



# City and Borough of Sitka

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## **SITKA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Special Meeting

**Held at City Hall**

**100 Lincoln Street**

May 26, 2017 12 pm

**Final Minutes**

**I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** Chair Pollnow called the meeting to order at 12:07 PM.

Present: Pollnow, Dittmar, Littlefield, Sopow

Absent: Saline, Poulson, Sam, Swanson (Assembly Liaison)

Staff Liaison: Samantha Pierson

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**M-Sopow/S-Dittmar moved to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.**

**III. GUESTS &/OR PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

**IV. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

Staff: Pierson reported that a book release party for Jack Calvin's "Square Rigged" would be held Friday, June 2 at 6:30 PM at Old Harbor Books. Pierson stated that the Assembly appointed Martha Moses to the STA alternate seat.

**V. REQUESTS FOR REVIEW**

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

US Forest Service Programmatic Agreement

Pollnow stated that the draft has been updated since the last draft considered by the commission. Littlefield asked if the USFS follows federal procedures.

Pollnow stated her opinion that this agreement is to circumvent Section 106.

Commissioners discussed professional qualifications and standards (page 3).

Dittmar stated that when she was working, she had concerns regarding the paraprofessional program and related funding pressures. Dittmar stated that sometimes Section 106 cannot be followed due to time and money. Pollnow stated that time and money aren't an excuse to go against the law. Regarding cultural resource recording, Littlefield expressed concern for properties with

unregistered cultural resources being made available for sale. Pollnow expressed concern for timely records storage. Commissioners discussed activities carried out under an authorization (page 25), and recommended that authorization be granted by a qualified heritage professional. Commissioners discussed Ground Disturbances and culturally modified trees (page 27). Pollnow would like to clarify that trees are included as plants in the document. Dittmar stated that in her experience, every project goes through the heritage resource manager. Commissioners stated concern with the statement that timber management has little or no potential to affect historic properties (page 29). Pollnow stated that as GIS models are updated, ethnographic inventory should be updated (page 42). Pollnow doesn't see the need to single out Prince of Wales Island, and is concerned that some surveys may be conducted without field work (page 44). Dittmar stated that research is conducted and records are referenced before determinations are made. Littlefield and Dittmar stated that professionals can make mistakes. Pollnow stated that protocols should be in place to encourage professionals to do the best that they can. Pollnow stated that records should be documented with AHRS as well as in the Forest Service archives.

**M-Littlefield/S-Sopow moved to approve the draft programmatic agreement submitted by the Forest Service.**

**M-Littlefield/S-Dittmar moved to amend the original motion to include comments compiled by the board. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Main motion as amended passed unanimously.**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

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

**IX. SET NEXT MEETING DATE(S):**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month, 6 pm **Harrigan Centennial Hall**)  
**Wednesday, June 14, 2017** – Regular Monthly Meeting

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**M-Littlefield/S-Sopow moved to adjourn at 1:30 PM. Motion passed unanimously.**

Attest:  
Samantha Pierson, Planner I