conference. Some related events were mentioned: National Preservation Month (April), Museum Day (May), AK State Museums (Oct), Archives conference (Nov), AK Anthropological Assoc Conference (Mar). May seemed to a busy period between the Maritime Festival, Museum Day, etc. September seems to be a better scheduling option. It was suggested that a "meet & greet/reception" with local entities would be a good precursor and planning tool. Some local entities such as Sealaska Heritage Institute, and the U.S. Forest Service were mentioned. HRAC members will continue to develop lists of local entities for a future "meet and greet".

Some suggestions to improve the goals chart were introduced. Comments included "resources & costs" (instead of preliminary costs) and adding an "annual" category (under time frame.) Laura

Boyce encouraged members to continue to route suggestions to her. It was also mentioned that the #1 priority item should be regularized into the HRAC agenda.

VI. Next Regular Meeting

1. Wednesday, March 7, 2012 p.m., City Museum
*discuss city hall mural- print digitally on signboard? Update.

VII. Adjournment: 6:45 pm