

Agenda of the City and Borough of Juneau
Historic Resources Advisory Committee
 Special Meeting – September 13, 2022
 5 PM

CBJ Room 224 and
 Zoom Webinar Meeting

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MEMBERS	
Name	Attendance
Zane Jones	
Shannon Crossley	
Shauna McMahon	
Gary Gillette	
Don Harris	
Sarah Hieb	
Olivia Lihou	
Dorene Lorenz	
Chuck Smythe	

STAFF	
Name	Attendance
Beth McKibben	
Scott Ciambor	

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Minutes
 - a. August 3, 2022
 - b. August 15, 2022
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Maria Lewis – CLG Coordinator -discussion
- VI. Committee Comments
- VII. Adjournment

Next Meeting – October 5, 2022

Agenda of the City and Borough of Juneau
Historic Resources Advisory Committee
 Regular Meeting – August 3, 2022
 Minutes

MEMBERS	
Name	Attendance
Zane Jones	
Shannon Crossley	X
Shauna McMahon	X
Gary Gillette	X
Don Harris	X
Sarah Hieb	
Olivia Lihou	
Dorene Lorenz	
Chuck Smythe	X

STAFF	
Name	Attendance
Beth McKibben	X
Niko Sanguinetti	X
Scott Ciambor	

- I. Call to Order
Meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda
Motion Smythe/Second Harris to approve the agenda as presented.
- III. Minutes – June 16, 2022
Motion Gillette/Second Smythe; to approve the April 6, 2022 minutes as presented.
Passed with no objection.
- IV. Public Comment
Laurie Craig thanked the Committee for the opportunity to sit in on the meeting.
She has begun reviewing the draft Juneau Townsite Survey and noted what a great collaboration the project is.

Crossley said this at this meeting there will be an overview and a future meeting will be scheduled to take comments on the document.

V. Draft Letter of Support for 2022 CLG Grant Application

McKibben explained that she had started the 2022 CLG grant application for Phase 2 of the Juneau Townsite Survey. She drafted a letter of support for Commission consideration. She also said she had a letter of support from the City Museum.

Gillette asked if the NorthWind Architect's contract allowed them to continue working on the project without the need for a new RFP. McKibben said yes. Gillette suggested including that information in the grant application.

Crossley informed the Commission that subcontractor Anjuli Grantham is moving to Ireland in pursuit of a PhD. She intends to continue working on the second phase of the project.

The letter of support was approved by consensus.

McKibben then asked a few questions about how the budget for Phase 1 of the Juneau Townsite Survey CLG grant was developed.

Smythe asked if additional information will be required from the city for the next phase. If so, he suggested increasing the city match for the next grant application.

VI. Juneau Townsite Survey-Draft Review

Crossley stepped down as chair and noted she is now representing NorthWind as the consultant for the Juneau Townsite Survey, Phase 1. She explained that tonight she wanted to provide an overview and take broad questions. There will be another meeting specifically to take Commission comments on the draft survey.

McKibben explained the draft document has been submitted to SHPO for comment that HRAC review and comments are required as part of the grant agreement.

Smythe suggested Gillette chair this portion of the meeting.

Gillette said his first questions were answered by the updated document that was received today.

Crossley gave a brief overview. She explained that the document will look different in its final form. The most recent draft includes the introduction and methodology. She acknowledged Smythe for his assistance in the tone of the document. She explained the federal government mandates the methodology. She said the draft does not have all the maps but the maps included are an example of the format that will be included.

Gillette asked about why the format will be different in the final document. He asked if this is because of the forms.

McKibben clarified that the forms required by SHPO will be an appendix and the body of the document will be more accessible to a wider audience, so the document will meet the requirements of SHPO and be more reader friendly and website appropriate.

Gillette said he likes that idea. He suggested removing the title “additional information requested by CBJ”. He does not think it adds anything to the report.

Gillette said he had seen documentation that the St. Nicholas Orthodox Church was not actually “Russian”. He had seen it both ways but he would like to know which is correct.

McMahon also remembers this church as being for the local commission with Tlingit input and not Russian.

Sanguinetti said the current priest the church has said it was requested, guided and funded by local Tlingit and there was not a Russian presence.

McKibben asked if there was Commission feedback on the maps. Before she requests the completion of the rest of the map set she’d like comments.

