

## Douglas Advisory Board- Meeting Minutes- September 24, 2025

**Member attendance:** Ed Schoenfeld, Joyce Vick, Carmen Katasse, Shannon Crossely, Matt Catterson

**I. Call to order:** 5:03

**II. Land Acknowledgment**

**III. Public Participation:** None

**IV. Approval of Agenda:** approved

**V. New Business:**

- Ben Rubenstein has resigned- new member needed
  - Vacancy is on the CBJ website
  - Ed will put out feelers
- Goldbelt Ani project on northwest Douglas
  - Ed gave summary- Goldbelt land- 2 berth cruise ship dock
  - Some traffic concerns- possible connections to 2<sup>nd</sup> crossing project; bench road development
  - Partnership with cruise company- Royal Caribbean
  - Army Corp of Engineers permit application is currently open for public comment
  - Has to adhere to city regulations/codes
    - 5 ship limit would still apply, head taxes would still apply
- Gambling Hall on Fish Creek Road
  - Native allotment- T&H is developing the site
  - Gambling Hall- pull tabs, slot machines, bingo
  - Portions of the road are in poor condition- it's a State road
  - Potential hotel, food beverage development
  - Potential cruise ship destination
  - It would be good to have a speaker from T&H for DAB to keep public informed
  - Unsure of timeline
  - Part of larger suite of development activity occurring in North Douglas: overall impacts to area and neighborhood

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

- Welcome to Douglas Island sign at Roundabout- no updates from Mary Kay
  - Carmen- letter to DIA on place-based name for Douglas- DIA responded and will provide more information
  - DAB has no money, but partners might
  - DOT regulations about signage in the roundabout- no updates from DOT
- Breeze in Crosswalk
  - Breeze-in is closing, housing will be developed
  - Mary Kay is tracking this issue
- Douglas Island Cemeteries
  - Recent meeting with Assembly members
    - CBJ says ownership is unclear- but some recent work has indicated most of the cemetery land has been turned over to CBJ
  - CBJ was to issue a Request for Information (RFI)- never put it out
  - CBJ P&R may put out an RFI when new P&R Director is hired
  - More volunteer effort
  - Greg Smith has supported this effort
  - Joyce asserted that CBJ could incrementally take over cemeteries as appropriate- doesn't need to occur all at once
  - Mayor has not been supportive of ownership- but potentially funding
- Historic Fire Equipment
  - Owner has moved it to another property- no longer concerned
  - Could reach out to new Parks and Rec director

## **VII. Reports**

- Assembly Forum (Ed)
  - Incumbents Greg Smith, Ella Atkison, Wade Bryson and challenger Nano Brooks participated. Smith provided written responses, while the others attended.
  - About 20 attendees
  - Good discussion- acknowledged Douglas issues as important
- Assembly (Carmen)

- New website is challenging
- Assembly meeting tonight- discussing signs
  - Doesn't appear that CBJ is focused on housing development on Douglas- Regional Housing Authority is developing property just north of the bridge
- Juneau Area Plans (Joyce)
  - Juneau Comprehensive Plan meeting at maker space in North Douglas- well attended
- Lands and Resources (Mary Kay) absent/nothing
- Treadwell Society (Joyce) haven't met in a while- maintenance activities are ongoing
- Douglas 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee (Joyce)- Skate with Santa at Treadwell Arena, lighting the Christmas Tree
  - October Meeting at Moose Club
- Docks and Harbors (Matt)
  - Candidate Forum question about Douglas Harbor improvements- no new information really- because tourism money is not available
- Planning Commission/ Community Development (Shannon)
  - Planning commission moved to approve the downtown Douglas/West Juneau Area Plan
- Parks & Rec (Shannon)
  - 9 more holes approved by Parks and Rec at Treadwell Arena
- Treadwell Ditch Renovation Project (Ed)
  - Hike and bike access from Eaglecrest to Jumbo
  - Mt. Jumbo Trail Access - significant work done on new route, more work to come, great improvements
- Eaglecrest Ski Area (Matt)
  - Changes in Eaglecrest Board
  - Road development in support of Gondola development- mountain is currently closed to the public
- Juneau-Douglas North Crossing (Ed)-
  - Process seems to be ongoing but not clear any advancement is occurring

- Community Gardens (Matt) added to the list for reports

**Other Items:**

- DIA building is almost complete
- Mount Jumbo Gym availability question- CBJ responded that they shut it down May-August because of low demand, so they don't have to staff it

**VIII. Public Participation on agenda items-** none

**IX. Comments/Questions/Announcements from DAB members:** None

**X. Next meeting.** November 19<sup>th</sup>

**XI. Adjourn**