



# HISTORIC RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

January 23, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Downtown Library Conference Room/Zoom Webinar

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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**C. ROLL CALL**

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. December 4, 2024

**F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**G. AGENDA TOPICS**

2. Letter to HRC

3. 2025 Goals

4. Marine Passenger Fees

**H. STAFF REPORTS**

**I. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

**J. NEXT MEETING DATE - February 5, 2025**

**K. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Historic Resources Advisory Committee Agenda**

December 4, 2024 at 5:00pm  
Downtown Library Conference Room/Zoom  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM.

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**C. ROLL CALL**

Committee Members Present: Gary Gillette, Cheryl Jebe  
Committee members present via zoom: Shannon Crossley, Steve Winker and Dorene Lorenz.  
Committee members absent: Jerrick Hope-Lang, Robin Brenner  
Staff present: Scott Ciambor  
Members of the public present: None  
Members of the public present via zoom: None

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Lorenz motioned that the agenda be approved with addition of Head Tax Suggestions to the agenda. Motion approved. 6-0 .

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. 11.06.2024 HRAC draft minutes  
Ms. Lorenz motioned to approve the minutes from November 6, 2024, HRAC meeting; Ms. Lorenz seconded the motion. Motion approved. 6-0.

**F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No public participation.

**G. AGENDA TOPICS**

**2. New Business:**

1. HDDR 455 S. Franklin Street – Nycole Gizinski from R&M in Ketchikan came to HRAC with two design options for 455 S. Franklin Street with discussions on how the proposed design fits the design standards for the historic district in March, 2024. Committee members gave advice on the design, steering the designer away from a NanaWall option. The board was presented with a final design that met Downtown Juneau design standards and an architects choice with the Nanawall still represented. Mrs. Crossley commented that the Nanawall



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does not fit the character of the historic district, and motioned to approve the design as shown on G100 with the two sets of double doors, but do not approve the owner preferred design with the Nanawall. Mr. Winker seconded the motion.

2. Letter to CBJ HRC – Chair Gillette presented a letter he drafted to HRC trying to frame the discussion with our primary concerns regarding HRAC’s role in the greater city government, the historic preservation budget that use to exist within CDD, and HRAC’s desire to continue National Register Nominations of neighborhoods. A lot of programs have been lost to aid preservation in Juneau, and all of these things combined are detrimental to the viability of our historic district. We are hoping to reinvigorate and recapture interest in historic preservation in Juneau from the City Government, many of which are called out in the Cultural Preservation Plan adopted by the Assembly. We hope to be included in the Assembly’s budget and for support for CDD and HRAC in the preservation goals outlined in the adopted plan.

2. Letter to CBJ Tourism Manager – Secretary Crossley and Chair Gilette proposed a letter to Alex Pierce, CBJ Tourism Manager, about historic preservation opportunities and projects to use the CBJ head tax toward. Secretary Crossley suggested a walking tour for tourists to scan QR codes throughout the community and take themselves on a walking tour of the historic downtown neighborhoods with a focus on Alaskan Native history. Suggestions included where the No Natives Allowed signage in Downtown Juneau that inspired Elizabeth Peratrovich to stand up for Civil Rights, the home of Richard Harris and his Tlingit wife on Telephone Hill, the rented home of William Paul on Main Street while he worked as the first Alaskan Native legislator, and the location of the second Village in Downtown Juneau after Rockwell “negotiated” the relocation of the 300+ Tlingit that camped on the beach of downtown Juneau while the prospectors waited for Spring. Chair Gillette proposed a gateway into Downtown Juneau to direct tourists into our downtown historic core, with signage and with a gateway of sorts built to direct visitors. A suggestion is by the Red Dog, another is Marine Way. Bringing people into our historic core is vital to a functioning historic district. Secretary Crossley motioned to include both suggestions in a letter to Mrs. Pierce, and Ms. Lorenz seconded.

**H. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Blueprint Downtown will be introduced to the assembly on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**I. NEXT MEETING DATE – January 8, 2025**

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## City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska Historic Resources Advisory Committee

Section G, Item 2.

Chair, Gary Gillette, Architect  
Vice Chair, Dorene Lorenz, At Large  
Recorder, Shannon Crossley, Architectural Historian  
Jerrick Hope-Lang, Knowledgeable of Tlingit and Haida Culture  
Steve Winker, At Large  
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CBJ Human Resources Committee

Ella Adkison, Chair; Wade Bryson; Maureen Hall; Neil Steininger

Subject: Historic Resources Advisory Committee

The Juneau Historic Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC) has an identity crisis. In 1987 HRAC<sup>1</sup> was established to advise the city on preserving Juneau's unique and rich history. Unfortunately, over the years support and commitment of the assembly has waned. In the early 1990s Juneau developed a historic downtown improvement plan. Implementation included updates and improvements to downtown utilities, streets, and amenities such as period reflective lighting fixtures, flower baskets, and decorative banners. The city's improvements sparked a revitalization by private property owners who restored the luster of their historic buildings giving downtown a new lease on life.

