

Douglas Advisory Board (DAB)
March 16, 2022– APPROVED MINUTES

Call to order: 5:33pm

Members present: Teri Tibbett (Chair), John Delgado (Secretary), Mary Kay Pusich, Joyce Vick, Ed Schoenfeld, Joanna Wulffenstein, Kayla Mount.

Others present: Beth McEwen CBJ City Clerk; Dave Scanlan Eaglecrest Ski Area Manager; Yvonne Krummey (KTOO Radio).

I. Approval of Agenda. Approved, as amended.

II. Approval of Minutes 2.16.22. Approved.

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

IV. Presentation(s): Dave Scanlan gave an overview of plans to expand and improve summer and winter operations at the city-owned Eaglecrest Ski Area, presented by Dave Scanlan, ski area manager.

- CBJ approved \$2 million to purchase a gondola for both summer and winter trips to the ridge, after two years of task force efforts, 24 public meetings, and financial planning. 12 gondola cabins can carry 550 passengers per hour.
- Planning a soft opening in 2024, with an official opening in 2025.
- Also working on bike trail improvements, cross country skiing trails, mid-station drop off, and tubing at the mid-station.
- A McDowell Group report offers data about visitor potential at Eaglecrest.
- Eaglecrest is working with Alaska Coach Tours and cruise lines to be included in visitor packages.

Discussion followed about bus traffic on North Douglas Highway; marketing plans; addressing difficulty connecting with cruise ships for local activities; electric bikes on the trails.

V. Unfinished Business

- **Douglas Island Cemeteries.** The DAB letter to CBJ Assembly from April 2021, with back-up materials, was recently resent to Mayor Weldon, Assembly members, and the City Manager. Teri will connect with Mayor Weldon and request an update. Also, meet with Assembly member Hughes-Skandijs, chair of the Human Resources committee, and is a resident of Douglas.
- **“Welcome to Douglas Island” Sign at the Roundabout.** No update.
- **Douglas Highway Bus Stops/Crosswalks.** Highway upgrades between the bridge and Douglas will continue this summer as part of the 3-year project.
- **Bath Rooms at Savikko Park.** Discussion included the condition of the bath rooms “in bad shape” “needs to be rebuilt”; requesting CBJ to allocate resources to replace and

reopen with expanded access to the bath rooms. DAB members reviewed a draft letter to CBJ requesting action be taken. John motioned to send the letter as is to the Mayor, Assembly, City Manager, Parks & Rec, City Clerk. Teri offered an amendment to add a sentence requesting CBJ respond with a written response. The amendment failed to pass. The original motion passed without objection. Teri will deliver the letter to the Mayor, Assembly, and other staff.

- **Recycling on Douglas Island.** No update.

VI. New Business.

- Welcome new Board members Joanna Wulffenstein and Kayla Mount!

VII. Reports.

** Update reporting responsibilities at April meeting, invite Jo and Kayla to participate.*

- **CBJ Assembly.** The Assembly approved an acreage rezone related to boat houses; also supports the effort to use \$2 million federal funds to study North Douglas Second Crossing.
- **Planning Commission/Community Development** (John). No update.
- **Juneau Area Plans/Steering Committee** (Joyce). No update.
- **Lands & Resources** (Mary Kay). No update.
- **Parks & Rec** (Ed). Proposal by Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game is looking at expanding Fish Creek Park in North Douglas, improving trails, and addressing fish habitat.
- **Docks & Harbors** (Joyce) Joyce reported on projections for the future impacting Douglas, including \$148,000 for pile installation. For more information, review presentation by Docs & Harbors online.
- **Treadwell Historical Society** (Mary Kay/Joyce). No update.
- **Douglas 4th of July Committee** (Joyce). The committee will begin meeting again in April.
- **Treadwell Ditch Trail Renovation Project** (Ed). Work is completed between Blueberry Hill (West Juneau) and Bonnie Brae subdivision (North Douglas). Next phase is Bonnie Brae to Eaglecrest. Waiting for Forest Service permits, fisheries protection plans, etc. Also, planning for Mt. Jumbo trail improvements are in development.
- **Eaglecrest Ski Area** (Teri). No update.
- **North Douglas/Second Crossing** (Teri). No update.

VIII. Public Participation on agenda items. None.

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

X. Adjourned: 7:35pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 5:30pm