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## ***SITKA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION***

Special Meeting

**Fire Hall**

November 23, 2022 6 p.m.

### **FINAL MINUTES**

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

**Acting Chair Saline called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM**

Present: Scott Saline (Acting Chair), James Poulson, Karen Lucas, Danielle Pensley, Roby Littlefield (Telephonic), Bob Sam (Telephonic), Thor Christianson (Assembly Liaison)

Absent: Chuck Miller

Staff: Amy Ainslie, Kim Davis

Public: Michael Pountney

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

#### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Review the new SEARHC hospital site plan.

SEARHC representative Michael Pountney introduced the proposed project to build a new hospital on undeveloped land across from where the current hospital was located. Pountney explained SEARHC was still in the design process, but development work had started to clear the property by removing around 3,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil and would finish grading in a couple of weeks. SEARHC had saved and moved two of the small structures for the construction company to use while building the new hospital and would be looking to find a non-profit organization who would be able to use the buildings when the hospital was completed. There would be memorial and interpretive signs placed around the property as part of the mitigation process explaining the history of the site. A documentary would be produced as well to share with the public to be completed in 2023.

Lucas asked about the energy efficiency of the new building, Pountney stated they were working to reduce their carbon emissions and their plan was to use electric boilers as their primary heat source with a backup ground source heat loop, and back-up diesel boilers in case of power disruptions or if the city needed the hospital to reduce their energy load. Sam asked if the new hospital would be an emergency evacuation spot for Japonski Island and Pountney confirmed it would be. Sam also wanted to know if there would be additional design features outside of the memorial and interpretive signs such as totem poles. Pountney stated they were still in the design

stage and if there were any additions to the landscape design it would involve the administration team. Sam also asked if there would be a drone landing spot on the top of the building and Pountney stated no, since approval was hard to get from the FAA. Sam was also concerned if traffic was able to cut through Mt. Edgecumbe High School property. Ainslie clarified as part of the conditional use permit, there would be barricades on Seward Street by the dormitory area to stop traffic from cutting through.

Commissioners recommended approval of the site plan in a 6-0 voice vote.

#### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

**Seeing no objections Acting Chair Saline adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM**