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DOWNTOWN JUNEAU'S AREA PLAN



Introduction

Review of the compiled comments for Chapters 1,3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Attached is a table of comments compiled from the Steering Committee on the draft text. The table is organized by Chapter. The left column identifies who made the comment, the second column paraphrases the comments. The third column sometimes includes a staff review or clarification. The fourth column sometimes includes a recommendation. Many comments do not have a staff review or recommendation. The Committee may choose to discuss any or all of the comments.

Steering Committee feedback requested:

Vote on whether to reopen discussion on the vision statement. Below are Besty's and Iris' suggested edits:

~~Maintain and strengthen~~ Downtown Juneau *is maintained and strengthened* as a vibrant, safe and accessible place to live, work, *learn*, play, *create* and explore. As home to *Alaska's capital* ~~the Capitol~~, ~~d~~Downtown Juneau is a dynamic center of ~~g~~Government and is welcoming and appealing to residents, visitors, innovators and investors. Its unique heritage and history, access to natural beauty, *arts and culture*, and urban amenities, provide opportunities for investment, *creativity* and sustainable growth.

Downtown Juneau is a vibrant and welcoming place to live, work, play, invest, and explore.
"or "Juneau's downtown core is a highly desirable place to live, work, play, raise a family and own a business"

Review and vote on Ricardo's suggested edits to Chapter 3.

Original language

Although there were no known Tlingit villages in the study area, the Áak'w Kwaan had a village across the Gastineau Channel at the mouth of Fish Creek. Additionally, the Taku had their main village in Taku Inlet, the mouth of which lies just south of Gastineau Channel. Both the Áak'w and Taku fished this area of the channel often. After gold was discovered in Dzantik'i Heeni, present day Gold Creek, many Áak'w and Taku moved downtown and worked for money in the mines. In 1881, the US Navy engineered the move of Tlingit people from downtown Juneau to an area just outside the original Townsite. This neighborhood is greatly changed, and is known today as the Áak'w Village District.

Suggested Language:

The Tlingit people have owned and occupied the entire region of Southeast for several thousand years. Seven or eight hundred years ago, the Áak'w Kwáan had their principal winter village in

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Auke Bay, but they regularly dispersed to fish camps and villages at the mouths of streams along Gastineau Channel which provided salmon and other fish, and upstream routes to hunting and trapping areas. Dzántik'i Héeni (Creek at the Base of a Hill named Flounder, now known as Gold Creek) was the biggest source of salmon (dog salmon, humpies, cohos, and steelhead after the freeze); two smoke houses were still there when gold was discovered in Juneau (1880). The US Navy visited the village at Auke Bay in that year to encourage the residents to seek employment in the mines. In 1881, there were 450 Tlingits and 150 miners living in what became Juneau. In the same year, the Tlingits were forced to move outside of the town to unoccupied land to the north, and established the Áak'w Indian Village on the tidelands adjacent to Dzántik'i Héeni. This area underwent great changes during the 20th century as the adjacent land grew in value and tidelands were filled in for development, and the village was cut off from the open water. This neighborhood is known today as the Áak'w Village District.

Actions and Recommendations -

Complete review of comments and provide guidance to staff to complete plan text.

Attachments

1. Table of compiled comments