

**Douglas Advisory Board (DAB)**  
**March 20, 2024 Meeting – APPROVED MINUTES**

**Call to order:** 5:02pm

**Roll Call:** Teri Tibbett (Chair), Ed Schoenfeld (Vice-Chair), Mary Kay Pusich, Joyce Vick, Ann Simard, Shannon Crossley.

**I. Approval of Agenda.** Approved, as amended.

**II. Approval of Minutes for 12/20/23 and 1/17/24.** Approved.

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

**IV. Presentations.** None.

**V. Unfinished Business**

- Douglas Cemeteries: The Assembly agreed at its retreat to put the Douglas Cemeteries issue before the panel at a future Committee of the Whole (work session) meeting. The Juneau School District budget crisis, closing of school buildings, and the search for new city offices has taken precedent. Laury Scandling informed the board of a donation from The Pioneers of Alaska of \$5,000 to the city to assist with the title search and resolution. She also said The Gastineau Channel Historical Society may consider a like amount, if the Assembly directs staff to get the work done. The group 'Restoring Lawson Creek & Evergreen Cemeteries' will resume cleanup work Saturday, April 22, 9 am-1pm.
- "Welcome To Douglas Island" Sign at Roundabout: No update.

**VI. New Business**

- Land Acknowledgement: DAB members discussed a land acknowledgement to be read at future meetings, referencing the island's original Tlingit residents. Further discussion is expected.

**VII. Reports**

- Treadwell Society: No meetings to report.
- Juneau Area Plan: No meetings to report.
- Eaglecrest Ski Area (Teri): Plans have been approved for gondola, trails and other summer-tourism projects. A new lodge is planned for the summit, but only after other planned work is done.
- Parks and Recreation (Shannon): The Disc Golf course at the Treadwell Mine Ruins Trail will be expanded, but not immediately. The sledding area next to the Treadwell Arena is now lit, thanks to Parks & Rec.
- Planning Commission and Community Development (Ann): An accessory apartment for a home on Fifth Street was given a conditional use permit.

- Treadwell Ditch Trail (Ed): No new information, but there should be at the next meeting. Continued work is expected.
- Juneau-Douglas North Crossing (Teri): The comment period was extended until April 11. The planning team is examining five options that don't hinder airport operations. Some go through the Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge. The Southeast Alaska Land Trust and other wetlands advocates say their extensive research on environmental impacts has not been included in the planning team's reports.
- 4th of July Committee (Joyce): The movie "Frozen" was shown at the Treadwell Arena Ice Rink
- Lands and Resources (Mary Kay): Land at the intersection of Douglas Highway and Crow Hill Drive is being cleared for construction of a Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority cottage housing project.
- Docks & Harbors (Jo). No report.

**VIII. Public Participation on agenda items. None.**

**IX. Comments/Questions/Announcements from DAB Members.**

Discussion about a meeting hosted by UAS related to cruise ship impacts to Juneau, including noise by helicopters, float planes, and buses; electrification at docks; bussing tourists to Douglas.

**X. Adjourned: 6:20 pm**