

SITKA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
October 24, 2007 Minutes

Present at meeting: Peter Gorman, Cindy Baldwin-Kitka, George Paul, Bill DeArmond, Thelma Carter and Patricia Eliason.

The agenda for this meeting was to discuss and rate the responsibilities of the HPC. Peter put together the main objectives of the commission and Mary Therese Thompson volunteered her time to act as the facilitator.

The HPC reviewed their responsibilities and scored each of the categories with the following ratings:

(Unmet) (Partially met) (Fully met) Unsure/don't know

All the responsibilities were scored and three priorities were developed overall.

1. Work toward the continuing education of citizens regarding historic preservation of the community's history;
2. Support the enforcement of the Alaska & National Historic Preservation Act (AS 41.35);
3. Develop a local historic preservation plan including provision for identification, protection and interpretation of the area's significant resources.

Once the priorities were identified Mary Therese led the group through further discussion of each.

Education

- Ask Kristen Griffin to present on what is a certified local government so the entire commission understands.
- Spotlight a historical site in the newspaper once a month
- Correct web info on the C&B website in regards to the commission
- Maintain a standing list of where we have provided nomination assistance
- Mystery Building in paper
- Ask Bob Fehlberg or other to do a public presentation and highlight related to historical preservation (restoration, Maritime Heritage Society, cultural highlights.

Support Preservation Act

- Trade off commission members to attend the Planning Commission meetings.
- Educate other commissions about what our authority is
- Agenda item - list of potential projects for which we'd like to apply for grant money
- Become involved in mitigation as needed

Develop a Plan

- Advance a Historic Preservation Plan
 - o Define what should be in the plan

- Street naming ordinance
 - Keep working through the city to send to the assembly
- Discussion about our responsibility in relation to Sheldon Jackson College
- New Commission member briefing on what's been accomplished "101 booklet"
- Update historical site walking map
- Progress report from STA on tribal district nomination

The Commission developed an action item list and will continue reporting back at each meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted,

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