

Douglas Advisory Board – APPROVED MINUTES
Wed. March 15, 2023 - 5:00pm
Douglas Library

I. Call to Order: 5:02pm

Members Present: Teri Tibbett (chair), Ed Schoenfeld (vice-chair, secretary), Mary Kay Pusich, Joyce Vick, Jo Wulfenstein

Guests: Aengus Saya, Jon Heifitz

II. Approval of Agenda. Approved

III. Approval of Minutes for 2.15.23. Approved.

IV. Presentation: Colby Shibley, CBJ Parks & Rec Landscape Supervisor, presented CBJ’s current plans for improving the area around the shelters at Sandy Beach, including the playground and parts of Savikko Park, to take place in spring and summer 2023, for expected completion by Sept 2023. \$913,000 has been allocated for this project, and will include: replace playground equipment and surfacing (contracted with Admiralty Construction to do surfacing, electrical, and paving); replace pole lighting along the road and parking lot; grass/turf will be laid on the baseball fields as part of a different contract; some work around the log shelters and re-do drainage under vegetation and along the beach; and the parking lot will expand access closer to the beach (with D1). He noted shelter one, Treadwell Trail, and bathrooms will remain open.

Comments from DAB and members of the public: Concerns about drainage work not interrupting the sand castle competition; requested heated shelters, benches in front of the bathrooms, lighting on the sledding hill; lighting is important for security, cameras, Colby noted lighting will be better around the bathrooms and parking lot, cameras aren’t reliable deterrents (people hide their identity under hoodies) and are expensive; heavy equipment is an eye-sore and concern about exposed rusted steel near the creek (dangerous) recommend covering with concrete; change how the fields are used because baseball fields are not being used, consider pickleball or other activities; recommend shelter for audience members at Pioneer Pavilion and keeping bathrooms unlocked at off-times.

V. Public Participation on non-agenda items. See comments above.

VI. Unfinished Business:

- **Douglas Island Cemeteries.** Teri will follow-up with Alicia Hughes-Skandijis (chair of Lands committee, where the topic has been assigned).
- **“Welcome To Douglas Island” Sign at Roundabout.** Jo reached out to Goldbelt president who is excited about taking it on. She will follow-up about first steps.
- **Rest Rooms at Savikko Park.** No additional work is scheduled, related to the CBJ improvements.
- **Assembly Liaison to DAB.** No update.
- **DAB Regular Meetings.** DAB requests members attend most meetings, that too many missed meetings is reason to ask for a renewed commitment, or consideration of stepping down.
- **Douglas Harbor Improvements.** Teri will reach out to Harbormaster Matt Creswell to present to the DAB and take questions at an upcoming meeting.
- **DAB Recruitment.** No update.

VII. New Business: None.

VIII. Reports

- Juneau Area Plans (Joyce). No update.
- Planning Commission/Community Development (Jo). No update.

- Lands & Resources (Mary Kay). No update.
- CBJ Assembly (Kayla). No update.
- Parks & Rec (Jo). No update.
- Docks & Harbors (Joyce). No update.
- Treadwell Society (Mary Kay/Joyce). No update.
- Douglas 4th of July Committee (Joyce). Meetings will start again in April.
- Treadwell Ditch Renovation Project (Ed). No update.
- Eaglecrest Ski Area (Teri). No update.
- Juneau-Douglas North Crossing (Teri). No update.

IX. Public Participation on agenda items. None.

X. Comments/Questions/Announcements from DAB Members. None.

XI. Adjourn. 6:30pm

Next Meeting: May 10, 2023 at 5pm