

Douglas Advisory Board (DAB)
July 10, 2019 – APPROVED MINUTES

Members present: Norton Gregory (chair), Charles Ward (vice-chair), Teri Tibbett (secretary), John Delgado, Adam Garner, Mary Kay Pusich, Joyce Vick.

Others present: Carl Uchytel, CBJ Port Director

Call to order: 5:33pm

I. Approval of Agenda: Approved.

II. Approval of Minutes, June 12, 2019: Held.

II. Presentation by Carl Uchytel, CBJ Port Director

Docks and Harbors, a CBJ enterprise board, is required to raise revenue for operations and emergency funds. In response to DAB's question about improvements to the Douglas Boat Harbor, such as paving and beautification, Mr. Uchytel indicated the department prioritizes projects based on need and currently there are safety needs at other CBJ harbors, such as security cameras, safety ladders for self-rescue, etc. He suggested alternatives include inviting private groups to volunteer to improve the dock area; form a "Friends of Douglas Harbor" group to plant trees, pave, improve bathrooms, or other improvements. CBJ 1% sales tax discussion will be formalized in 2021 and may be an opportunity for Douglas Island input.

III. Old Business:

1. **Eaglecrest Ski Area expansion.** General Manager Dave Scanling will present on the ski area's summer expansion plan, and other updates, at DAB's August meeting. Presentation materials are on Eaglecrest's website for review before the meeting.
2. **Bathrooms at Treadwell Arena/Savikko Park.** Bathrooms were closed for Gold Rush Days, follow-up with CBJ indicated it was a miscommunication within Parks and Rec, and not the official policy, and the bathrooms will be open for future summer events. CBJ also indicated for security and vandalism concerns, the bathrooms will be closed between events. Concerns from DAB members include: non-availability of facilities for dog-walkers and other park users in the summer and winter months; lack of signs posting the times; and a request to install security cameras.

Members discussed the safety concerns, including open drug use, people with mental illness or substance use problems using the bathrooms in non-traditional ways, used needles, etc. Members requested information showing actual safety and vandalism risk in terms of numbers.

Mary Kay will write a letter of concern from DAB about the bathrooms being closed in the summer months, including mentioning the inconveniences, and requesting the bathrooms be open during the summer months.

3. **Crosswalk in front of Douglas Depot/C Street stairs.** No update.
4. **Douglas Island Day event.** DAB remains in communication with the Treadwell Historical Society and other planners about the exact date and other planning elements. Possibly early September.

5. **Communication between DAB and CBJ.** No update.
6. **Douglas Harbor Improvements.** After Mr. Uchytel's presentation, DAB board members agreed to follow-up with a letter to CBJ/Docks and Harbors. Joyce will write the letter supporting any Docks and Harbors improvements to Douglas Boat Harbor and requesting DAB be informed and involved with any improvement plans.

V. New Business:

1. **Repairing Savikko Park.** CBJ's repair effort could be an opportunity for DAB to advocate for paving the parking lot or road in front of the boat harbor.
2. **New tower across from North Douglas.** The North Douglas Neighborhood Association reported via their list serve about a new tower going up near the airport with potential implications for North Douglas residents. The association will monitor and report.

VI. Announcements.

- Adam announced he would not reapply for his board membership and will leave when his term is over. Members recognized Adam's contributions and expressed gratitude for his participation over the years.
- Charles will be out of town for the August meeting for an excused absence.
- Dave Scandling, general manager, will present at the DAB August meeting.
- Next DAB meeting: Wednesday, August 14, 2019.

Adjourn: 6:00pm