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SITKA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Special Meeting

Harrigan Centennial Hall

March 31, 2021 12 p.m.

FINAL MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Littlefield called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

Present: Roby Littlefield (chair), James Poulson, Ana Dittmar, Scott Saline, Bob Sam, Chuck Miller

Absent: None

Staff: Amy Ainslie, Ben Mejia

Public: Rebecca Poulson, Anne Pollnow, Adam Kersch

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M-Poulson/S-Dittmar moved to approve the agenda. Motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

III. GUESTS &/OR PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Anne Pollnow greeted the Commission and expressed her interest in the status of the Historic Preservation Plan. Sam expressed his thanks for Pollnow's attendance and extended an invitation to Pollnow to consider re-applying to join the Historic Preservation Commission. The Commission voiced their support.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Historic Preservation Fund Grants for Certified Local Governments – Application for Fraser Hall Heating System Design Project

M-Sam/S-Dittmar moved to support the application for a Historic Preservation Fund Grant for Certified Local Governments for the Fraser Hall Heating System Design Project as requested by Alaska Arts Southeast, Inc. Motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

Poulson recused himself, citing a conflict of interest as a board member of the intended grant recipient. Rebecca Poulson was present and represented the applicant. R. Poulson explained that the grant was to fund the installation of a heating system into Fraser Hall, a contributing resource of the Sheldon Jackson School National Historical Landmark. R. Poulson noted that the structure had gone without heat since 2007, and heating would increase the comfortable use of the building and the controlled environment would extend the preservation of the interior materials.

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Sam voiced support for the project but identified a necessary procedural step, that grants be submitted to Sitka Tribe of Alaska (STA) for tribal review. Ainslie stated that staff would coordinate with the appropriate STA staff for the grants to be reviewed at the next Tribal Council meeting.

- B. Historic Preservation Fund Grants for Certified Local Governments – Application for Japonski Island Boathouse Marine Ways Opening Repair Project

M-Sam/s-Miller moved to support the application for a Historic Preservation Fund Grant for Certified Local Governments for the Japonski Island Boathouse Marine Ways Opening Repair Project as requested by the Sitka Maritime Heritage Society. Motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

R. Poulson explained that the grant request would help fund repairs to repair the timbers, the replacement and repair of a wall, and installation of a restroom with accessible toiler to the addition. Ainslie asked if there was information regarding any covenant requirements placed on the property as a part of grant acceptance. R. Poulson responded that she believed a 5-year covenant would be expected from the State Historic Preservation Office but was not certain. Sam voiced support for the project and commented on a history exhibit held by the Sitka Maritime Heritage Society as a great teaching tool. Anne Pollnow expressed support for the project and stated that the proposal was in-line with grant priorities.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no objections, Chair Littlefield adjourned the meeting at 12:35pm.