



Historic Resources Advisory Committee
February 1, 2023 at 5:00 PM
MINUTES

I. Call to Order

- a. Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

II. Roll Call

- a. Committee members present: Zane Jones, Shauna McMahon, Sarah Hieb, Shannon Crossley, Gary Gillette, Don Harris, Dorene Lorenz, Chuck Smythe
b. Committee members absent: Olivia Lihou
c. Staff present: Beth McKibben, Planner, Cory Woodall Juneau City Museum
d. Members of the public present: Laurie Craig, Skip Gray, Shoshana Seligman, Gina Morris

III. Approval of Agenda

- a. Motion Gillette/Second Harris to approve the agenda.
Motion passed by consensus.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- a. January 4, 2022
Motion Hieb/Second Gillette to approve the January 4, 2022 minutes with corrections as noted.
Motion passed by consensus.

V. Public Participation

- a. Laurie Craig told HRAC about a series of articles she will be writing for the Juneau Empire about various historic properties in downtown Juneau.
b. Telephone Hill – Skip Gray provided copies of the 1984 Telephone Hill Historic Structures Survey and Inventory and some historic photographs of the neighborhood. He encouraged HRAC to undertake a new (updated) survey and inventory for this area.

It was noted that is identified in the 2020 Historic and Cultural Preservation Plan and the HRAC 2023 Work Plan.

Shoshana Seligman is a resident of Telephone Hill. She noted that this neighborhood is not included in the walking tour that the City Museum offers and suggested that it be included.

McMahon mentioned that CBJ had received grants for historic interpretive signs in the past and it might be appropriate for Telephone Hill.

VI. Agenda Topics

- a. Community Education and Outreach
McKibben introduced Gina Morris. Morris works for JEDC and part of her job is to support the Downtown Business Association (DBA) and implement the Main Street USA program. She provided an overview of the Main Street USA program. Main Street

came to Juneau several years ago and produced a report with recommendations for downtown revitalization. Juneau is Alaska's only Main Street USA community. Main Street was established as a program of the Nation Trust for Historic Preservation. The mission of the program is help communities bring economic vitality back downtown while celebrating their historic character. Morris and Assembly member Bryson will be attending the Main Street USA conference in March.

Morris shared a few projects that DBA/Main Street have worked on since she started in the fall. One was the success of the December 2022 Gallery Walk, and better coordination of the winter lighting program. She also shared the upcoming event "Pawlentine" celebrating Valentine's day with our best dog friends downtown.

McKibben explained that because of the historic preservation component of Main Street it makes sense for HRAC to partner with DBA for education and outreach about historic resources and processes.

Morris looks forward to working with HRAC and CBJ on downtown preservation and revitalization.

No action by the HRAC is needed at this time.

VII. Committee/Liaison Comments & Questions

Smythe asked about the land acknowledgment included in the new agenda format.

McKibben explained the agenda and minutes format had to change in order for the materials to be read by an e-reader to support those with low vision. It seemed timely and appropriate to include a land acknowledgement in HRAC's regular meetings. This was discussed at the planning retreat in January. She explained she had reviewed land acknowledgments used by the Assembly and other boards/committees and borrowed from them.

Smythe provided an informational handout produced by Sealaska Heritage (SHI) about land acknowledgments which includes suggested language. He encouraged the committee to revise the land acknowledgement to more closely align with the recommendations of SHI.

There was discussion about the purpose of a land acknowledgement and what should or should not be included.

Motion Crossley/Second Lorenz to have staff provide a revised land acknowledgement for the HRAC to consider at the next meeting.

Motion passed by consensus.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Motion Smythe/Second Crossley to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 PM.