Along with establishing HRAC, the city adopted historic district standards that would preserve visual aesthetics of the downtown area. The community development department budget featured a line item for historic preservation activities and public education of the importance of preserving historic buildings to keep downtown a vital area. A design review board was established to review all improvements in the downtown historic district. Contemporary designs are not restricted if they retain the pedestrian scale and harmony of the original district.

Ultimately the design review board was eliminated, the required historic district development permit was eliminated, the preservation budget was eliminated, enforcement was eliminated, and now application of the standards often falls through the cracks. Unfortunately, the loss of these important preservation tools has, in part, put the viability of the downtown historic district in peril. Currently there are approximately eighteen vacant storefronts in the district.

Other pressures have or will affect the viability of the historic district including the expansion of tourist related businesses on South Franklin Street, the proposed new cruise ship complex west of the district, moving City Hall out of the district area, and the Gold Belt proposal for a cruise ship complex on West Douglas Island.

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<sup>1</sup> (Title 49.10.410) Historic Resources Advisory Committee:

- Reviewing and making recommendations about local projects that might affect properties identified in the local Historic Preservation Plan.
- Reviewing and developing nominations to the National Register of Historic Places for properties within CBJ.
- Cooperating and consulting with the Assembly, the Historic District Commission, the Community Development Department, and the State Historic Commission on matters concerning historical districts and historic, prehistoric, and archaeological preservation in the City and Borough.
- Reviewing and making recommendations about the collections, exhibitions, education programs, long-range plans, and other pertinent activities of the Juneau-Douglas City Museum.
- Performing other actions which are necessary and proper to carry out the above duties.

Historic preservation is an important element of a community's character, identity, and viability. Historic preservation goals and objectives are identified in the CBJ Comprehensive Plan (2013), Historic and Cultural Preservation Plan (2020), and the *Draft* Blueprint Downtown Plan which states:

“Juneau’s unique history and heritage is an asset worthy of investment. These assets attract tourists, shoppers, businesses, and residents. Over the years, many historic buildings have been lost, making those that remain even more important if downtown is to keep a link to its past. Designated historic landmarks and the centrally located Downtown Historic District are invaluable cultural resources that can contribute substantially to downtown’s economic vitality and identity.”

For many years, Juneau has been a leader, throughout Alaska, in its historic preservation efforts. As the State Capital, it is appropriate to be a model for the rest of the state regarding responsible preservation of historic and cultural resources. Juneau was one of the first communities in Alaska to meet the requirements of the Certified Local Government (CLG) program established by the federal National Historic Preservation Act. This program offers resources and funding opportunities to assist communities with historic preservation activities. Juneau has received CLG grants amounting to \$509,628 for preservation projects and training (see list on page three of this letter). For the last three grant cycles Juneau has not applied for any grants due to no budget available for staff to support historic preservation.

HRAC promotes the reinvigoration of historic preservation efforts. The recommendations below are not seen as all-inclusive but would “get the ball rolling” back to the level of preservation activities seen in the past. The Committee recommends the following:

- A. Re-establish budget for ½ FTE staff position at the Community Development Department for historic preservation activities that support the goals and objectives identified in the adopted Historic and Cultural Preservation Plan. The highest priority activities would be:
  - a. Submitting applications for CLG grant assistance and providing in-kind staff match to nominate the Juneau Townsite district to the National Register of Historic Places.
  - b. Allow staff and HRAC to work with “Juneau Main Street” program and its efforts to revitalize the Downtown Historic District.
  - c. Reinstate the required permit process for development in the historic district to alleviate projects from falling through the cracks. This was begun about three years ago but has not proceeded due to staffing limitations.
  - d. Provide outreach to property and business owners about the importance of preserving the downtown historic district and enforcement through the development and sign standards.

HRAC appreciates the value of the Human Resource Committee’s (HRC) time thus this letter has tried to capture the most timely and relevant issues at this point. HRAC is more than willing to further discuss historic preservation issues with HRC at its convenience.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our recommendations.

Sincerely, for the Juneau Historic Resources Advisory Committee.