Several commission member thought the maps are clear, understandable and easy to read.

Gillette asked how the consultants decided which properties were identified as historic,

Crossley said they removed any buildings demolished since the previous report and added in buildings that had reached the age of significance.

Gillette asked about the integrity criteria and noted this information is usually used for a National nomination and that maybe it was beyond the scope of this grant. The step would need to be done as part of preparing for a national nomination.

There was some discussion as to whether this was required for this grant or a future project. Staff will check with the state for clarification.

Harris asked about the boundaries of the area being surveyed. He noted that in some cases there are houses on one side of the street are historic but not included in the survey.

Crossley explained that the districts were predetermined. She said they would ask the state about expanding the Townsite if appropriate. The area under discussion may be included in another district, but if its not included in a historic district it may be appropriate to expand the boundaries of the district or consider another historic.

VII. Schedule Special Meeting to Comment – Juneau Townsite Survey

Crossley took back the gavel. McKibben explained they want to schedule a special meeting for the commission to provide feedback or missing information.

Meeting date options were provided. The Commission asked staff to send a doodle poll. McKibben also said she would check to see if meeting in person was an option.

VIII. Committee Comments

Sanguinetti invited everyone to her going away party at the City Museum on August 10.

Laurie Craig said the meeting was fascinating. She mentioned the safe in the Behrends Bank basement, which is full of historic documents, plus the beautiful door on the safe.

There was some discussion about how historic documents can be accessed, especially if they are private documents versus public documents. It is important to get legal authority to access historic documents.

IX. Adjournment

Motion McMahon/Second Smythe to adjourn the meeting at 6:13.

Agenda of the City and Borough of Juneau
Historic Resources Advisory Committee
 Special Meeting – August 15, 2022
 MINUTES

MEMBERS	
Name	Attendance
Zane Jones	
Shannon Crossley	X (attending as consultant)
Shauna McMahon	X
Gary Gillette	X
Don Harris	X
Sarah Hieb	X
Olivia Lihou	X
Dorene Lorenz	X
Chuck Smythe	X

STAFF	
Name	Attendance
Beth McKibben	
Scott Ciambor	

- I. Call to Order
Meeting was called to order at 5:07
- II. Approval of Agenda
Motion Lorenz/Second Smythe to approve the agenda as presented.
- III. Minutes
None
- IV. Public Comment
Laurie Craig said she is very impressed with the report. She has some comments to offer when the time is appropriate.

Sanguinetti noted that she is no longer staff at the museum and is attending as a member of the public.

V. Juneau Townsite Survey-Review and Comment

McKibben introduced Anjuli Grantham and Shannon Crossley as the consultants who have been working on the survey and inventory. She then asked the consultants if they had preference for how to take comments on the draft.

Grantham suggested if commission members had a lot of written comments and/or notes to please provide those directly.

McKibben suggested the commission stay focused on content and not spend time on spelling, punctuation, grammar and that sort of review. She also suggested going around the room and taking comments.

Lorenz saw some opportunity to add some details and will reach out the Pioneers of Alaska to see if they can help fill in some details. She is very impressed with the report.

Gillette has a number of format questions. He agrees the report is informative and well done. He suggested the cover acknowledge the update and phase 1. He recommended the acknowledgements page similar to other city plans and historic inventories. He also wondered if there is a requirement for a statement regarding the source of funding. He recommended an executive summary at the beginning providing an overview and introduction to the report. He will send a copy of his written comments. He recommended adding a map that shows all four of the quadrants of the Townsite. Several dots do not have numbers, and wondered when they will be added. He recommends including both the city number and the state number. He expressed concern that some information may need to be confidential. He recommended adding a column to the table to include the ARHA number. He questioned the name of the St. Nicholas Orthodox Church.

Sanguinetti said she had checked with the church and they want "Russian" included.

He suggested they double check when St. Nicholas was listed, and whether it was individually listed or part of a multiple listing. He recommended adding an explanation of what the criterion that are used for evaluation at the beginning of the document. He believes some of the information included is beyond the scope of the survey.

Crossley said that the State has confirmed that integrity discussion should be included in the report.

Grantham clarified that the survey identifies individual buildings are determined to be eligible for listing as well as contributing to the district.

Gillette suggested that a building that is not eligible for individual listing is not contributing to the district.

