



City and Borough of Sitka

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SITKA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Monthly Meeting

Harrigan Centennial Hall

October 14, 2020 6 p.m.

Final Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Littlefield called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

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

Absent: Bob Sam (excused), Crystal Duncan (assembly liaison)

Staff: Amy Ainslie, Ben Mejia

Public: John Hardwick, Tim Ryan, Logan Wild (Telephone)

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Commission agreed to rearrange the agenda so that New Business was considered before Reports and Correspondence, in respect of the attending applicants' time.

M-Poulson/S-Dittmar moved to approve the agenda, as amended. Motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 12, 2020 minutes

M-Poulson/S-Dittmar moved to approve the August 12, 2020 minutes. Motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

IV. GUESTS &/OR PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None

V. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Ainslie welcomed Chuck Miller to the Commission and expressed her thanks for his commitment to joining the Commission. Ainslie informed the Commission that the new city seal had been approved by the Assembly. Miller noted that Sitka Tribe of Alaska (STA) Cultural Resources committee had reviewed the submissions and provided input. Poulson noted that the artist had attended Sitka Fine Arts Camp.

Mejia informed the Commission of a new internship listing for a Student Historian for Mount Edgecumbe High School students. The intern would work on a research project of their choosing that would be presented in the form of a story map.

Poulson shared that the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) had published their

annual ‘Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties’ and the hospital in Ketchikan was on the list.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

B. Historic Preservation Plan

Ainslie reported that STA had requested an additional month to review the Historic Preservation Plan and provide comment. Littlefield noted that this was a ten-year-old project and she hoped to see it completed before she left the Commission. Miller informed the Commission that he was on the Cultural Resource committee for STA.

C. Commissioner Recruitment

Ainslie reported that staff continued to advertise for the vacant at-large seat.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

D. Construction at 409 Alice Loop

M-Poulson/ S-Dittmar moved to recommend approval of the project at 409 Alice Loop to construct a 10-plex. Motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

The applicant, John Hardwick, was present and told the Commission that the project was for a 10-plex to make housing at a reasonable cost. The property was for long-term rentals. Poulson commented that the reason this project was up for review was that the area was the location of an old naval base and the Commission had previously approved all construction on Alice Loop.

E. Placement of Electrical Equipment at 329 Katlian Avenue

M-Dittmar/ S-Poulson moved to recommend approval of the project at 329 Katlian Avenue to place electrical equipment. Motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

The applicant, Tim Ryan for North Pacific Seafoods, was present. Poulson asked if the project was to replace existing equipment. Ryan responded that the project was to replace the existing transformers, but that they would need to be placed in a different location. Littlefield asked what the timeline for the project was. Ryan said that his company had already been shut down for months and wanted to resume work as soon as possible although the transformers would not be delivered until November. Poulson explained that the Commission needed to review the plans because of the property’s location within the historic district of Sitka Indian Village. Dittmar asked what the size difference between the existing equipment and the new equipment was. Ryan responded that the new equipment was a little bigger at approximately 6 ft x 6 ft x 15 ft.

F. Renovation at 107 Finn Alley

M-Poulson/ S-Miller moved to recommend approval of the project at 107 Finn Alley to renovate. Motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

The applicant, Logan Wild, was present. Poulson mentioned that the work appeared to be done on part of the house that had already been renovated. The Commission found the project appropriate.

G. Construction at 1 Maksoutoff Street

M-Dittmar/ S-Miller moved to recommend approval of the project at 1 Maksoutoff to construct a ramp. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

Poulson recused himself because he was the applicant for the project. Poulson addressed the Commission as the applicant and explained that the plan was to build a ramp to make the house more accessible. His father had a knee replacement and a ramp with a gentler slope would make it easier for him to access the home. Poulson explained that the plans followed ADA guidelines. Poulson shared some history about the property, he stated that it sat on the location of a Russian salt mill. Littlefield shared that her husband had driven church belongings to the property at 1 Maksoutoff during the fire of 1966 that burned the church.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE(S):

(2nd Wednesday of the Month, 6 pm **Harrigan Centennial Hall**)

Friday, November 13, 2020 – Regular Monthly Meeting

Ainslie informed the Commission that the next regular meeting would fall on Veteran's Day, and that staff and Centennial Hall would not be available. After discussing their availability, Commissioners agreed that Friday, November 13th would work best as revised meeting date.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no objections, Chair Littlefield adjourned the meeting at 6:52 pm.