



City and Borough of Sitka

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SITKA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Monthly Meeting

Held at Harrigan Centennial Hall 330 Harbor Drive

February 12, 2020 6 p.m.

FINAL MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Littlefield called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Roby Littlefield (chair), Anne Pollnow, James Poulson, Scott Saline

Absent: Bob Sam, Ana Dittmar, Candace Rutledge, Kevin Mosher (assembly liaison)

Staff: Amy Ainslie, Andy Corak

Public: None

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M-Poulson/S-Littlefield moved to approve the agenda. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 11, 2019 minutes

M-Pollnow/S-Poulson moved to approve the December 11, 2019 minutes as amended. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote. Saline noted that he wished to clarify that the cadaver and body disposal near the seaplane base noted in the previous minutes pertained to First People's use and was not related to the Tuberculosis Mausoleum, or other more modern use.

IV. GUESTS &/OR PERSONS TO BE HEARD

V. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Ainslie introduced Andy Corak, new Planner I to the HPC. Ainslie noted the Certified Local Government (CLG) grant for the Sitka Women's Club was finalized by the State around 10 days prior. Ainslie stated that all pending summer projects relating to the CLG were completed, including St. Peter's and Sitka Maritime.

Saline spoke during persons to be heard and discussed a recent meeting he attended on decolonization. Saline noted that historical accuracy was important, and that discussions should not cherry-pick history that they liked or respected, without also acknowledging uncomfortable pieces of history as well. Saline felt that the group was off track in its discussion and needed guidance.

Pollnow noted the need for the community to listen to the first people and commented on the nature of history being one sided. She stated past tragedies couldn't be ignored and understood the need to feel heard.

Poulson noted the Elizabeth Peratrovich dollar coin was released.

Ainslie brought up the recent Cook Inlet downtown mixed-use housing project in Anchorage, named Elizabeth's Place, which included mixed use, affordable housing.

Pollnow asked for clarification about the status of the City seal redesign. Ainslie responded that the Sitka Assembly approved the change at their January 28th, 2020 session, and the redesign took the form of a contest, scheduled to close March 31st. Ainslie stated that the assembly was scheduled to make their decision in May. Ainslie also stressed the importance of the 2020 Census and requested that commission members pass the word along.

Pollnow discussed archeological sites around the No-Name Mountain development project, and stated development needed to account for the historic sites on the upland, as only beach sites had previously been surveyed. Pollnow also noted that the National Endowment of the Humanities was defunded.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Littlefield asked for an update on the Historic Preservation Commission's ongoing plan document. Pollnow responded that it needed formatting and would be available at the next meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Historic Preservation Grant Opportunities: Poulson provided a handout regarding current historic preservation grants listed through the Office of History and Archaeology. Poulson also noted the ongoing opportunity for women's historic sites and suggested of nominating the home of "China Mary" as a local story with a local historic landmark.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE(S):

(2nd Wednesday of the Month, 6 pm Harrigan Centennial Hall) Wednesday, March 11, 2020 – Regular Monthly Meeting

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no objection, Chair Littlefield adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm.