

Douglas Advisory Board (DAB)
February 15, 2023—APPROVED MINUTES

Call to order: 5:38pm

Members present: Teri Tibbett (Chair), Ed Schoenfeld (Vice-Chair/Secretary), Joyce Vick, Mary Kay Pusich, Jo Wulfenstein

Others present: None.

I. Approval of Agenda. Approved.

II. Approval of Minutes 11.16.22. Approved.

III. Public Participation on non-agenda items. None.

IV. Presentation(s): None.

V. Unfinished Business

- **Douglas Island Cemeteries.** Teri and Ed delivered to the Assembly the DAB-approved letter requesting that CBJ take over ownership and maintenance of Douglas Island cemeteries on January 30, 2023. Both spoke during public testimony, urging the Assembly to review the letter and respond to DAB’s request. The Mayor assigned the issue to the Assembly’s Lands, Housing, and Economic Development Committee. Teri will follow-up with the chair of the committee and reach out to Merrill Sanford for his support as the issue moves forward.
- **“Welcome to Douglas Island” Sign at the Roundabout.** Mary Kay suggested reaching out to Goldbelt Native Corporation, and possibly inviting the president to a DAB meeting to discuss sponsorship. Jo will reach out to the president. It was suggested she review past DAB minutes to understand the background beforehand.
- **Rest Rooms at Savikko Park.** No update.
- **Liaison from CBJ Assembly.** Teri learned it is the city manager who appoints a staff liaison to the DAB. She will inquire with the city manager about this.
- **DAB Meeting Times.** DAB board members discussed changing the regular meeting time to 5:00pm (from 5:30pm) and to continue on the 3rd Wednesday of each month to accommodate members’ schedules. The change was made without objection.

VII. New Business.

- **Annual Report.** Ed will draft DAB’s annual report for 2022, ready for review and approval at the March DAB meeting.
- **DAB Member Recruitment.** DAB currently has one open seat. Board members agreed to post the opening on various Douglas Island social media sites. Di, the assistant city clerk, will also post on the city’s outlets.
- **Reporting Tasks.** Members agreed to continue sharing reporting responsibilities of the various city and Douglas Island efforts impacted Douglas Island (noted below).

VIII. Reports.

- **CBJ Assembly** (Kayla). No update.
- **Planning Commission/Community Development** (Jo). No update.
- **Juneau Area Plans/Steering Committee** (Joyce). No update.
- **Lands & Resources** (Mary Kay). No update.
- **Parks & Rec** (Ed). The 20th anniversary of the Treadwell Arena is this year and events are being planned. Disc Golf will continue for another year.
- **Docks & Harbors** (Joyce). No update.
- **Treadwell Historical Society** (Mary Kay/Joyce). No update.
- **Douglas 4th of July Committee** (Joyce). The committee continues to host community activities, including a raffle, free skating at the Treadwell Arena, etc., and will begin planning meetings in March.
- **Treadwell Ditch Trail Renovation Project** (Ed). Renovations will continue in spring and summer, finishing the trail between Bonnie Brae subdivision and Eaglecrest. Plans to renovate the Bonnie Brae Access Trail (from the subdivision to the Treadwell Ditch trail) will likely not happen this summer as mapping is still underway.
- **Eaglecrest Ski Area** (Teri). Plans continue for developing Eaglecrest as a summer tourist destination, with installation of the gondola beginning this spring and summer.
- **Juneau-Douglas North Crossing PEL Study** (Teri). At the November 17 meeting, attended by Ed, there was continued discussion and input for narrowing the choices for a potential crossing. Since that meeting, public comment has been taken (closed on February 3) and study organizers will reveal the feasibility of five potential crossings to at an upcoming advisory planning meeting on March 13. Final recommendations will be presented in April with an opportunity for public comment on the final recommendation.

IX. Public Participation on agenda items. None.

X. Comments/Questions/Announcements from DAB Members.

XI. Adjourned: 6:34pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 5:00pm