

Sitka Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

November 14, 2007

Members Present: B. DeArmond, P. Gorman, C. Baldwin-Kitka, Pat Eliason, Thelma Carter.

Community Member – Bob Medinger

Meeting called to Order at 7:00 PM, November 14, 2007

Addition to Agenda – Bob Medinger here to discuss walking map

Reports

Park Service would like HPC to attend their Long Range Planning Commission – Peter attended. Focus will be: interpretation of National Park. This will be a year long process. Open to the public. Peter will attend on behalf of the HPC. Cindy volunteered to fill if Peter was absent. The three areas to be discussed are lighting (bishop's house), exhibit specialist and interpretation.

Communications:

Darrell Lewis – Historian with the National Park Service submitted a letter to the ADOT/PF in regards to the proposed transfer of several islands and the WWII causeway. Cindy Baldwin-Kitka will write a letter on behalf of the HPC in support of this project.

Sitka Repository and Museum Consortium - Bob Medinger discussed the recent development. The Consortium is comprised of:

Sitka Historical Society & Museum

Sitka Tribe of Alaska

National park Service / Sitka National Historical Park

U.S. Forest Service

Southeast Alaska Indian Cultural Center

City of Sitka

SJ - Trustees

Collaborators: SJ Museum/State Museums, Sitka School District, State Parks, Sitka Ministerial Association, Community Members, Kettleon Library, Clans, and others to be determined.

Cindy made a motion to join the collaborative effort with the consortium. Peter 2nd. All members were in favor. Peter will attend meetings on behalf of the HPC. Cindy will be the back up.

Old Business

Strategic Planning Session – The HPC discussed their goals.

Anne forwarded information in regards: Law and the Historic Preservation Commission. She also forwarded links for Historic Preservation Plans.

Historic Inventory – Peter was able to locate a document that gave resources for historic areas but not the actual information itself. He also went to the C&B Planning Office to

find information. They weren't able to locate a document of that type. Cindy will begin work from baseline information on the historic inventory.

Walking Map – Bob Medinger discussed the grant and possibilities for a new walking map through other means. The HPC will begin work on this in 2008.

Bill DeArmond – provided the Law and the Historic Preservation Commission information to Board members.

Sheldon Jackson College Closure – Bob and Peter gave some additional information on the preservation of the historic quad, Stratton Library, Rasmusson Center, Sweetland Hall, etc. The plan is still evolving.

New Business

Elected Officers – Peter was elected Chairman, Bill D. was elected Vice Chairman. Unanimous in favor.

Possible Totem at Totem Square – Bob discussed the possible placement of the 1940's FS commission pole in the square. He also conveyed the 100 years of images of Tlingets that was now being displayed in the museum.

Next meeting: **December 12, 2007.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Submitted,

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Contractual Secretary