



# City and Borough of Sitka

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## **SITKA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Regular Monthly Meeting

**Held at Harrigan Centennial Hall**

**330 Harbor Drive**

April 11, 2018 6 PM

### **Minutes**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** Chair Littlefield called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.  
Present: Littlefield, Poulson, Dittmar, Douglas, Sam (arrived 6:22)  
Absent: Pollnow (excused), Sopow (excused), Saline  
Assembly liaison: Miyasato (arrived 6:43)  
Staff: Samantha Pierson  
Public: John Leach, Rebecca Poulson
- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
**M-Poulson/S-Douglas moved to approve the agenda. Motion passed 4-0.**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a) March 14, 2018  
**M-Poulson/S-Douglas moved to approve the March 14, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion passed 4-0.**
- IV. **GUESTS &/OR PERSONS TO BE HEARD**
- V. **REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

Chair: None.  
Commissioners: Poulson reported that the Bishop's House will be changing their display. Dittmar stated that the new display has been in the works for a while.  
Assembly liaison: None.  
Staff: None.
- VI. **REQUESTS FOR REVIEW**
  - a) John and Andrea Leach – 750 Alice Loop  
New House

Leach stated that a variance has been approved. Littlefield gave an overview of the commission's recommendations on construction projects. Poulson informed the applicant that there is a National Historic Landmark in the vicinity.

Commissioners discussed the formation of modern Alice Loop by filling in between several islands.

**M-Douglas/S-Poulson moved to recommend approval of the request for review for a new house at 750 Alice Loop. Motion passed 4-0.**

- b) AT&T – 1330 Seward Avenue  
New Generator

Commissioners discussed possible need for Section 106 Review. Littlefield stated that she has heard there were maps in the control tower. Commissioners discussed the concern for allowing reuse while also preserving the tower.

**M-Douglas/S-Dittmar moved to recommend approval of the request for review for a new generator at 1330 Seward Avenue with the condition that SHPO concurrence is sought on the generator pad location and internal tower work. Motion passed 4-0.**

## VII. SECTION 106 REVIEW

- a) 801 Lincoln Street – Sitka Fine Arts Camp  
Fraser Hall Façade Exterior Walls and Entry

Rebecca Poulson gave an overview of the restoration project and grant requirements for SHPO, NEPA, and HPC review. Project will include repainting, replacing missing trim, uncovering trim, relocating door to original location with new door to match the original. James Poulson disclosed that he is on the board of Sitka Fine Arts Camp. R. Poulson stated that the National Park Service has been involved. R. Poulson stated that the campus projects were featured in a national preservation newsletter. Sam encouraged R. Poulson to check out the attic. R. Poulson stated that they have begun the difficult work of interpreting the history of the campus. Sam stated that graves of dorm matrons were recently found in the old city cemetery. Sam asked about windows, and R. Poulson stated that the original windows will be used with storm windows inside. Sam asked about the electrical, and R. Poulson stated that the electrical is up to date. R. Poulson stated that interior restoration may occur in the future. Dittmar stated appreciation for the way the public is included in the process. R. Poulson stated that draft interpretive sign plans will be sent out soon for input. Sam stated that it would be nice to have Merrill photos of students inside the buildings. J. Poulson stated that some photos are mounted in Whitmore.

**M-Dittmar/S-Sam moved to make a statement of support for the Fraser Hall Façade project. Motion passed 4-0.**

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a) CBS Planning Department  
Cemetery Rezone

Sam stated that the blockhouse parcel should also be rezoned as part of this proposal. Pierson gave an overview of the proposed rezone project. Poulson stated that it's long overdue. Dittmar stated that the blockhouse lot should be included in the rezone. Littlefield stated that she doesn't know where the little cemeteries fit in. Sam stated that the tribe should look at pocket cemeteries within their jurisdiction. Sam pointed out the veteran cemetery expansion and old Chinese cemetery. Dittmar spoke of her work with overgrown cemeteries in Hawaii.

**M-Poulson/S-Dittmar moved to support the rezone project and make the recommendation that the Orthodox rectory parcel be included in the rezone, expand the veteran cemetery on the rezone map toward the trooper academy, and support continued study of the boundaries of the Chinese cemetery. Motion passed 4-0.**

**IX. COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION – No Motions May Be Made**

Poulson was proud that Sitka's history was on display and acknowledged Sam's recent presentation. Sam reported that ANB is working toward transferring the cemetery on Indian River to STA.

**X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE(S):**

(2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month, 6 pm **Harrigan Centennial Hall**)

**Wednesday, May 9, 2018** – Regular Monthly Meeting

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**M-Poulson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM. Motion passed 4-0.**

Attest:  
Samantha Pierson, Planner I