



City and Borough of Sitka

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SITKA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Monthly Meeting

Held at Harrigan Centennial Hall

330 Harbor Drive

July 12, 2017 6 pm

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Chair Pollnow called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present: Pollnow, Dittmar, Poulson, Sopow, Sam

Absent: Littlefield – excused, Saline – excused, Moses, Swanson (Assembly liaison)

Staff: Samantha Pierson

Public: Peter Weiland, Larry Jackson

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a) June 14, 2017 minutes

M-Poulson/S-Sam moved to approve the June 14, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion passed 5-0.

b) June 27, 2017 minutes

M-Poulson/S-Dittmar moved to approve the June 27, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion passed 5-0.

IV. GUESTS &/OR PERSONS TO BE HEARD

V. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Pierson shared correspondence from Paul Cotter regarding the completion of the Stevenson Hall roof project. Pierson shared a letter from the National Park Service regarding the piping enclosure at Mt. Edgecumbe High School.

Pollnow stated that the city's Chief Financial and Administrative Officer shared concerns for pass-through grants and subcontracting in a memo attached to the cemetery grant application. Pollnow stated that she hopes to meet with the CFAO. Pollnow stated that the city is concerned with federal guidelines and is now taking

an administrative fee from pass-through grants.

Poulson stated that the façade work on the Pioneer Home is complete. Poulson stated that the log haul at the Science Center is being refurbished. Poulson stated that Father Oleksa's presentation at the Chamber was postponed. Dittmar stated that he may be back in Sitka later this summer.

VI. REQUESTS FOR REVIEW

- a) Peter Weiland – 110 College Drive
Fraser Hall on Sheldon Jackson Campus – Exterior Remodeling

Poulson recused himself, stating that he is on the Alaska Arts Southeast board and may volunteer on the project.

M-Sopow/S-Dittmar moved to approve the request for review for exterior remodeling at 110 College Drive.

Peter Weiland and Larry Jackson represented the project. Jackson stated that Whitmore Hall and North Pacific Hall have undergone similar projects. Jackson stated that this is the sixth year of the college internship program. The focus is on the wood window panels. Jackson stated that the finished exterior will look like it did in 1910.

Sam stated appreciation that the building will look as it did originally so that historic photos can be more easily identified.

Dittmar asked about the difference in shingle colors. Weiland stated that the paint has progressively lightened over time as buildings were repainted. Poulson stated that the recipe for the original stain is known. Jackson stated that is difficult to get the stain to adhere over time. Pollnow asked if there is a qualified historic preservation professional on the project or if project staff plan to use the services of a qualified historic preservation professional, and Jackson stated no to both questions. Jackson stated that Poulson will be consulted. Poulson stated that NPS preservation professionals have been consulted regarding the campus and will be continually consulted as needed. Weiland stated that the NPS professionals went through the buildings prior to the North Pacific Hall project.

Motion passed 4-0.

- b) Sam Smith – 603 Lincoln Street
St. Gregory Catholic Church – New Covered Awning

M-Poulson/S-Sam moved to approve the request for review for a new

covered awning at 603 Lincoln Street.

Poulson and Dittmar stated that the structure is not yet historic but are adjacent to projects on the register. Pollnow stated that the project is also a noncontributing structure of the potential Mission District. Pollnow acknowledged that the finishes will match the existing structure. Dittmar stated that the proposed structure will not alter the cultural landscape.

Motion passed 5-0.

VII. COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION – No Motions May Be Made

Poulson stated that the Historic Preservation Plan mentioned a meeting in March, and stated that he would like to see more public comment. Pollnow stated that the meeting referenced the Planning Commission Comprehensive Plan meeting. Pollnow stated that the Commission has moved to pass the Plan on to the Assembly. Poulson stated that he had grammatical edits and Pollnow directed to give them to staff.

Sam stated that the Orthodox cemetery receives 50-100 tourists each time a cruise ship is in town. Sam stated that he is surprised that no one has gotten hurt because people walk all over the place and wipe down headstones. Sam stated that tourists want to know where Princess Maksoutoff is buried and he would like to see signage for this. Sam has considered roping of certain parts of the cemetery and doing a donation can so he can provide a guided tour. Sam stated that some students do rubbings of the gravestones. Dittmar asked if it would be helpful if the church put up signs, and Sam stated that he wasn't sure. Dittmar stated that a conversation should occur with the bishop. Dittmar stated that the new priest will begin August 2.

Dittmar stated that the bishop, archbishop, and metropolitan from Washington, DC will be in Sitka for the 150th.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE(S):

(2nd Wednesday of the Month, 6 pm **Harrigan Centennial Hall**)

Wednesday, August 9, 2017 – Regular Monthly Meeting

IX. ADJOURNMENT

M-Poulson/S-Dittmar moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Attest:
Samantha Pierson, Planner I