

Douglas Advisory Board (DAB)
April 20, 2022– APPROVED MINUTES

Call to order: 5:33pm

Members present: Teri Tibbett (Chair), Mary Kay Pusich, Joyce Vick, Ed Schoenfeld, Jo Wulffenstein, Kayla Mount.

Others present: Michele Elfers CBJ Parks & Recreation

I. Approval of Agenda. Approved.

II. Approval of Minutes 3.16.22. Approved.

III. Public Participation on non-agenda items. None.

IV. Presentation(s): Michele Elfers presented on current CBJ activities related to Douglas Island, including Savikko Park improvements, shelters, drainage, wheelchair ramps, concrete curbing, benches, lighting, playground surfacing, and ball field turf. Additional efforts include developing a disc golf course, establishing a new trailhead and parking lot at the Mt. Jumbo Trail; developing community garden beds (Crow Hill, 4th Street); and developing a Fish Creek Park.

Discussion included suggestions for a dog park; request for links to CBJ projects, advance notice, and inclusion in CBJ planning processes; invitation for Ms. Elfers to present updates to DAB once or twice per year; invitation from Ms. Elfers for DAB members to attend CBJ Parks & Rec meetings second Tuesday monthly.

Ms. Elfers addressed Savikko rest rooms, including: cleaning and maintenance costs driving availability and open times; impacts and costs related to vandalism and homeless patrons; repairs and renovations (showers for boat owners). Ms. Elfers noted that funding for maintenance, repairs, expanded open times, and renovations is approved by the Assembly and DAB can advocate for this funding with the Assembly. Members requested an estimate for costs to keep Savikko rest rooms open more often.

V. Unfinished Business

- **Douglas Island Cemeteries.** Teri met with Mayor Weldon, who said the Assembly has received the DAB letter requesting CBJ assume ownership and maintenance of some Douglas cemeteries, with back-up materials. She will follow-up with CBJ staff to better understand the funding and legal considerations and report back to DAB with a response.
- **“Welcome to Douglas Island” Sign at the Roundabout.** No update.
- **Rest Rooms at Savikko Park.** See comments from Michele Elfers above.

VI. New Business.

- Request Assembly liaison to DAB. Two Assembly members currently live on Douglas Island. A request has been made to Mayor Weldon to appoint an Assembly member to serve as liaison to DAB.

VII. Reports.

- **CBJ Assembly (?)** No update.
- **Planning Commission/Community Development (John).** No update.
- **Juneau Area Plans/Steering Committee (Joyce).** No update.
- **Lands & Resources (Mary Kay).** No update.
- **Parks & Rec (Ed).** No update.
- **Docks & Harbors (Joyce)** Joyce reported on projections for the future impacting Douglas, including \$148,000 for pile installation. For more information, review presentation by Docs & Harbors online.
- **Treadwell Historical Society (Mary Kay/Joyce).** No update.
- **Douglas 4th of July Committee (Joyce).** No update.
- **Treadwell Ditch Trail Renovation Project (Ed).** No update.
- **Eaglecrest Ski Area (Teri).** Funding for the gondola (primarily for summer operations) has been approved for purchase by CBJ, and arrangements for shipping to Juneau from Austria are underway. They are also working on improving biking and country skiing trails, with future plans for a mid-station drop off and tubing hill at the mid-station; tour packages to increase usage; and identifying revenue options for long-term Eaglecrest sustainability.
- **Juneau-Douglas North Crossing PEL Study (Teri).** The PEL (Planning and Environmental Linkage) Study is underway to evaluate a possible transportation corridor connecting North Douglas Island with mainland Juneau. Teri serves on the advisory committee, which is coordinated by the DOWL engineering firm, Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, and the City & Borough of Juneau. The committee, made up of a wide variety of stakeholders, is reviewing and discussing economic impacts, emergency response, travel time, congestion, access to recreation and developable land, impacts to wetlands and habitat, and impacts to local residents and neighborhoods. Upcoming opportunities for public comment and other information is available on the JD North Crossing website: www.jdnorthcrossing.com.

VIII. Public Participation on agenda items. None.

IX. Comments/Questions/Announcements from DAB Members. None.

X. Adjourned: 7:03pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 5:30pm