

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Commission Meeting
Wednesday, March 12, 2008
Harrigan Centennial Hall – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Commission Members Present: Peter Gorman, Anne Pollnow, Thelma Carter, Cindy Baldwin-Kitka, Dale Williams and Bill DeArmond. Excused: Pat Eliason

MOTION: Approval of Minutes from 3/3/08 & 3/10/08 (with changes incorporated tonight). 1st CBK, 2nd TC Unanimously Passed.

Additions to Agenda - Dale W. – asked to have STA correspondence discussed under Fort Rousseau.

Reports: Cindy BK – inquired to Dale in regards to Historical District (Village). Dale W. will report at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Thelma – Status of Walking Map. No status at this time. Grants are needed.
Preserve America Grant gave Ketchikan \$100,000
SHPO has grants that are due in September.

Historic Sites Inventory - USGC Quads with all the historic sites listed is located in Anchorage SHPO office. Doug Gasek, Historic Architect with the State Historic Preservation Office will be a liaison to the HPC. He will be visiting Sitka in the beginning of April. Peter will ask him to bring maps for copying. One copy will be provided to the planning department.

Melissa Marconi-Wentzel – talked to Peter about doing a program on all 8 National Landmarks. She will be working on the arrangements to view each of them.

New Business

Fort Rousseau – Dale W. presented a letter from STA dated 1/7/08 that gave their concerns with the land trade. STA took a position against the transfer. In their opinion when land is transferred from Federal to State the guarantees aren't the same in regards to native cultural values.

Bill D. – shared a letter he submitted personally that was in support of the Fort Rousseau transfer. The HPC discussed submitting a similar letter.

MOTION: Bill D. will draft a letter in support of the transfer of land. 1st TC 2nd BD.
Roll Call: Thelma C., Cindy BK, Peter G. Bill D. Anne P. in favor. Dale W. against
Motion passed.

MOTION: Anne will devise a letter to STA supporting the specific concerns conveyed in their letter. She will also describe the process that will be followed through the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 once the project is ready for review. 1st PG, 2nd TC. Passed Unanimously

Assembly Meeting Update – the assembly was brought up to speed on what the HPC duties are. The assembly has a better understanding of the HPC role through the presentation given. Professional qualifications of HPC members were discussed in regards to the CLG.

Planning Commission Meeting: Peter shared correspondence dated 3/4/08 from Wells Williams that requested the letter from the Sitka Historical Society asking the HPC to take over the street naming duties. Bill D. will follow-up on finding the letter.

The Planning Commission will also be addressing the street naming ordinance at their 3/18/08 meeting. Peter and Thelma will attend the meeting for public input.

Records & Archives – Peter would like to have a central area for keeping records. Need continuity from members to members. No solutions at this time.

April Agenda

SJ Update – The property is now available for sale.

Historic District (Village) Update

Interpretive Sign for the Sitka Naval Station -

Sign for the Native village at the blockhouse

Next meeting will occur on Wednesday, April 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Speerstra
Contractual Secretary