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SITKA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Monthly Meeting

Harrigan Centennial Hall

April 13, 2022 6 p.m.

FINAL MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Poulson called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

Present: James Poulson (Acting Chair), Roby Littlefield (telephonic), Scott Saline, Chuck Miller, Karen Lucas, Danielle Pensley (telephonic), David Miller (Assembly Liaison)

Absent: Bob Sam

Staff: Ben Mejia

Public: Jerrick Hope-Lang

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M-Saline/S-Lucas moved to approve the agenda. Motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 9, 2022 minutes

M-Saline/S-Miller moved to approve the February 9, 2022 minutes. Motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

IV. GUESTS &/OR PERSONS TO BE HEARD

V. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Lucas reported that the stairs along Katlian Street to the Beacom house had become exposed.

Lucas commented on the impact to objects of potential archaeological significance with the development of the site at the intersection of Brady Street and Halibut Point Road by SEARHC.

Mejia announced that this would be his last meeting and that he enjoyed working with the Commission.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

B. Historic Preservation Plan

Miller expressed the challenge of coordinating a meeting with the elders in light of COVID

concerns. Littlefield asked if the Historic Preservation Plan could be reviewed by Tribal Council. Miller responded that he would bring the request to Chair Brady Howard.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

C. Demolition of 418 Katlian Avenue

M-Saline/S-Lucas moved to approve the demolition permit for 418 Katlian Avenue. Motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

Miller provided an explanation of the significance of DaGinaa Hít as the traditional clan house of the Raven Coho Clan. Miller explained that due to an incompatibility between traditional ownership and Western law, the property had passed to the Kitka Estate, the children of Frank Kitka, of the Kaagwaantaan. The Commission lamented that the structures had come to their current state but recognized the need for demolition. The Commission asked that staff relay their request that neighbors be notified of demolition. The floor was opened for public comment. Jerrick Hope-Lang discussed asked if redevelopment of the site would be held to current zoning standards. Mejia responded that he would need to do further research before he could provide a definitive answer. Saline responded that restricted deed properties did not observe municipal zoning regulations.

D. Demolition of 405 Katlian Avenue

M-Saline/S-Lucas moved to approve the demolition permit for 405 Katlian Avenue. Motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

The Commission discussed the structure at 405 Katlian Avenue. Poulson stated that he understood the structure to have been used as a birthing house. Miller responded that it was possible that he could not confirm definitively. The Commission voiced their approval of the demolition request.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE(S):

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

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 – Regular Monthly Meeting

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no objections, Acting Chair Poulson adjourned the meeting at 6:36pm.