

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

Wednesday, January 6, 2021
Zoom webinar meeting
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Members:

___ Zane Jones (Chair) ___ Don Harris (Vice-Chair) ___ Shauna McMahon (recorder)
___ Sarah Hieb ___ Gary Gillette ___ Dorene Lorenz
___ Olivia Lihou ___ Chuck Smythe ___ Shannon Crossley

Staff:

___ Allison Eddins (CBJ Community Development)
___ Beth McKibben (CBJ Community Development)
___ Niko Sanguinetti (Juneau-Douglas City Museum Liaison)

- I. Call to Order: 5:01 PM
- II. Approval of Agenda: Northern Lights Church project- added new business item.
Approved unanimously.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Approved unanimously.
Gary Gillette motioned, Dorene Lorenz 2nd
- IV. Public Comment: none
- V. 1. Draft Historic Design Review Application

Allison Eddins introduced draft document for discussion.

Additional Materials Required:

Elevations: Type A submittal- need details but doesn't need to be stamped
Later in permit approval elevations will be needed.

Drawings: In the document the word "plans" is replaced with drawings.

FAQS

Term Clarifications:

Terms "Contributing" and "Historic District" were further clarified. Allison Eddins will also go back and include definition for "Historic Neighborhood."

Special Meeting Planning

For planning subcommittee meeting Gary Gillette recommended alternate wording for flexibility in scheduling. Zane Jones concurred.

. . . when HRAC meeting more than week away Design Review Subcommittee ~~will~~ [may] be scheduled. . .

Native Alaskan Incorporation

A general discussion of how to structure references to Alaska natives' people. This included whether Tsimshian should be added to Tlingit and Haida when mentioning southeast Alaska native heritage. Allison Eddins and Gary Gillette noted this requires a larger review and potential change to existing bylaws.

Guidelines versus Standards

Allison Eddins introduced an open dialogue comparing guidelines to standards—suggested versus required, may versus shall. She wanted to have a quick term introduction for applicants new to the process and hopefully highlight concerns that HRAC would likely have comment. Beth McKibben noted that the introduction may be useful for reevaluating wording in the Downtown Historic District Design Standards & Guidelines. Gary noted currently Rehabilitation section Appendix A includes a conventional standard but the remainder of document is formatted as guidelines. Does HRAC want more standards wording? This needs to be balanced against the practical complications of enforceability. Another consideration is balancing flexibility versus issues of subjectivity. This is a larger, complex conversation that HRAC may want to revisit.

Gary Gillette noted overview should have disclaimer to see reference the Downtown Historic District Design Standards and Guidelines for specifics. Beth McKibben suggested page references in the overview document.

After hearing HRAC conversation Allison Eddins wants to reorganize ideas and reformat her overview guidance document. She will pass along new concept to HRAC.

Repainting section (3.7)

Dorene Lorenz initially worried about the vagueness . . . “repainting carefully”. But Gary Gillette and Allison Eddins noted specifics came in the language beneath the heading.

Incorporating new development and new districts

Shannon Crossley wanted to know how CBJ and the Downtown Historic District Standards view new construction and changed or new districts in the future. Allison Eddins noted Chapter 8 and new guidance she is working on. Gary Gillette current implementation to property in the existing boundary of the downtown historic district but noted that the Juneau Culture and Preservation Plan introduces a larger scope of interest.

2. Northern Lights Church Project

Allison Eddins wanted to give heads up of Northern Lights Church to develop idea to mark historic church history. The local Presbyterian Church was a first to integrate in 1939 (where the older Rainbow Foods shop was). The church moved during urban renewal efforts in the 1970s. The National Presbyterian Church wants to develop a ceremony, recognition, and public acknowledgement to mark that integration moment. Possibly a plaque on the downtown fire station might be considered. There is a separate comment working on event and support development.

VI. Committee Comments

Capital School Park

Zane Jones noted public meeting planned this next Tuesday on Capital School Park project. There is link on City and Borough of Juneau Parks and Recreation website. HRAC had some past connection when it reviewed the Empty Chair installation.

Adjournment: 6:19 pm
Next meeting February 3, 2021