

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

Wednesday, May 6, 2015
City Hall Room 224
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Members:

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

Abs Marie Darlin Abs Gerald Gotschall Sorrel Goodwin

Abs Myra Gilliam Abs Zane Jones Michael Tripp (by phone)

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

Jonathon Lange (CBJ Community Development)

Allison Eddins (CBJ Community Development)

Laura Boyce (CBJ Community Development)

Guests: Darryl Miller

Grady Sanders- Heritage Coffee

Megan Daniels- CDD

Samantha Dye- Downtown Improvement Project

- I. Call to Order: 5:02 pm,
- II. Approval of Agenda: Approved unanimously.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Approved unanimously
(Gary Gillette motioned)
- IV. Public Testimony on Non-agenda Items:

Mr Sanders of Heritage Coffee talked about ~3' wide x 10' high sign proposed above for Heritage Coffee Café on Front Street. He was to have the Heritage Coffee design place above canopy so that it wraps building corner on south and east sides. The design would be the current Heritage logo without text. He noted yeawrs ago during log design it was vetted by Sealaska. The sign would be an inkjet graphic on panel and would be removable. Larura Boyce and Gary Gillette noted current signage requirements- a sign above canopy was allowed if it names the building or primary tenant.

V. New Business

1. Front & Franklin Street Project Update- Michele Elfers

The consultant and local architect have been selected. Phase 1 is planning & design with project definition including project boundaries. Some current downtown concerns include 30 year old planking, drainage issues, sidewalk widths, and light pole locations. Ms. Elfers noted recent “world café” gathering to get public thought on biggest concerns and goals in downtown. Lighting was a repeated theme by participants. HRAC members and present guests offered commentary related to the Front & Frankling planning project.

The sidewalk material was mentioned: would pavers like main street be used, would it be too busy a pattern or kept at intersections? Darryl liked the concrete with “sparkly” additive at the airport. Michele noted that lower Seward is an underutilized view cooridor that is centrally locally by preferred ship docking and lightering area. Laura noted that there had been a former CIP project to have a wright iron downtown entry feature and that Skagway is currently working on a downtown entry feature.

Also mentioned was Historic Loop possibilities. Laura Boyce mentioned the possibility of promoting historic plaques on buildings. Jane Lindsay said current museum historic walk goes north away from downtown core. She also mentioned the circulator would make hill, museum and capitol access easier.

Lighting and vibrancy were additional themes noted. Gary Gillette wanted to make sure lighting fixtures complement the historic structures and elements. Grady Saunders noted that building owners want guidance in efforts to invest in storefront- the Soboloff Center could help jumpstart energy of owners towards revitalization.

Michele Elfers then went into the project next steps. There will be a June 18th gathering were markers will be used to respond to design recommendations. In July a design and appropriation stage will occur.

2. Annual Report Review

The annual report was discussed. Myra Gilliam noted that the Kodzoff nomination could be added. Other suggested activity additions included the Treadwell sign install, Power tower grant, and Empty Chair. Gary Gillette asked about the JDCM collection review and had noted HRAC members has not acted on this task. Is the collections review a task done by friends of JDCM? Should HRAC be active or should a separate committee be established? Other comments could be provided to Laura

3. HRAC Vacancies

Marie Darlin, Gary Gillette, and Don Harris have seats that expire June 30. They can reapply prior if interested in retaining HRAC seat

VI. Old Business

1. Signage Enforcement Fee Update

May 18 the regulatory proposal will go to assembly for introduction.

2. Signage discussion

The HRAC committee tabled this topic to next meeting.

3. Grant Updates

Laura Boyce noted the Request for Bids closed for the Evergreen Grant and six bids were received.. A Request for Bids is currently be developed for the Preservation Plan project.

VI Committee Member Comments.

Gary Gillette discussed dock art project. There had been 28 proposals which were narrowed to 4. Current contender is 8-10 lighted helix shaped poles in high polish stainless steel about 16' tall. The proposal goes to assembly 5/18/15,

VII. Next Regular Meeting – June 3, 2015 5:00 p.m. City hall Room 224

IX \ Adjournment 6:30