



City and Borough of Sitka

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SITKA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Monthly Meeting

Harrigan Centennial Hall

April 22, 2021 12 p.m.

FINAL MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

Present: Roby Littlefield (Chair), James Poulson, Ana Dittmar, Scott Saline, Crystal Duncan

Absent: Chuck Miller (excused), Bob Sam

Staff: Amy Ainslie, Ben Mejia

Public: Loyd Platson, Chance Gray, Kris Karsunky, Justin Olbrych

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M-Poulson/S-Dittmar moved to hear New Business after approval of the minutes.

Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 10, 2021 minutes

M-Poulson/S-Saline moved to approve the March 10, 2021 minutes. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

B. March 31, 2021 minutes

M-Poulson/S-Saline moved to approve the March 31, 2021 minutes. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

IV. GUESTS &/OR PERSONS TO BE HEARD

V. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Mejia informed the Commission that the Certified Local Government (CLG) annual report had been submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office as well as the CLG grant applications reviewed at the previous meeting.

Poulson reported that the Sitka Maritime Heritage Society would meet on Saturday, April 24th at the Boathouse. Dittmar noted that Sunday, May 2nd was Russian Orthodox Easter.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

C. Historic Preservation Plan

Mejia informed the Commission that the Historic Preservation Plan had been brought before the Sitka Tribe of Alaska Cultural Resource Committee where it was decided that a special meeting would be scheduled for their review. Mejia noted that a date had not

been scheduled yet, but that staff would inform the Commission when the meeting was scheduled.

D. Commissioner Recruitment

Mejia informed the Commission that staff continued to advertise the vacant Commission seat, though no applications had been received.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

E. Construction at 834 Lincoln Street

M-Poulson/S-Dittmar moved to recommend approval of construction at 834 Lincoln Street. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

Chance Gray represented the applicant, Sitka Sound Science Center, and was present. Gray explained the project to replace the hatchery building with a new structure that met current needs. Gray explained that, while the current hatchery was not historic, the proposed hatchery would be designed in a manner that was aesthetically in keeping with the character of the mill building. The Commission voiced their support for the project.

F. Construction at 746 Alice Loop

M-Poulson/S-Dittmar moved to recommend approval of construction at 746 Alice Loop. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

The applicant, Kris Karsunky, was present. Karsunky explained that the proposal was for the construction of a 6-plex on the lot for rentals. Poulson informed the applicant that the property was in the vicinity of the Sitka Naval Operating Base and U.S. Army Coastal Defenses National Historic Landmark and within the boundary of Fort Ray Garrison and therefore required review from the Historic Preservation Commission.

G. Walk-in Cooler Placement at 2 Lincoln Street

M-Poulson/S-Saline moved to recommend approval of the walk-in cooler placement at 2 Lincoln Street. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

Justin Olbrych, who represented the applicant, was present. Olbrych explained the project to place an ice cooler adjacent to place a prefabricated walk-in cooler on a concrete pad on the cable house property for use by Beak restaurant. The Commission voiced their approval for the project.

H. Birds and Benches Project

Loyd Platson, who represented the applicant, was present. Platson explained the project to place up to three benches in front of Harrigan Centennial Hall in commemoration of local historic figures that worked toward social justice. The benches would include QR codes that would be linked to online historic and natural science educational materials related to the commemorated figures. The Commission voiced their enthusiasm for the project with specific interest in opportunities to increase historic educational opportunities throughout the community.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE(S):

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

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 – Regular Monthly Meeting

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no objections, Chair Littlefield adjourned the meeting at 12:52pm.