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SITKA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Monthly Meeting **Harrigan Centennial Hall**September 10, 2025 6:15 p.m.

FINAL MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Present: Roby (Koolyéik) Littlefield, Yeidikook'áa Dionne Brady-Howard, James (Kushxeet) Poulson, Nicole Fiorino, Karen Lucas, Steve Íxt'Ík Éesh Johnson (via Zoom)

Absent: Scott Saline (Assembly Liaison)

Staff: Kim Davis

Chair Littlefield called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/Poulson-S/Fiorino moved to approve the September 10, 2025 meeting agenda. Motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

III. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

a. Approve the August 13, 2025 meeting minutes

M/Poulson-S/Lucas moved to approve the August 13, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Public participation on any item OFF the agenda not to exceed three minutes.

V. STAFF LIAISON'S REPORT

Davis told the commission that procedure was changing slightly to conform with other commissions, and that the clerk was to be at the next meeting to continue training. She also said that the FAA had received the commission's comments regarding the new airport beacon and that an MOA for the seaplane base was to appear before the commission in October. She reminded the commission that HPC had approved the demolition of Penrod Hall in 2021, and that SEARHC was pursuing a subdivision to allow for the demolition action.

VI. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Lucas said that she had attended the September 9th Assembly meeting and spoken under Persons to be Heard regarding the seaplane base. She said she believed a public meeting was to be held on October 9th.

b. Memorial and Street Naming Policy

The commission discussed creating a meeting time for the subcommittee to discuss revising the policy. The subcommittee set a date of September 24th to meet. Chair Littlefield set forward a couple expectations for the policy, including that it not suggest names but leave suggestions open-ended.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

c. Review and recommendation of an addition at 201 Tongass Drive.

Davis reviewed a request to build an addition onto the existing patient housing structure at 201 Tongass Drive. The addition was to match the existing exterior and was not to disrupt parking. The commission noted that the site was largely previously disturbed, but that below the fill, there was the possibility of encountering old shell midden sites. The panel noted that the area was a designated National Historic Landmark, but that the existing building was not part of that landmark.

Commissioner Lucas wondered whether the project was receiving federal funding.

M/Brady-Howard-S/Fiorino moved to recommend the addition at 201 Tongass Drive with comment regarding inadvertent discovery. Motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

IX. SET NEXT MEETING DATE(S):

(2nd Wednesday of the Month, 6:15 p.m. Harrigan Centennial Hall) **Wednesday, October 8, 2025** – Regular Monthly Meeting

X. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Public participation on any item ON or OFF the agenda not to exceed three minutes.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Littlefield adjourned at 6:49 p.m.