Historic Resources Advisory Committee
March 8, 2023 at 5:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order
   a. Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.
II. Roll Call
   a. Committee members present: Zane Jones, Shauna McMahon, Shannon Crossley, Gary Gillette, Don Harris, Chuck Smythe
   b. Committee members absent: Dorene Lorenz, Sarah Hieb
   c. Staff present: Beth McKibben, Planner, Cory Woodall Juneau City Museum
   d. Members of the public present: Laurie Craig
III. Approval of Agenda
   a. Motion Gillette/Second Harris to approve the agenda.
      Motion passed by consensus.
IV. Approval of Minutes
   a. February 1, 2023
   Motion Gillette/Second Harris to approve the February 1, 2023 minutes with corrections as noted.
   Motion passed by consensus.
V. Public Participation
   a. None.

VI. Agenda Topics
   a. Draft 2022 Annual Report.

McKibben explained that as a Certified Local Government CBJ must submit an annual report to the state by April 1 of each year. The committee is also required to submit an annual report to the Assembly Human Resources Committee each year, usually in June. Historically the same report has been submitted to both the state and Assembly. She also said Ms. Woodall has a correction to the city museum section.

Woodall said the correction is the date for the burning of the Douglas Indian Village.

Smythe asked Ms. Woodall some questions about the project. Woodall explained some of the changes to the project from what was originally envisioned. She also said she is leaving the City Museum at the end of April.

Smythe recommended the paragraph be revised to reflect that the First Alaskans will not be funding the project.

Gillette reminded the committee the report is about what happened in 2022.

It was agreed that Ms. Woodall would work with the Museum Director to revise the language and provide that to McKibben for incorporation into the report.

Motion Smythe/Second Gillette to approve with corrections.
Motion passed by consensus.

b. Land Acknowledgement Review

McKibben reviewed the option in the packet and the one in the email that was sent to the committee the day before. The land acknowledgment is optional but seems appropriate for the committee because of the work they do. A land acknowledgement was developed and at the February meeting the committee asked staff to review and provide some option to review after hearing concerns from Smythe.

The committee reviewed the options, one that is on the HRAC website, one staff created using examples from Sealaska Heritage Institute, and one provided by Gillette.

After discussion the committee agreed to use the land acknowledgement proposed by staff with the deletion of the first sentence.

Motion Smythe/Second Gillette to use the following as the HRAC land acknowledgement:

We acknowledge the Áak'w Kwaán and T'aaku Kwáan as the original owners and inhabitants of the City & Borough of Juneau. We are grateful to be here in your ancestral homeland as we come to you from areas of Alaska and beyond. We are thankful that you have permitted us to live here and make this land our home. Gunalchéesh.

Motion passed by consensus.

VII. Committee/Liaison Comments & Questions

There was discussion about how ownership is allocated to burial sites and whether we as a community care if BLM has "ownership" of some burial sites in the CBJ.

McKibben said the process is started for the Assembly to accept and appropriate the CLG grant and once that is done she will get a contract to the consultant. She reminded the committee that moving forward we have to be careful with the schedule so that all work is completed and funds charged to the grant before the end of the grant.

Gillette asked if staff had an update on the Telephone Hill study. McKibben said she would check with the CBJ Lands Manager.

VIII. Adjournment

a. Motion Harris/Second Gillette to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 PM.