

SOUTH DOUGLAS / WEST JUNEAU AREA PLAN
Steering Committee Meeting
Zoom Webinar Format
Tuesday, February 16, 2021
DRAFT MINUTES

Steering Committee Members Present:

- Carole Bookless
- Matt Catterson
- Frank Delaney
- Rebecca Embler
- Arnold Liebelt
- Robert Sewell
- Liz Smith
- Linda Snow
- Joyce Vick

Staff Members Present:

- Allison Eddins, CDD Planner
- Alexandra Pierce, CDD Planning Manager

Agenda Items

- I. Call to order
 - Meeting was scheduled to begin at 6:00 pm. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - There were no minutes for the January 27, 2021 meeting.
- III. Public Testimony on Agenda Items – 10 minutes
 - One member of the public was present, Lauren Anderson (Manager of Treadwell Ice Arena). Ms. Anderson was listening as a member of the public and also in a professional capacity. She did not have any comments on agenda items.
- IV. New Member Introductions
 - Liz Smith and Robert Sewell gave brief introductions. Ms. Smith was newly appointed. Mr. Sewell had technical difficulties and was not able to attend the first meeting.
- V. Formal Nominations of Chair and Vice Chair
 - Mr. Liebelt was appointed Chair by unanimous consent.
 - Ms. Vick was appointed Vice Chair by unanimous consent.
- VI. Review and Group Discussion of Public Input
 - Preserving the small scale
 - Efficient and easily accessible transportation of all kinds
 - Maintain historic character
 - Recreation plays a huge role in the community

- Maintain and enhance prosperity in order to keep existing small business and attract new businesses
- Full bike lanes over the bridge
- Many comments on bench road and second crossing
- The community wants to see growth but in a strategic way; growth needs to be sustainable and needs to maintain the existing character of the neighborhoods
- Many of the public comments focused on infrastructure improvements
- Douglas should be a diverse and welcoming place
- Many people support the Treadwell Ice Arena. Big community anchor.
- More green infrastructure
- Growth while maintaining character; certainly don't want to risk losing community anchors like the school, post office, library, Perseverance, etc.
- Pay close attention how growth will impact carrying capacity along roadways and parking requirements
- Would like to see growth concentrated in the Downtown commercial core; that growth should encourage mixed use developments

VII. Survey Discussion

- COVID has changed people's lifestyles so much a new survey would be helpful
- Good way to reach renters
- Staff needs to put a lot of thought into how we will get the word out to everyone – property owners and renters
- Steering Committee will review public input received so far and identify any gaps that may exist. These gaps will help form the survey questions.

VIII. Committee Comment

IX. Adjournment

Next Meeting: March 16, 2021