



City and Borough of Sitka

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SITKA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Monthly Meeting

Held at Harrigan Centennial Hall

330 Harbor Drive

March 14, 2018 6 PM

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Chair Littlefield called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

Present: Littlefield, Poulson, Sopow, Saline, Sam, Miyasato (Assembly liaison)

Absent: Pollnow (excused), Dittmar (excused), Douglas, Eisenbeisz (Assembly alternate)

Staff: Samantha Pierson

Public: Stephanie Kruse, Tammy Young

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M-Poulson/S-Saline moved to approve the agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) February 14, 2018

M-Sopow/S-Poulson moved to approve the February 14, 2018 meeting minutes with an addition under Commissioner Discussion to state that that part of the Historic Preservation Commission's responsibility is to review inventory. Motion passed 5-0.

IV. GUESTS &/OR PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Stephanie Kruse gave an overview of the Stratton library project. Pierson explained the status of building permits and asked the commission for input as to whether the commission wanted to review the project. Kruse clarified that the only exterior work occurring at this time is the replacement of an exterior door. Poulson stated that the building is not contributing to the National Historical Landmark. Littlefield stated that the commission would like to have input when exterior work is done.

V. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Chair: None.

Commissioners: Poulson reported on a museum presentation at 7PM this evening.

Assembly liaison: Ben Miyasato introduced himself as the new Assembly liaison and stated that he is here to learn and speak on the behalf of the commission.

Miyasato stated his appreciation for the service of commissioners.

Staff: Pierson reported that the Planning Department staff are working on a

cemetery rezone project and will be in contact with owners and managers. Commissioners asked clarifying questions. Sam stated support for the project but also some impatience. Sam stated that the Russian cemetery is currently zoned Residential but this proposal would change that and give recognition.

VI. REQUESTS FOR REVIEW

- a) Ray Gorney for Calvary Chapel – 342 Lincoln Street
New Radio Antenna

Commission discussed the request and location. The antenna would be placed on the roof of Stereo North.

M-Sopow/S-Saline moved to recommend approval of the request for review for a new radio antenna at 342 Lincoln Street. Motion passed 5-0.

VII. SECTION 106 REVIEW

- a) 5307 Halibut Point Road – Alaska DOT
Relocation of Fuel Storage Tank

M-Sopow/S-Poulson moved to make recommendations to DOT.

Commission discussed the proposal to remove a 1000 gallon underground fuel tank and install a new 1000 gallon aboveground fuel tank. Poulson estimated that the terminal building was built in the 1980s. Commissioners determined that they had no comment to submit.

Sopow withdrew her motion.

VIII. COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION – No Motions May Be Made

Sopow asked about conflict of interest if she approached Planning Department staff about working on a future cemetery GIS project. Littlefield opined that there would be no conflict if money isn't involved. Pierson directed her to ask the Municipal Clerk and Municipal Attorney if she had any concern.

Bob Sam stated that he was reappointed to the commission for a three-year term and reluctantly accepted. Sam stated resentment that the commission's election was held before he was reappointed to the commission. Sam wanted to know if there has been any tribal input when buildings, streets, and rooms in public buildings are named and stated that this input must occur. Tlingit names should not be assigned without tribal involvement. Sam stated that the commission's two tribally appointed commissioners are not kept informed. Sam would like to see the STA appointees listed as "tribal liaisons" on the roster and given the same status as Assembly liaisons. Sam stated that much can be accomplished if the city and STA work together. Sam asked that things aren't done "for us" but "with us." Littlefield responded that the museum worked with the tribe and Nancy Douglas to coordinate an elders committee to name the rooms. Littlefield stated that Sam did not attend

committee meetings for a while and it was difficult to gather a quorum. Littlefield stated that Sam's involvement on the commission is very important. Littlefield asked if Sam was not at the meeting when the election was held. Littlefield and Miyasato clarified that liaisons are not voting members so if he would like to be able to participate, he should not become a liaison. Sam stated that he was considering stepping down from the commission. Poulson stated that the election wasn't intended to exclude Sam and stated appreciation for Sam's contribution to the commission. Pierson stated that elections are held every January. Sopow asked Sam not to step down from the commission and encouraged him to think about his decision. Sam stated that he is aging and has concern for the future of the town's cemeteries.

Sam reported that the herring rock ceremony was held today and it went very well.

IX. SET NEXT MEETING DATE(S):

(2nd Wednesday of the Month, 6 pm **Harrigan Centennial Hall**)
Wednesday, April 11, 2018 – Regular Monthly Meeting

X. ADJOURNMENT

M-Poulson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM. Motion passed 5-0.

Attest:
Samantha Pierson, Planner I