



City and Borough of Sitka

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SITKA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Monthly Meeting

Held at Harrigan Centennial Hall

330 Harbor Drive

December 13, 2017 6 PM

Minutes

- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** Vice-Chair Littlefield called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Present: Littlefield, Poulson, Dittmar, Sopow, Bean – Assembly liaison

Absent: Pollnow, Saline, Sam, Moses, Eisenbeisz – alternate Assembly liaison

Staff: Samantha Pierson

Public: Zach Porter, Adam Chinalski, Pete Hagan

- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

M-Poulson/S-Sopow moved to approve the agenda and move the requests for review before guests and persons to be heard. Motion passed 4-0.

- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) November 8, 2017

M-Poulson/S-Sopow moved to approve the November 8, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion passed 4-0.

- VI. REQUESTS FOR REVIEW**

a) Zach Porter – 612 Sawmill Creek Road
House Expansion

Poulson thanked Porter for attending the meeting. Porter stated that the most recent addition to the house was completed in 2003. Commissioners discussed that the proposal would not impact historic properties.

M-Poulson/S-Sopow moved to approve the request for review for a house expansion at 612 Sawmill Creek Road. Motion passed 4-0.

b) Adam Chinalski – 610 Biorka Street
Construction of New Garage with Accessory Dwelling Unit

Chinalski gave an overview of the project, and stated that he saved some of the windows, doors, and beams from the demolished house. Poulson discussed the

history of the demolished house and stated that he did what he could to document the structure.

M-Sopow/S-Poulson moved to approve the request for review for construction of a garage with accessory dwelling unit at 610 Biorka Street. Motion passed 4-0.

V. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Poulson reported that one of his photos will be in Preservation magazine. Bean reported that the Assembly approved a donation to the St. Michael's Cathedral renovation project.

IV. GUESTS &/OR PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Pete Hagan – St. Michael's Cathedral Repair Project

Dittmar stated that the cathedral is only 40 years old but is designated as a historic landmark because of the significant continual use and its relationship to significant historical features. Dittmar stated that they have been using the original blueprints. Pete Hagan stated that much of the work is deferred maintenance, and explained the 12 steps of necessary work. Hagan showed a model of the structure, a model of the roofing, and samples of salvaged roof wood. Hagan stated that after the fire, downtown structures were constructed with steel and concrete. Hagan talked through the blueprints. Bean stated that he voted against funding for the cathedral repair because taxpayer dollars shouldn't be used for religious purposes. Bean stated that the church benefits. Hagan stated that all Sitkans benefit from the cathedral. Dittmar stated that the State of Alaska has given money to religious establishments for similar projects. Dittmar stated that most of the donations received have come from non-Orthodox donors. Hagan stated that there is much more work to be done, but he is committed to the project.

VII. COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION – No Motions May Be Made

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE(S):

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

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 – Regular Monthly Meeting

IX. ADJOURNMENT

M-Poulson/S-Dittmar moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 PM. Motion passed 4-0.

Attest:
Samantha Pierson, Planner I