

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

Call to order: 5:33pm

Present: Mary Kay Pusich (acting chair), Adam Garner, John Delgado, Charles Ward, Norton Gregory, Teri Tibbett (secretary)

Others present: Dave Hanna

I. Approval of Agenda: Approved.

II. Approval of Minutes: March 13, 2019: Held.

III. Presentation by Dave Hanna re: Rezone above Lawson Creek:

Mr. Hanna currently has a request before the CBJ Planning Commission to rezone his 28 acre parcel from D5 (five lots per acre) to D18 (18 lots per acre). The property is surrounded by D18 zoning, which supports this action. He plans to develop 10 of the 28 acres, with 60 new homes, including some duplexes, expected to sell for under \$300,000 each. There is sewer, water, and paved streets, and is working on drainage. Mr. Hanna requested a letter of support from DAB to CBJ Planning Commission by April 22.

Comments from DAB members: The rezone and subdivision plans support a need outlined by Juneau's Affordable Housing Commission; planning for parking, green areas, playgrounds, dog parks, etc. is often overlooked in past Douglas Island subdivision planning and needs to be considered; increased traffic is a concern, both for cars entering onto Douglas Highway from side streets, and at the round-about; getting a letter to the commission by the deadline may be difficult.

IV. Board Member Elections: Members moved without objection the following: Norton Gregory (chair); Charles Ward (vice-chair); Teri Tibbett (secretary).

V. Old Business:

- **Sandy Beach/St. Ann's stairs.** Discussion: Mike Vigue, director of Public Works and Engineering has indicated the project is supposed to coincide with another project on 1st Street, but that project is completed and the stairs are not repaired. Mary Kay will follow-up to clarify progress.
- **International Firefighter's Day,** Saturday, May 4th. DAB members agreed to cancel planning for the event due to scheduling and other challenges.
- **Douglas Island Cemeteries.** Greg Chaney has sent the paperwork to First American Title Company for a full review. Will keep DAB updated as progress furthers.
- **Blueprint Downtown.** The effort may change after recent declaration that Juneau is a "Hometown USA" designation.
- **Treadwell Plan.** No update.

VI. New Business:

- **Treadwell Historical Society** is planning a celebration highlighting the grand opening of the society's office building. Discussion: consider combining several Douglas summer events, including the Treadwell event, Firefighter Appreciation Day, and Perseverance Theatre's 40th Anniversary event. More details will be available later.

- **Letter from Jacob Resneck and Jamie Buehner** requesting DAB advocate for a marked pedestrian crosswalk at D Street and 3rd Street; also requested advocacy for a staircase at C Street to connect 4th and 5th streets. Discussion: members agreed the crosswalk and stairs are important to address and will add to agenda for future meetings.
- **Communication between CBJ and DAB:** Norton will talk to city manager Rorie Watt about improving efforts to communicate with DAB about projects on Douglas Island before it goes out to public process.

VII. Announcements:

- **Next meeting:** May 8, 2019

Adjourn: 6:00pm