

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

Wednesday, August 2, 2017
CDD Conference Room, Marine View Building
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Members:

Zane Jones (Chair) Don Harris (Vice-Chair) Shauna McMahon (recorder)
 Anastasia Tarmann Gary Gillette Abs John Fox
 Vacant Abs Karenza Bott Chuck Smythe

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

Guest:

- I. Call to Order: 5:07
- II. Approval of Agenda Moved Street name topics up in agenda
Approved unanimously
- III. Approval of Minutes: Approved unanimously (Gillette motioned)
- IV. Public Testimony on Non-agenda Items: None
- V. Welcome and Introductions

Anastasia Tarmann was introduced as newly approved HRAC member and there was a brief roundtable of introductions to the existing HRAC members.

VI. Proposed Changes to CBJ 49.35.220 Street Names

Pending changes to ordinances about street names was discussed. To facilitate emergency services language about street names being easy to pronounce and easy to read is being pursued by CBJ. It is a concern that attempts to establish a Tlingit street name might be blocked by arguments that Tlingit words are hard to pronounce. HRAC member Tarmann noted that there are technology resource that can help with Tlingit pronunciation and familiarity. Chuck Smythe mentioned Hydaburg as an example of Native Alaskan street names – they have signage in English and Haida. There was also concern expressed about “easy to read” being very subjective.

VII. Preservation Plan Update

Allison Eddins gave brief overview of recent project activities for benefit of new member and then went into details of pending activity for the new grant year. Ms. Eddins also noted the project received \$25,000 in funding – this is less than planned so some scaling back in outreach activities has occurred. This fall three outreach meetings are planned to build advocacy for preservation plan update approval and implementation. This includes presentations to the assembly, public audience, and one more with audience to be determined. From January to April drafting of the updated draft is planned.

Ms. Eddins encouraged feedback about stakeholder outreach needs. She will provide HRAC members with list of stakeholders that were contacted for last year's project activity. Chuck Smythe and Anastasia Tarmann wonders if federal consultation process steps and/or formal letters to Tlingit community might have a more tangible aspect and result in stronger engagement.

VIII. Committee Member Comments

Allison Eddins noted she might be reaching out to HRAC members as Mural project develops.

Gary Gillette noted that up to \$8000 in grant money was received for interpretation of the Treadwell Office Building. Mr. Gillette also noted he anticipates presenting to the harbor board to get permissions for posting the old interpretative signs on dock guardrails.

Chuck Smythe mentioned that "Native Artist Park" is used in referring to future development Sealaska parking lot area.

The need for constitutional updates affecting the sign ordinance was mentioned and its effect on active enforcement. HRAC members noted their frustration with lack of enforcement especially after HRAC work going through the ordinance process.

IX. Adjourned 6:10 (next meeting Wednesday 9/6/17)