

Douglas Advisory Board (DAB)
February 17, 2021 – APPROVED MINUTES

Call to order: 5:33pm

Members present: Teri Tibbett (Chair), John Delgado (Secretary), Joyce Vick, Mary Kay Pusich, Joyce Vick, Troy Wuyts-Smith

Others present: Merrill Sanford, Di Cathart

I. Approval of Agenda. Approved.

II. Approval of Minutes 1.20.21. Approved, as amended.

III. Public Participation. None.

IV. Presentation. Merrill Sanford presented on Douglas Island Cemeteries, clarifying that he has been working for years to turn over ownership and maintenance of the Eagles Cemetery to CBJ. Movement on the topic was stalled for various reasons, but he is interested in working with DAB to pursue its conclusion.

V. Unfinished Business:

- **Douglas Island Cemeteries.** Teri reported a conversation with the city attorney, Robert Palmer, who indicated there is currently no allocation in the CBJ budget for to search for and litigate the title and eminent domain, nor are there funds allocated in the budget for the annual maintenance of the cemeteries. He suggested a letter to the Assembly requesting them to take this on as a project and direct city funds and resources to the project. He also suggested submitting any titles and back-up already gathered to help move the process along. He noted that the Assembly and staff have been engulfed in managing the repercussions from the COVID public health emergency and the impacts to local businesses, CBJ economy, homelessness, joblessness, rental stress, and other issues taking up staff time and resources.

Mary Kay and John agreed to gather past materials related to title and other back-up for the Eagles and Catholic cemeteries, and give to Teri, who will draft a letter to the Assembly requesting they prioritize taking over ownership and maintenance for these and other cemeteries on Douglas Island. The CBJ budget process begins in April, so a letter from CBJ would be ideal by the April meeting.

- **“Welcome to Douglas Island” Sign at the Roundabout.** No update.
- **DAB Flyer.** The previously-approved flyer will be posted at the Douglas Library and other Douglas locations. The social media effort was tabled indefinitely.
- **Reports Monitoring.** Summer will take over monitoring Dock & Harbors.

VI. New Business. None.

VII. Reports

- **Treadwell Historical Society (Joyce).** No update.

- **Douglas 4th of July Committee** (Joyce). The committee hasn't met since August 2020.
- **Juneau Area Plans/Steering Committee** (Joyce). The committee is discussing a survey polling people in West Juneau and south Douglas about their priorities for area improvements. The largest demographics are 18-25 year olds and 65+. Also, road construction will continue in the summer between the bridge and Cordova. The group is looking at vision statements from other parts of town.
- **Docks & Harbors** (Joyce). No update. Summer will monitor moving forward.
- **Planning Commission/Community Development** (John). No update.
- **Lands & Resources** (Mary Kay). No update.
- **CBJ Assembly** (Troy). No update.
- **Parks & Rec** (Troy). The Treadwell Arena is open for skating.
- **Eaglecrest Ski Area** (Teri). The Ptarmigan lift was damaged due to high winds, but was repaired and running again within a week. Dave Scanlon, ski area manager, will present to DAB at the April meeting on the topic of Eaglecrest summer expansion plans.
- **[Treadwell Ditch Trail Renovation Project](#)** (Dept. of Fish & Game and Juneau Community Foundation) (Teri). No update.
- **North Douglas/Second Crossing** (Teri). No update.

VIII. Public Participation. None.

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

X. Adjournment: 6:40pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 17 at 5:30pm