Gary Gillette, HRAC Chair

CBJ Human Resources Committee

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## Juneau CLG Grant Awards

### Historic Preservation Planning Grants

*Historic Preservation Plan, Phase I. 2015; Phase II, 2017.*  
*Juneau Memorial Building Use and Preservation Plan. 2012.*  
*Juneau Downtown Historic District Design Standards Evaluation. 2005, 2006, 2007.*  
*Historic/Cultural Preservation Plan. 1995, 1996.*

### Survey and Inventory Grants

*Treadwell Mining Complex Historic Properties Study. 2009.*  
*Historic Preservation Database. 2008, 2010.*  
*Merchant's Wharf Historical Survey: Historic Property Evaluation of Alaska Coastal Airlines Hangar*  
*Perseverance Trail Survey, Last Chance Basin to Silver Bow Basin. 2003.*  
*Historic Building Survey of the Casey-Shattuck Neighborhood. 2000, 2003.*  
*Historic Cemeteries in Douglas, Alaska. 1994.*  
*Inventory and Survey of Historic Shipwrecks. (6) 1991.*  
*Chicken Ridge Neighborhood Historic Building Survey. 1991*  
*Report of the Treadwell Historic Resources Survey. 1990.*  
*Report of the Juneau Dairy Farming Historic Resources Survey. 1990.*  
*Historic Structures Report for Jualpa Mine Camp of the Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Company. 1989.*  
*Douglas Townsite Historic Building Survey. 1988.*  
*Juneau Townsite Historic Building Survey. 1987. Updated Survey. 2021, 2022*

### National Register of Historic Places Grants

*Juneau Memorial Library Nomination. 2004*  
*Historic Cemeteries of Juneau and Douglas, Alaska. 1996.*  
*Chicken Ridge National Register Nomination. 1992.*

### Historic Preservation Development/Predevelopment Grants

*Alaska-Juneau Gold Mine Power Towers. 2014.*  
*Treadwell Saltwater Pump House Stabilization. 2013.*  
*Stabilization of Historic Structures at Jualpa Mine Camp Historic District. 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2006.*

### Historic Preservation Education Grants

*Treadwell Mine Interpretive Panels, 2017.*  
*Evergreen Cemetery Inventory and Interpretation. 2014.*  
*Treadwell Mine Signs and Interpretive Shelter. 2012.*  
*Treadwell and Jualpa Mines Interpretive Signs. 2010.*  
*Downtown Juneau Interpretive Signs. 2005.*  
*Interpretive Signs for Traditional Places. 2001.*  
*Historic Preservation Web Page. 1998, 2000.*

### Commission Training Grants

*National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum, 1999, 2005, 2008, 2014, 2015, 2017.*  
*Local Historic Preservation Commission Training. 2009, 2012.*  
*CLG Workshop. 2000.*  
*Economic Perspectives: Making the Historic Preservation Connection Workshop. 1993, 1994.*  
 CBJ Human Resources Committee

2024 HRAC Goals:

Apply for CLG Grant projects

Promote Façade improvement grant program

Upper floor loans for historic structures

Send a liaison to the main street organization (linked to the downtown business association).

Work with the sustainability commission on promoting historic preservation through maintaining existing structures instead of new construction

Nominate the Juneau Townsite district to the National Register of Historic Places

Historic shoreline

Amend the historic district guidelines to recognize native Alaskan style in the downtown historic district

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December 17, 2024

To: Mayor Weldon and CBJ Assembly

Through: Alexandra Pierce, Tourism Manager

Subject: FY2026 CBJ Marine Passenger Fee Projects

Over the past several years Juneau has hosted over a million cruise ship visitors to the Capital City each season. Tourism surveys have long identified top attractions in Alaska and Juneau are its natural wonders and historical/cultural experiences. Upon arrival visitors are barraged by vendors enticing them to leave the downtown area seeking a variety of sightseeing adventures which are predominately oriented to natural beauty experiences. Some visitors become confused or lost as they explore our community for historical/cultural experiences.

The Juneau Historic Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC) is pleased to submit two projects for funding consideration through the Marine Passenger Fee Program. These projects would benefit cruise ship visitors by offering them clear direction to local indigenous places within areas of the city close to the ship docks and to the Downtown Historic District which is the historic core of the original townsite.

**HRAC recommends** the following projects in no order of preference:

- Indigenous Places Walking Tour Map
  - Description: Research and produce a walking tour of noteworthy Indigenous spaces and places in Downtown Juneau to include important moments in Native Alaskan history, homes of indigenous civil rights leaders, and properties linked to fight for civil rights. Places might include home of founding father Richard Harris and his native wife at Telephone Hill and home William Paul rented as the first Tlingit state representative. This project would include consulting with elders, community members, and Sealaska Heritage.

The project is proposed in two phases. Phase I would be for research, content development to include text and photos, and cost estimates. Phase II would include production of a walking tour map and other media.

- Estimated Cost: Phase I: \$50,000
- Downtown Historic District Gateways
  - Project Description: Development and installation of wayfinding gateways that direct locals and visitors to the Downtown Historic District. A gateway structure would span the



roadway at two primary entries to the district: one at South Franklin Street near the Red Dog Saloon and one at Ferry Way across from Marine Park. The gateway structures might feature lights, symbols, and text identifying the historic downtown district.

The project is proposed in two phases. Phase I would be for planning, design, and cost estimating. Phase II would be for construction.

- Estimated Cost: Phase I: \$50,000

HRAC appreciates your thoughtful consideration of our proposed projects.

Sincerely, for the Juneau Historic Resources Advisory Committee.



Gary Gillette, HRAC Chair