



# City and Borough of Sitka

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## **SITKA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Regular Monthly Meeting  
**Harrigan Centennial Hall**  
September 8, 2021 6 p.m.

### **FINAL MINUTES**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

**Chair Littlefield called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.**

Present: Roby Littlefield (Chair), Bob Sam, Scott Saline, James Poulson, Crystal Duncan (Assembly Liaison)

Absent: Chuck Miller (Excused)

Staff: Ben Mejia, Amy Ainslie

Public: Karen Lucas, Tess Heyburn, Maegan Bosak

#### **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**M-Poulson/S-Saline moved to approve the agenda with item E being heard before item C. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.**

#### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. August 11, 2021 minutes

**M-Poulson/S-Saline moved to approve the August 11, 2021 minutes. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.**

B. August 25, 2021 special meeting minutes

**M-Poulson/S-Saline moved to approve the August 25, 2021 special meeting minutes. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.**

#### **IV. GUESTS &/OR PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

#### **V. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

Mejia stated that he had no reports for the Commission.

#### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

C. Historic Preservation Plan

Mejia informed the Commission that there was no update on the Historic Preservation Plan and that a special meeting with Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Cultural Resource Committee still needed to be scheduled.

#### D. Commissioner Recruitment

Mejia informed the Commission that the vacant positions were posted and that as of the time of the meeting, no applications had been received. Saline reported that he had spoken with Sarissa Swanberg, who expressed interest in participating on the Commission but had a scheduling conflict with the current meeting schedule. Sam suggested that the Sitka Historical Society be contacted for assistance with recruiting. Ainslie informed the Commission that Nancy Yaw Davis has expressed interest in joining a Commission and perhaps members of the Commission could speak with her about joining.

#### E. Construction at 242 Katlian Avenue (Heard before item C)

**M-Poulson/S-Saline moved to recommend approval for construction at 242 Katlian Avenue. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.**

The applicant, Karen Lucas, was present. Lucas explained her project as a shed to provide her with a covered area to work on additional projects. Lucas explained that there was no intention to dig on the Kaagwaantaan side of the property. The Commission thanks Lucas for providing clarity on the proposal.

### VII. NEW BUSINESS

#### F. Construction at 117 Jeff Davis Street

**M-Poulson/S-Saline moved to recommend approval for construction at 117 Jeff Davis Street. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.**

The Commission reviewed the proposal and found no issue. Poulson stated that the project to rebuild the porch stairs was comparable with the porch to be replaced.

#### G. Construction at 106 Kelly Street

**M-Poulson/S-Saline moved to recommend approval for construction at 106 Kelly Street. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.**

The Commission review the project and found the proposal to be appropriate for the historic character of the neighborhood.

#### H. Demolition at 219, 221, 223, and 225 Tongass Drive

**M-Poulson/S-Saline moved to recommend approval for demolition at 219, 221, 223, and 225 Tongass Drive. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.**

Maegan Bosak, who represented the applicant, was present. Bosak explained that the existing structures would need to be removed for the applicant to complete their project of hospital expansion. Bosak had detailed mitigation that had already occurred, including signage that provided historic information and the publication of the historic information booklet "Mt. Edgecumbe: A Legacy of Alaska Native Vocational Education".

Poulson explained that the materials used for the structure were high quality and the structures

were building by students of Mount Edgecumbe School. Sam noted that so little World War II era resources were extant and felt that preservation in some capacity would be ideal, including the possibility of moving the structures.

Bosak explained that movement of the structures had been investigated, however the cost to move and the need to bring the structures to meet current building code made movement of the structures cost prohibitive.

**VIII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE(S):**

(2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month, 6pm **Harrigan Centennial Hall**)

**Wednesday, October 13, 2021** – Regular Monthly Meeting

**Poulson requested that the Commission discuss the collapse of DaGinaa Hít at the October regular meeting.**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no objections, Chair Littlefield adjourned the meeting at 6:57pm.