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## ***SITKA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION***

Regular Monthly Meeting

**Harrigan Centennial Hall**

February 12, 2025 6 p.m.

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

**Chair Littlefield called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.**

Present: Roby (Koolyéik) Littlefield (Chair), Dionne (Yeidíkok'áa) Brady-Howard (arrived at 6:15 p.m.), James (Kushxeet) Poulson, Candace Rutledge, Nicole Fiorino, Karen Lucas, Scott Saline (Assembly Liaison; arrived at 6:09 p.m.)

Staff: Kim Davis, Ariadne Will

Public: Rebecca Poulson, Lisa Killinger

#### **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**M/Poulson-S/Rutledge moved to approve the agenda with New Business moved to before Persons to Be Heard. Motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.**

#### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **a. January 8, 2025**

**M/Poulson-S/Fiorino moved to approve the January 8, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.**

#### **IV. GUEST &/OR PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

Lisa Killinger spoke under persons to be heard about a rumor she'd heard that Chris McGraw had purchased 408 and 410 Oja Way with the intention of demolishing an existing building and constructing a bus depot. Staff said that the rumor is unverified and that any plans to build a bus depot on Oja Way will need to come before the commission, as the properties mentioned are in Sitka's historic district.

Also under persons to be heard, Assembly Liaison Scott Saline had suggestions about the commercial use of Goddard Hot Springs. Saline indicated a desire for a moratorium on visitors at the hot springs and the construction of additional infrastructure at the site, which would be offset by a tax passed on to commercial visitors.

#### **V. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

No reports or correspondence were given.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

### **b. Historic Preservation Plan**

Rebecca Poulson provided the commission with an overview of the draft Historic Preservation Plan, which she had worked on updating in the time since the January 8 meeting. Updates included the addition of the historic context section requested by the commission in December and minor edits, like the reorganization of the goals and accompanying actions.

Poulson requested the commission hold a public meeting to request public input regarding the plan and, specifically, the goals section. She said she would like to see a more focused list of goals, and that a public meeting could clarify what goals should remain in the plan. The commission agreed with Poulson's idea.

**M/Brady-Howard-S/Poulson moved to propose a time for community input on March 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Centennial Hall in the Assembly chambers to clarify the existing Historic Preservation Plan and receive input from the public on the plan, especially the goals and actions the plan proposed. Motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.**

### **c. Memorial and Naming Policy**

Chair Littlefield said that she had not met with the subcommittee to work on the memorial and street naming policy as planned at the January 8 commission meeting. Brady-Howard said she would email Lucas and Fiorino to find a time to discuss the policy, and Chair Littlefield said she did not need to be a part of the subcommittee.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **d. Demolition of existing structure at 203 Kaagwaataan Street.**

Staff told the commission that Tyler Green was planning to demolish the existing structure at 203 Kaagwaataan Street. The commission noted that the structure was an old Kiks.ádi clan house, Kaḡátjaa Hít. The house was owned by Kendall Didrickson but had been unoccupied for a substantial period of time.

The commission requested staff write a letter to Green explaining the history of the structure as a clan house and requesting Green document the house before demolition. Poulson said he was willing to photograph the structure for free, and the commission recommended the documentation be provided to the Sitka Historical Society. Saline said that an oral history of the house could be given at a later Historic Preservation Commission meeting and recorded in the minutes.

The commission said it felt hesitant about the absence of site plans with the demolition application. Staff said that Green was working with the planning and building departments and that site plans would come before the commission when ready. Staff said that Green didn't currently have a concrete plan for the property, as development posed significant challenges.

**M/Poulson-S/Fiorino moved to recommend the request for demolition of an existing structure at 203 Kaagwaantaan Street. Motion passed 4-2 by voice vote with noted opposition.**

**e. New construction of single-family home at 726 Alice Loop.**

The commission said they had no concerns with the site plans submitted for construction at 726 Alice Loop and noted that the area was fill and the proposed single-family house was in keeping with the neighborhood.

**M/Poulson-S/Brady Howard moved to recommend the request for new construction of a single-family home at 726 Alice Loop. Motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.**

**VIII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE(S):**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month, 6pm **Harrigan Centennial Hall**)  
**Wednesday, March 12, 2025** – Regular Monthly Meeting

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Littlefield adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.