

Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Commission Meeting
November 8, 2006
Harrigan Centennial Hall – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Members in Attendance

Peter Gorman (chair), William DeArmond, Bob Fehlberg, Thelma Carter and Freda Aron

Public Attendance

Thad Poulson

Commission approved the minutes from September 13 & October 11, 2006

Reports

Houk House – Thad reported that John Corak purchased the Houk House. He believes John will be catching up on maintenance and then using the house as a personal residence.

Status of Clan House on Katlian – Freda will contact STA to determine ownership. She will also inquire as to the definition of “Clan House” and who the Historical Preservation Officer is for the Tribe.

Alice Island Update – William attended the planning commission meeting where Roberta Flood gave her presentation. The planning commission and Shee Atika noted her information. Shee Atika will move forward selling the lots available on Alice Is.

Communications

Sitka Indian Village Historic District - Peter received an e-mail from John Stein C&B administrator in regards to a special district designation for the Sitka Indian Village (see attached letter). The commission felt that John S. should attend the next HPC meeting and describe further what he feels HPC can contribute to the possible “historic designation.” The following ideas were generated:

1. Collaborative effort from the C&B and STA
2. Contact Gil Truitt to view/copy the map of the old village.
3. HPC could define “historic district” using other communities’ historic district guidelines as examples.
 - a. Hire a professional to evaluate the old village once designation is created.
4. Possibly apply for grant monies from the Div. of Parks & Outdoor Rec. to inventory the old village.

Received an application from Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation – the turnaround time for the grant was 6 weeks. The deadline has already passed. The commission

discussed possibilities for next year. Following are the projects that may fit into the grant parameters:

1. Historic Walking Map
2. Cemetery Inventory
3. Indian Village mapping
4. Historic Preservation Plan

Kathy Hope Erickson – resigned from the HPC on 10/26/06. Linda will forward to April and have the position advertised. Kathy was appointed under the native community category.

Planning Commission – HPC recommends that a checklist be created for development. At this time the HPC is provided with an agenda of the planning commission meeting. HPC needs information earlier in order to determine whether and area being developed is of significance historically. Peter will add this to his discussion with John Stein.

Unfinished Business

Historic Preservation Plan – no further information

Street Name Policy – Peter will contact Wells Williams

Recognition of Thad Poulson & Anne Pollnow – no further action

Persons to Be Heard – none

New Business

Sitka Cemeteries – seek possible grant funding. Peter will contact Karen Meizner to see if she is able to meet with Robert Sam.

Water Tower on Japonski Is. – Peter will set up meeting with John Stein.

Restoration of Cannons – no action taken.

Walking Map of Sitka – seek possible grant funding.

Next Meeting Date

December 13, 2006 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Linda Speerstra