

Douglas Advisory Board (DAB)
May 15, 2024 Meeting – APPROVED MINUTES

Call to order: 5:08pm

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

I. Approval of Agenda. Approved, as amended.

II. Approval of Minutes for 3/20/24. Approved.

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

IV. Presentations. None.

V. Unfinished Business

- Douglas Cemeteries: The Assembly's Committee of the Whole considered the cemeteries on May 6 and voted to issue a Request for Information (RFI) seeking interested parties to coordinate maintenance of Douglas cemeteries. The vote did not include any funding if a party comes forward and wins municipal approval to take on the task. The city's attorney suggested the title search would be costly. Pioneers of Alaska are paying for title searches for Douglas Island cemeteries. The committee recommended the full Assembly take this up at a future meeting. No public comment is allowed at work sessions, so comments can be submitted by letter or at future Assembly meetings. Concerned citizens are organizing an effort to meet with Assembly members, write letters and opinion pieces, and speak for public testimony at Assembly meetings. Ed and Mary Kay will draft an updated letter to the Assembly.
- “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. Ed noted that some Native groups disagree on which clan should be acknowledged for Douglas. Shannon will bring a sample for review at the next DAB meeting.
- Teri's Resignation. Teri announced that she will resign from the DAB after seven years, effective May 31. She will finalize minutes and reports and will prepare a file for transfer. Ed will serve temporarily as chair until a new chair is elected.
- Future DAB Meetings. DAB members discussed and agreed to meet every other month (after the June meeting). The schedule for the rest of the year will be June 19, August 21, October 16, and December 18, starting at 5pm. Teri will inform the City Clerk and request the Douglas Library be reserved for those dates.

VII. Reports

- CBJ Assembly: No report.

- Treadwell Society: No report.
- Juneau Area Plan: No report.
- Eaglecrest Ski Area: No report.
- Parks and Recreation (Shannon): Corvus Design hosted a public meeting with Douglas residents (with minimal advertising) to discuss commercialization of city lands for recreation. The response from residents was not positive.
- Planning Commission and Community Development: No report.
- Treadwell Ditch Trail (Ed): This year's work will include building new bridge (the largest to date) and working on the trail, beginning at Eaglecrest and working back toward Douglas. Shannon added there will be no Disc Golf expansion.
- Juneau-Douglas North Crossing: No report.
- 4th of July Committee (Joyce): The group is meeting every other week to plan for this year's holiday events.
- 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.

Taku Plumbing and Heating is organizing a highway clean up between the bridge and Douglas. Contact them for details.

X. Adjourn: 6:24 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 (5-6:30pm)