

Douglas Advisory Board (DAB)
November 13, 2019 – APPROVED MINUTES

Call to order: 5:37pm

I. Introductions

Members Present: Norton Gregory, Mary Kay Pusich, John Delgado, Joyce Vick
Guests: Gordon Williams

II. Approval of Agenda. Approved.

III. Approval of Minutes from September 11, 2019. Approved as amended.
Correction: Add DOT guest, Marcheta Moulton.

IV. Public participation: Gordon Williams discussed concerns related to the Douglas Neighborhood Plan under CBJ Community Development, including the density of housing and the amount of traffic on the Douglas Highway should any new developments occur.

V. Old Business.

1. Eaglecrest Summer Operation Plans

Mary Kay: Expressed concerns about increased traffic on the island. Would prefer to see smaller vehicles to transport patrons. No diesel powers vehicles if possible.

Joyce: Would like to see any extra money that is generated be considered for a second crossing to Douglas.

John: Expressed that the project is too far out to formulate any comments.

Norton will monitor and report progress.

2. Roundabout Sign

Mary Kay: Will invite someone from DOT present at the January meeting.

John: Dan Blidorn with Rotary expressed interest in a welcome sign. John will reach out to Dan with the intent to invite Dan to the next meeting.

3. Savikko Park Bathrooms

Mary Kay: Drafted a letter for review for comments at December meeting.

John: Moved that Norton will vet the letter and will send it to CBJ. [No objection?]

4. Communication with CBJ

Norton: Spoke with Mayor Weldon, discussed her attending a DAB meeting, but it conflicts with CBJ Finance meeting. DAB can change the meeting date if necessary. Norton will look at CBJ Assembly calendar and identify a time.

Norton and Mary Kay: Will check with the library schedule.

Joyce: Advised that Tuesdays do not work for her.

DAB will consider meeting in February on Thursday instead of Wednesday.

5. Douglas Island Day event

Attended by 30-40 people. A ribbon cutting ceremony at the remodeled office building was held.

6. Treadwell Society

Met the week of November 3-8. Had about \$100,000 in coffers. Tennis court/Pickleball court will cost \$15,000-\$30,000 to refurbish. Security cameras have been installed. New signage at the Treadwell ditch is being produced. With new GPS technology a more accurate map of the Treadwell mining area is being developed.

7. Douglas Harbor Improvements

Norton: Boat harbor area has a dirt parking lot with large pot-holes. The bathrooms at Savikko Park are very dark at night. No lighting. Need to express our thoughts to the CBJ.

Mary Kay: Suggests that we add this topic to the February agenda.

Joyce: DOT and State has a municipal harbor grant fund. This is something the CBJ should look to for funds to complete the harbor. Joyce will draft a letter in the next few months. Suggests that we have talking points for February meeting.

Need funding, not likely that CBJ will prioritize it, but possible state funding.

8. Crosswalk and C Street Stairs. Norton suggested it's a project for next summer. Remove from agenda.

9. Douglas Cemeteries. There are five cemeteries that Parks and Recreation should handle the maintenance for. Greg Cheney (CBJ) was working on it, but no action appears to be taken. There has been volunteer maintenance done on it for years. Mary Kay will follow up with Merrill Sanford and Greg Cheney.

VI. New Business:

1. Parks and Recreation – Parks and Recreation held an event during the summer on the stage in Savikko Park. There was a projector, large inflatable screen, and a movie was shown. The event was very well attended. Laura at CBJ has the direction to continue showing movies around town. If Laura obtains sponsorship of \$400 per movie, she can show another movie. Mary Kay will not be in attendance at our December meeting.
2. Outreach. Best practice to reach out to Douglas residents. John will bring a brochure used in the past, for a possible redo. Also look at website and Facebook.

VII. Announcements

Joyce would like to see us print out a list of standing CBJ meetings. Print at the bottom of DAB agenda.

Next meeting: December 11, 2019