

Douglas Advisory Board (DAB)
June 12, 2019 – APPROVED MINUTES

Call to order: 5:33pm

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

Others present: Paulette Simpson, Treadwell Historical Society

I. Agenda. Approved, with request to add discussion of “order of agenda” after presentation by the Treadwell Historical Society.

II. Minutes: March 13, 2019, April 10, 2019, May 8, 2019: All approved.

III. Presentation by Paulette Simpson, Treadwell Historical Society

Paulette presented on historical society projects and Douglas events coming up, including the society’s reception to celebrate their renovated Douglas office, Perseverance Theater’s 40 year Anniversary, appreciation event for Douglas Volunteer Fire Department, walking tour of the mine, and Gold Rush Days. The society is also working on updating the Douglas tourist map to include new sites, and possibly an app that provides narration for each site. Discussion followed about DAB working with the society to plan and carry out a day-long “round-robin” style Douglas event that combines the Treadwell Historical Society reception, Perseverance’s anniversary, fire department event, and walking tour of the mine. DAB members will discuss moving forward on planning at next month’s meeting.

IV. Discussion of “Order of Agenda.”

Teri moved to set the monthly DAB agenda order as follows: 1) Approval of Agenda, 2) Approval of Minutes, 3) Public Participation, 4) Presentations (by organizations/individuals), 5) Old Business, 6) New Business, 7) Announcements.

Discussion included assuring that members of the public do not have to wait until after DAB business before offering public testimony or presentations; and conducting old business before new business to ensure that ongoing issues can be updated and addressed before moving on to new business.

Motion passed.

V. Old Business:

- Communication between DAB and CBJ. Norton met with the CBJ city manager who recommended communicating with the city clerk and department heads to get on their distribution lists. Teri met with the city clerk for a tutorial on navigating the CBJ website for updates on planning and action. Joyce recommended regular communication by email to DAB. Norton recommended asking the city manager to direct the city clerk and department heads to develop a system for distributing information related to Douglas Island to DAB in a timely fashion, as is done for other CBJ boards.

- Bathrooms at Treadwell Arena/Savikko Park. Mary Kay reported the bathrooms remain closed most of the time, even after assurances from CBJ they will be opened and available to the public. Mary Kay moved that DAB write a letter to CBJ manager asking that the bathrooms at Treadwell Arena/Savikko Park be open at the same time the bathrooms at Sandy Beach are open. Motion passed without objection. Norton will write the letter.
- Douglas Island day-long event. DAB will remain in communication with the Treadwell Historical Society regarding planning for the event sometime this summer (see above for additional details).

VI. New Business:

- Eaglecrest Ski Area expansion. Discussion covered: 1) expanded operations to include new summer activities, such as enhanced mountain bike terrain, mountain gravity coaster, expanded zipline, gondola to carry people and bicycles to the top, and building a lodge at the top, with costs estimated at \$30-\$35 million; 2) building a pump house at the top of Hooter lift to aid in snow making to the upper mountain; 3) Legislative action this session that included provisions that would allow liquor sales at Eaglecrest. It was recommended the ski area manager be invited to present to DAB; Norton volunteered to do that.
- Douglas Harbor. Members discussed a letter from Sandy and Susanne Williams regarding Douglas Harbor improvements. Mary Kay moved that DAB invite the port director of Docks & Harbors to present to DAB. Motion passed without objection.

VII. Announcements.

- Gold Rush Days are June 22-23 at Savikko Park in Douglas. Opportunities for a tour of the Treadwell Mine will be available.
- **Next DAB meeting:** Wednesday, July 10, 2019.

Adjourn: 6:00pm