

Sitka Bear Task Force Minutes

Thursday, April 21, 2022 12:00 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall/Teleconference

Task Force Members: Robert Baty, Stephen Bethune, Lillian Feldpausch, Harry Greene or Michael Harmon, Trenton Hammock, Olivia Magni, Martha Moses, Bradley Shaffer, Andrew Thoms, Claire Turner

I. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Clerk Jessica Earnshaw called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Task Force members present: Robert Baty, Stephen Bethune, Lillian Feldpausch, Harry Greene, Trenton Hammock, Olivia Magni, Martha Moses (telephone), Bradley Shaffer, Andrew Thoms, Claire Turner

Absent: Trenton Hammock (excused)

Staff: Deputy Clerk, Jess Earnshaw and Administrative Coordinator, Holley Dennison

Others: Assembly Liaison Crystal Duncan

III. CORRESPONDENCE /AGENDA CHANGES

Deputy Clerk Earnshaw explained the intent is to arrange agenda items, not add new items for discussion.

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (*not to exceed 3 minutes on topics off the agenda*)

Deputy Clerk Earnshaw explained this was a time for the public to be heard on items OFF agenda, not a back-and-forth discussion.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

VI. REPORTS

Chair: None.

Task Force Members: None

City Staff: Deputy Clerk Earnshaw explained this was a opportunity for members to provide updates, not new agenda items.

Other(s): None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Deputy Clerk Earnshaw explained this was a time for the Task Force to take up unfinished business from the previous meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Introductions

Sitka Bear Task Force members, City Staff, and Assembly Liaison provided brief introductions.

B. Overview of Duties

Task Force duties were summarized as explained in the CBS memo dated 03/01/22; “A new task force should review previous suggestions investigate efforts in other communities, and report back to the assembly in six months.”

C. Meeting Guidelines

Overview was provided of the meeting guidelines to include Robert’s Rules of Order, and brief explanation of proper email use and information working groups. Meetings must be noticed in advance.

D. Election of Officers (Select a Chair, Vice Chair)

Roles of Chair and Vice Chair were explained, and the meeting was opened for the group to select chairs. Shaffer elected Thoms, and he declined. Moses elected member Feldpausch, and she accepted. Greene volunteered as Vice Chair.

E. Meeting intervals/dates/times

Baty suggested to meet no less than monthly. Shaffer proposed to meet in two weeks (May 5) and then start a monthly meeting. The group agreed the first Thursday of each month would suffice, except Turner stated she may call in due to work commitments.

F. Agenda items for the next meeting

- a. Thoms proposed to look at the handout he included in the packet for topics to consider, and review the strategic plan developed by the previous bear task force. Thoms asked for a link to be sent to all members with the Duncan/Bethune radio interview, and for Bethune’s prior bear presentation to be emailed to members.
- b. Shaffer asked for a MOA to prepare for potential ordinance change and legality of using CBS to address bear issues.
- c. Magni proposed presenting research from last year to include geospatial data which indicate space and time patterns from trail cameras and police reports.
- d. Turner told of bear proof can product testing at Fortress of the Bears and invited all to join and she wished to discuss results.

IX. PERSONS TO BE HEARD *(not to exceed 3 minutes on topics on or off the agenda)*
None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting was scheduled for May 5, 2022, at 12:00 p.m., Harrigan Centennial Hall. Agenda will be sent with packet information the prior Friday on May 29.

Deputy Clerk Earnshaw moved to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Attest:
Holley Denison, Staff Liaison