



City and Borough of Sitka

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SITKA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Monthly Meeting

Harrigan Centennial Hall

October 13, 2021 6 p.m.

FINAL MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Littlefield called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Present: Roby Littlefield (Chair), Bob Sam, Scott Saline, James Poulson, Karen Lucas, David Miller (Assembly Liaison)

Absent: Chuck Miller (Excused)

Staff: Ben Mejia

Public: Maegan Bosak, Nancy Yaw Davis

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M-Poulson/S-Saline moved to approve the agenda with the amendment to have new business be heard before persons to be heard. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 8, 2021 minutes

M-Poulson/S-Saline moved to approve the September 8, 2021 minutes. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

IV. GUESTS &/OR PERSONS TO BE HEARD

V. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

VI. OLD BUSINESS

B. Historic Preservation Plan

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

C. Commissioner Recruitment

Mejia welcomed the newest member of the Commission, Karen Lucas, as well as David Miller who would serve as Assembly Liaison.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

D. Construction of a sign at 300 Airport Road

M-Poulson/S-Saline moved to recommend approval for construction of a sign at 300 Airport Road. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

Maegan Bosak represented the applicant. Bosak explained that the sign was needed to comply with Department of Transportation standards. Poulson requested confirmation that the project location was outside of the National Historic Landmark boundaries, Bosak and Mejia confirmed.

E. Construction at 440 Alice Loop

M-Poulson/S-Saline moved to recommend approval for construction at 440 Alice Loop. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

The Commission voiced support of the project and recognized that few known historical resources remained in the area to be impacted by development. Saline asked about FEMA requirements, Mejia responded that the Building Official would be the appropriate person to answer.

F. Discussion of clan houses on Katlian Avenue

The Commission discussed the condition of clan houses on Katlian Avenue. Poulson recognized that the damages to DaGinaa Hit may be beyond repair though encouraged action be taken to preserve the adjacent clan house structure, Ch'ak Kudi Hit, which the Commission felt could be repaired. The Commission discussed the nature of the property's restricted deed status and its challenges for preservation of these structures. Littlefield noted that the City had assisted the demolition of other properties in the past. Poulson noted that the Commission should encourage a condition survey to evaluate the ability to preserve the standing clan house and recommend the reuse of materials from DaGinaa Hit in the event of its demolition or deconstruction.

The Commission discussed the history of development in Sitka Indian Village. Lucas noted that residential and commercial use of the road led to traffic impacts and commented that Katlian Avenue may be suited to a greenbelt. Saline noted that the 1979 Sitka Indian Village Redevelopment Plan had proposed an open space network throughout Katlian and Kaagwaantaan. The Commission requested that the item be discussed further at the next Commission meeting.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE(S):

(2nd Wednesday of the Month, 6pm **Harrigan Centennial Hall**)
Wednesday, November 10, 2021 – Regular Monthly Meeting

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no objections, Chair Littlefield adjourned the meeting at 6:52pm.