

Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Commission Meeting
March 14, 2007
Harrigan Centennial Hall – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Members in Attendance

Peter Gorman (chair), William DeArmond, Cindy Baldwin-Kitka, George Paul and Thelma Carter. Freda Aron was excused

Reports

Peter has not received responses from John Stein on several items. He will be meeting with John Stein on March 15th and will review: Water Tower on Japonski, Street Naming Policy, update on funds for Lisa Busch to write grant (Walking Map of Sitka), and the Historic Preservation Plan.

STA Survey Status – Cheryl Chandler (Culture Specialist STA), attended the meeting. She stated the objectives of the Historic Preservation Fund Grants.

1. Survey and inventory of properties and houses in the Sitka Indian Village
2. Nominate Historic Sites – clan houses or townsite buildings
3. Create Interactive Map with GIS layers of village lots, historic photos, and sound files.
4. Write comprehensive report of historic status of Sitka Indian Village

Work will begin on this project in April of 2007. Cheryl asked the HPC for assistance in regards to nominating sites to the Historic Registry. The Commission is very willing to assist.

Communications – Peter received information from the National Alliance of Preservation Commission. This is a national non-profit organization dedicated to local preservation commissions and their issues. This organization provides a source of information and support for local commissions. Linda will forward the membership cost and information to the C&B.

Peter also received a notice that the Comprehensive Plan was to be addressed at the Assembly meeting on March 13th.

Unfinished Business

Persons to Be Heard – see Cheryl Chandler under STA Survey Status

New Business

An at-large position is open for appointment. Bob Fehlberg will not be reapplying.

Cindy inquired about the origination of the 4 small homes on Baranof St. She had heard that they were once a container used to transfer fuselages for airplanes during WWII. There are a few others in town also. Cindy will contact Pete or Mike Hagan for additional information. Cindy would like to see some of these interesting facts and others published. Peter felt that the future Historic Preservation Plan could contain this information.

George asked the commission if a letter could be written to support the revival of Route 66 (Alaska Marine Highway Route). This route was exclusively sailed by the LeConte up until a few years ago and provided a north and southbound route for outlying communities. There would be an economic benefit to Sitka if this route was reinstated. The commission felt this may be better handled by the State Historic Preservation Office. George will contact them in Anchorage to inquire further.

Next Meeting Date

April 11, 2007 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Linda Speerstra