

Agenda of the City and Borough of Juneau
Historic Resources Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting – June 16, 2021
Zoom Webinar Meeting

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of May Minutes
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Review of 2020 Annual Report
- VI. Deckhand Dave's proposed master plan
- VII. New Business

Next Meeting – July 7, 2021

City and Borough of Juneau
Historic Resources Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting – May 5, 2021
Zoom Webinar Meeting
Draft Minutes

Members:

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P Sarah Hieb	P Gary Gillette	P Dorene Lorenz
Olivia Lihou	P Chuck Smythe	P Shannon Crossley

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- I. Call to Order
 - Meeting called to order at 5:06 pm.
- II. Approval of Agenda
 - Agenda approved as is.
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - Unanimous approval of April minutes.
- IV. Public Comment
 - No public comment.
- V. Valentine Building Canopy Project
 - Ms. Crossley, representing Northwind on this project, recused herself from the committee discussion for tonight.
 - The owners of the Valentine Building would like to replace the existing wood frame canopy with a steel and glass re-design.
 - HRAC felt that this modern interpretation of a historic building element is in line with the Design Standards and Guidelines.
 - The glass will allow more light to reach the sidewalk and the businesses.
 - The canopy's profile would be reduced from 12" to 6". This more in line with the original canopy profile.
 - The historic connection plates will be replaced with new, stronger plates.
 - HRAC recommended that the connection plates be kept minimal.
 - The building owners would like the canopy profile to either be a solid charcoal color or decorated with a diamond motif.
 - HRAC recommended the solid charcoal.
 - The new canopy would have a 2" overhang along the fascia line.
 - The overhang would mimic the look of the original canopy and will re-create the shadow line that is evident in early photographs of the 1930s canopy.
 - HRAC recommended that downspouts, if installed, should be hidden in order to avoid unnecessary vertical lines along the two building facades.
 - HRAC voted to write a letter of support for the project.

VI. Committee Comments

- The grant application for the survey and inventory of the Juneau Townsite was submitted on April 16th.
- The Alaska Historic Commission is meeting on May 25th to review grant proposals.

VII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm

Next Meeting – June 2, 2021



CBJ Historic Resources Advisory Committee

2020 Annual Report

Prepared by the City and Borough of Juneau and the Historic Resources Advisory Committee

On behalf of Juneau's Historic Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC), the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) is pleased to present the 2020 Annual Report to the Alaska Office of History and Archaeology. This document provides an overview of HRAC's work over the past year.

Concerns over COVID-19 and a mandated city lock down caused HRAC to miss six of their 11 meetings scheduled for 2020. Like the rest of the country (and world!) HRAC began holding virtual meetings in June 2020. Committee members and the public quickly adopted this new meeting format and HRAC's regularly scheduled meetings were able to resume.

Concerns about the decline in tourism dominated the public conversations in 2020. In a typical summer, downtown Juneau receives approximately 1 million cruise ship passengers. Many of these passengers spend the day walking through Juneau's historic neighborhoods and frequenting the local shops and restaurants. Some of these shops have remained closed. Currently, there are six vacant buildings within Juneau's downtown commercial core. The vacancy issue and the decrease in private investment are topics that are being addressed in Juneau's latest area plan – Blueprint Downtown. This area plan will compliment Juneau's Historic and Cultural Preservation Plan.

A. LOCAL PRESERVATION ORDINANCES:

- The CBJ Assembly adopted Ordinance 2021-07 on March 16, 2020. The ordinance adopted the City and Borough of Juneau's Historic and Cultural Preservation Plan. This plan was made possible through the State Historic Preservation Office CLG grant funds. This is Juneau's first officially adopted preservation plan.

B. HISTORIC RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

In accordance with the CBJ Land Use Code and HRAC's governing resolution, the Historic Resources Advisory Committee is entrusted with the following duties:

- Review and make recommendations on local projects that might affect properties identified in the local Historic Preservation Plan;
- Review and develop nominations to the National Register of Historic Places for properties within the City and Borough of Juneau;
- Cooperate and consult with the Assembly and the Community Development Department, and the State Historic Commission on matters concerning the historical district and historic, prehistoric and archaeological preservation in the City and Borough of Juneau;
- Review and make recommendations about the collections, exhibits, education programs, long-range plans, and other pertinent activities of the Juneau-Douglas City Museum; and

- Perform other actions which are necessary and proper to carry out the above duties.