Grantham said that some buildings are not significant enough on their own merit for individual listing, yet have significant integrity to contribute to the district.

Gillette suggested that if a building meets criteria A then it is eligible for individual listing. He also recommended that any building appropriate for individual listing should be considered as contributing to the district.

Gillette questioned a few “style” listings. Crossley confirmed they are listed in the style guide. Gillette recommended highlighting the specific building being discussed when a photo includes more than one structure. Overall, he thinks the survey is well done.

Lihou likes the background historic information and high detail. She appreciates the historical perspective provided by using archive photos with current photos.

Smythe said the amount of work and level of detail is admirable. He recommends a map with the entire Townsite and four quadrants. He struggled to understand the reference to some of the early Townsite maps (plats) and suggested they be included. He questioned the description of the three eras in the documents. He would leave out post WW2 and just call it government expansion. He offered some clarification about the context of the Tlingits being moved and felt it is important to note they were excluded from downtown. He questioned some information about the hospital that did not align with some of his personal knowledge.

Grantham said she would look into more. Sanguinetti suggested it might be a time period issue.

Smythe will email other comments that are more style and grammatical in nature.

Harris he questioned the boundaries of the Juneau Townsite district and the Chicken Ridge district. It seems arbitrary to have the boundary line run down the middle of the street.

Sanguinetti also remembers the boundaries looking slightly different in the past.

Gillette said the first report done in 1986 looked at the entire borough. This study came up with historic neighborhoods and the lines were developed using original survey lines topographic features and a few more criteria. The state determined these areas and they do not represent original plats. This is one of the reason there are some overlaps.

Crossley thought Juneau Townsite was the “left overs” from the other downtown neighborhoods.

Hieb thinks the report is well done and will be very helpful in the future.

Sanguinetti said overall its well done. She has question about layout, and some editing notes, such as font and headings. She made some suggestions for formatting. She noted some have a “historic context” section and was not clear what it referenced. She reminded

Crossley clarified that information will be in the forms in the appendix and it will be removed from all the areas of the body of the text.

Sanguinetti noted that most entries are blank on “integrity discussion” but not.

Crossley said the intent is to include it in all the entries.

Sanguinetti suggested another map showing all the historic neighborhoods moving down in scale to this district and then the individual properties. She noted that the history entry for St. Nicholas isn’t as complete as some of the other entries and recommended looking at the church’s website for additional information. She suggested including St. Ann’s Center as one of the names for that building because that name is on the building.

Laurie Craig asked if it was possible to elaborate the story about the people that built the Behrends Department Store because they had such an impact on the development of the Juneau community. Is it possible to get a new photo of the Mendenhall Apartments. She wondered if the historic photos could be dated. She was curious about the context discussion stopped in the 1972.

Grantham explained that the survey is for historic buildings and the date of significance is 50 years and including history more current than 50 years ago does not fit within the scope of the project.

She asked about Linn Forest architect and wondered if there is a way to include him. She would love a study that included the history of the people that make the buildings special. She thanked everyone for their work and recognized the survey as a gift to the community.

McKibben said her comments are more organizational, editing and terms of art. She noted the document will flow better once the information for the forms is moved into the appendix.

Sanguinetti reminded the consultants to let “Historical Collections” know the survey will be using photos from their collection. The photos are meant to be used but they ask to be notified.

VI. Annual Retreat Planning

McKibben asked the Commission what they traditionally do for the annual retreat and what is needed from her to make this happen.

Gillette said in the past they have done the retreat in the fall or the spring. Crossley suggested winter, on a Saturday.

Smythe said the SHI building might be available for a hybrid meeting.

McKibben said she would explore a venue that would allow for a hybrid meeting. She recommended the commission pick three things they want to work on and use the Historic and Cultural Preservation Plan for project ideas, with the goal of the commission picking three things to work on for the next year.

VII. Committee Comments

McKibben thanked Sanguinetti and noted that she was integral in CBJ receiving the grant for this Juneau Townsite Survey and Inventory. Also, that Crossley had been acknowledged as woman promoting disk golf in Alaska. The Blueprint Downtown Area Plan is out for public review.

Craig pointed out that McKibben had been promoting Blueprint Downtown on a Saturday.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion Gillette/Second Lorenz to adjourn the meeting at 6:35.

*Downtown Historic Neighborhoods &
Aak'w Village Cultural District Boundary*

