

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

Wednesday, June 7, 2017
CBJ Assembly Chambers
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Members:

Zane Jones (Chair) Don Harris (Vice-Chair) Shauna McMahon (recorder)

Abs_ Karenza Bott Abs_ Myra Gilliam vacant

Gary Gillette Abs_ John J. Fox Chuck Smythe

Staff: Laura Boyce (CBJ Community Development)
 Allison Eddins (CBJ Community Development)

Guest: Edric Carrillo, Filipino Community Hall
Dana Herndon, JEDC

- I. Call to Order: 5:12
- II. Approval of Agenda: Have Edric Carrillo speak first in Mural Proposal topics
- III. Approval of Minutes: Approved unanimously (Smythe motioned, Gillette seconded)
- IV. Public Testimony on Non-agenda Items: None
- V. Downtown Signage and Wayfinding- Lisa Egan Lagerquist

City Project Manager for wayfinding project introduced herself and the project. Her coming to the HRAC meeting was part of outreach to obtain initial broad input on signage effort. HRAC members mentioned previously discussed signage project potentials: shoreline over time interpretation and Tlingit place names. Gary noted "Guidance on Interpretative Sign Function" as a resource that could be useful. It was noted that horizontal placed signs get dirty quicker. Mounting and attachment options should be an early consideration – can the smaller light posts be used for signage? HRAC members noted readability by wheelchair bound and other ADA needs. In the past efforts were made for consistent, recognizable shape/pattern of signs – HRAC members encouraged the project to continue that concept. Chuck Smythe asked if an inventory of signs has been done and Ms. Lagerquist did note one has been recently completed. Mr. Smythe also noted that a "Native Artists Park" is being planned in the Sealaska parking lot and that may be an item to include for wayfinding.

VI. Mural Proposals in the Historic District

-Filipino Community Project

A handout was presented on the Filipino Community, Inc. project. The project has Juneau-centric focus and has included consultations elders and the newer generation. It is anticipated that the project is about a year out for potential install. A variance is not needed for murals in typical cases currently and the wood elements follow Downtown Historic District standards. CDD staff noted does not want windows or architectural features covered by murals, otherwise CBJ wants to be open to and interested in public art. Matte paint finish for murals is a preference. Zane Jones likes that the mural supports understanding of district history. Gary Gillette mentioned material/media options such as resins and photos taken of the mural and special printing that can extend the life of a mural.

CDD staff noted some standards/ordinances details relevant to the Filipino project. It would not fall under sign and those related criteria. Allison will send HRAC members reference documents on sign ordinance information and legal decisions. The project coordinator will want to consider if the mural project enters right of way and physical attachment details re public safety. HRAC members noted that museum consultants can be helpful in mural mounting design development.

The mural building site a contributing building to downtown historic district but HRAC members noted the mural is not a permanent alteration to the building. HRAC members also wondered in the CBJ wayfinding signs could support Filipino interpretation and mural wayfinding.

-Elks Hall Mural

Dana Herndon discussed a photo opportunity mural about 10'wide x 15' tall. A "Welcome to Alaska" postcard greeting concept. Some potential locations mentions were the Elks Hall or the downtown public library. Gary Gillette noted that Parks and Rec might be resource for parking garage and Robert Barr with the library administration might be useful resources.

VII. CLG Grant

CDD supports CLG submittal for "New" office building at Treadwell. Handout was provided. There is an end of June submittal deadline. The project includes roofing and removing 2nd level floor.

-Motion- HRAC supports Treadwell submittal for CLG grant
(Motioned by Jones, seconded by McMahon)

VIII. Committee Member Comments

Casey Shattuck historic house restoration article was mentioned

IX. Adjourned 6:30 pm (next meeting Wednesday 8/2/17)