In 2020, HRAC was comprised of the following members, with the specific seat held at the time, and professional background:

- Zane Jones – Architect, MRV Architects (Chair)
- Don Harris (Vice Chair) – Retired Psychologist, historic home owner, and Board of Directors for Friends of the Juneau-Douglas City Museum
- Shauna McMahon (Recorder) – State Natural Resource Specialist, State Museum docent
- Shannon Crossley – Associate Architect, Northwind Architects
- Gary Gillette – Architect, Member of Gastineau Channel Historic Society and CBJ Liaison to Treadwell Historic Preservation and Restoration Society
- Sarah Hieb – member of Juneau Police Department (appointed in July 2020)
- Olivia Lihou – teacher with the Juneau School District (appointed July 2020)
- Dorene Lorenz – Host, Coastal Television Broadcasting Company, LLC, member of Pioneers of Alaska (Joined in August 2019)
- Chuck Smythe - Director, History & Culture Department of Sealaska Heritage Institute

Allison Eddins, Planner from the Community Development Department (CDD), Beth McKibben, Senior Planner and Niko Sanguinetti, Curator at the Juneau Douglas City Museum, served as the staff liaisons between the CBJ and the Historic Resource Advisory Council.

In a typical year, the Historic Resources Advisory Committee would hold regular monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of every month, with the exception of August. However, 2020 was unique. In March non-essential meetings were canceled and the community went into a "stay at home" order. Luckily, meetings resumed virtually in June. All of the meeting agendas and minutes are attached to this report.

C. SURVEY AND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES:

- No new properties were surveyed or inventoried during 2020.

D. PRESERVATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES: HRAC reviewed the following projects.

- Section 106 Project Reviews:
 - New Wireless Tower at 3500 N. Douglas (JN3072/Kowee Creek) – AT&T Mobility, LLC proposed the development of a new 100-foot tall stealth, steel monopine tower. AT&T hired Environmental Assessment Specialists, Inc. (EAS) to conduct a review of the proposed development for compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for review under the National Historic Preservation Act (47 CFR Part I, dated January 4, 2005). Based on information and data provided by the Alaska Historic Resource Survey, there are no historic and culturally significant resources located within the Area of Potential Effect. The immediate surrounding area is heavily developed with buildings and large infrastructure. HRAC did make the applicant aware of the potential for visual impacts and encourages the use of a stealth monopine tower.

○ Kensington Mine Plan of Operations Programmatic Agreement – The Kensington Gold Mine leases land from the US Forest Service within the boundaries of the City and Borough of Juneau. CBJ acted as a concurring party. The 390 acre APE is within the Berners Bay Historic District, which includes three smaller historic mining districts. There are cultural and historic resources within the APE. The Tongass National Forest (TNF) and Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) have determined that adverse effects to these historic resources is likely. The Chilkoot Indian Association, Chilkat Indian Village, Tlingit-Haida Central Council, Sealaska, and Kootznoowoo, Inc. were all consulted for this resources assessment. HRAC encouraged Coeur, Inc. (owners of Kensington) to consider consulting the Auk Kwáan Tribe, as well. The APE includes the Sacred Mountain area, which is culturally significant for the Auk people.

➤ **Downtown Historic District Project Reviews:**

- 241 Front Street – The J.J. Stocker Building was originally constructed in 1891 and later underwent a major alteration in 1935. The structure is a contributing building within the Downtown Juneau Historic District. The proposal that was brought to HRAC included replacing ten façade windows on the second and third floors. All ten windows were replaced in 1935 when the third story was added. Two of the windows were later replaced with modern vinyl windows. The remaining eight windows were single hung, wood frame. The proposal was to replace the eight wooden windows and the two vinyl windows with durable single hung fiber glass windows. The fiber glass trim will be dark brown to match the current wooden trim. The new windows will be the same size as the existing windows within $\frac{1}{4}$ ". The project also includes removing old telephone cables and wires, repairing damaged stucco and repainting the building's exterior. Paint colors have not been selected at this time. HRAC voted unanimously to recommend approval for this project and cited Design Guideline 5.6 is their recommendation to approve this project.

Before



Nearing Completion



E. NATIONAL REGISTER PROGRAM PARTICIPATION:

- HRAC did not propose any new nominations to the National Register in 2020.

F. PUBLIC EDUCATION PROJECTS:

In 2020, the Juneau Douglas City Museum offered historical presentations, walking tours, lectures and exhibits.

Program Type	Total # Of Programs	Total # of Attendees	NOTES
School Tours	4	104	
Other Education Tours	15	164	Russian Old Believers Close-Up Student Debate group Robot Tours (11)
First Friday	5	629	1 Virtual
Coffee & Collections	2	35	
City Salon	2	124	
Curator Talks	5	125	
True Crimes Walking Tour	1	6	
Other Programs	5	211	Walter Soboleff Day Death by Chocolate Echoes of War Panel
TOTALS	38	1398	

Accession Packages – 44 with a total of 395 items

Accessioned Items – 959

Exhibits – 7

G. ADVOCACY AND PRESERVATION

Wooshkeetaan Totem Pole

The City Museum has been working with various stakeholders to reinstall Wooshkeetaan Kootéeyaa (totem pole) in the Alaska State Office Building (SOB) in Juneau. The kootéeyaa has been in storage since it was taken down from in front of Centennial Hall in 2016. At 40 feet tall,

the kootéeyaa is too large for almost all buildings in Juneau. The City Museum finally got approval to raise the totem pole in the SOB after petitioning the state for several years. The next step in the project will be conducting some preservation work on the kootéeyaa before transporting and raising it in the SOB. The project is being guided by an Advisory Committee of speakers for Áak'w K'wáan Wooshkeetaan clan. The raising will be accompanied by a dedication ceremony and celebration.

Funter Bay Project

The City Museum has been working with a large working group of stakeholders across the state on various initiatives pertaining to the Unanga̋ internment camps at Funter Bay on Admiralty Island from WWII. These initiatives include a museum exhibit, the protection of the cemetery through a legislative bill, and the creation and installation of interpretive panels onsite at Funter Bay. The exhibit was installed in June of 2020. The legislative bill went through to the Senate but was stalled due to Covid-19. The bill will be reintroduced in the house at the next legislative session. The panels are currently in development by the working group.

Veteran's Memorial Building

The Juneau-Douglas City Museum resides in the Veterans Memorial Building which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on June 7, 2006. Completed in 1951, the building was the first major community project initiated by Juneau residents and housed the Juneau Memorial Library until the mid-1980s when the library outgrew the space and the City Museum took up residence. The building was also the site of the July 4th 1959 Statehood Ceremony where the 49-star flag was first flown in Alaska and still flies today. Due to the age of the building and the general environmental conditions associated with Juneau, water infiltration and leaks occur mostly in the basement. Unfortunately, the majority of the leaks are located in rooms dedicated to storage of objects in the JDCM permanent collection. The City Museum has taken steps to begin assessing the cause of the leaks with the goal of finding a long term solution for the water incursion issue. Through a Grant-in-Aid from the Alaska State Museum, we have had an assessment conducted by Northwind Architects. Next a course of action will be decided upon with the assistance of Building Maintenance, Engineering, and the Northwind Architects.

Fish Trap

The City Museum is the caretaker of an Indigenous fish trap that was used in the Kaxdigoowu Héen (Montana Creek) area between 700-900 years ago. It was excavated in 1991 under permit 49-JUN-453 and was a joint project of Sealaska, the City and Borough of Juneau, and the Alaska State Museum (ASM). Initially the trap was taken to ASM where it was treated with polyethylene glycol for one year. ASM lacked exhibit space so the trap was kept in storage until 2005 when the JDCM was awarded a Grant-in-Aid to exhibit the trap. The fish trap is particularly significant because it was the first basketry-style fish trap to be discovered in an archaeological context on the Northwest Coast. The City Museum has vetted the issue of ownership and it is still unclear

whether the Montana Creek property is City or State lands. The City Museum awaits a determination on ownership from SHPO. The exhibit case that houses the fish trap is showing some signs of wear and the fish trap has been on display without rest for 15 years which is not museum best practice.

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