

Minutes of the
City and Borough of Juneau
Historic Resources Committee Advisory Committee

Wednesday, December 2, 2015
City Hall Room 224
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Members:

<u>Abs</u> Zane Jones (Chair)	_____ Don Harris (Vice-Chair)	___Shauna McMahon (Recorder)
___ Karenza Bott	<u>Abs</u> Myra Gilliam	___ Gerald Gotschall
_____ Vacant Seat	_____ Daryl Miller	_____ Michael Tripp

Staff: ___ Laura Boyce (CBJ Community Development)
 ___ Allison Eddins (CBJ Community Development)
 ___ Megan Daniels (CBJ Community Development)

Guests:

- I. Call to Order: 5:07 pm,
- II. Approval of Agenda: Approved unanimously
- III. Approval of Minutes: Approved unanimously but with correction to spelling of Gotschall.
- IV. Public Testimony on Non-agenda Items: None
- V. New Business

1. Front and Franklin Streets Project Update- Michele Elfers

Ms. Elfers provided overview. She noted the two public meetings with about 90-100 people participating. Lighting and art had big public feedback. A summary report is now available online. Shattuck Way concept development is a more recent effort and developing phasing proposals. It was noted that project planning was now 35% complete.

There was a brief dialog about funding plans. Daryl Miller asked if local government-private partnerships could have a role. Ms. Elfers responded that sales tax is the most common source of funding for street redevelopment projects.

Ms. Elfers discussed an inventory of canopies. Currently city-owned under-mounted LED lights for canopies are being considered to support better lighting downtown. It might spur owners to update with better canopies. The city would pay the electrical cost of the LED light use. This is part of the larger effort to reconsider street lighting. Different lampposts would be narrower and less of a sidewalk barrier to pedestrians.

Two additional inventories were summarized. This included a sign inventory and public restroom inventory. The restroom inventory provided both daytime and evening availability.

Ms. Elfers noted the next project event is a public meeting about phasing on 12/9/15 at the Baranof Hotel from 6-8 pm. HRAC members were invited and encouraged to attend.

2. State Road Project Section 106 Revisions

a. Industrial Blvd & Glacier Hwy Improvements

Gerald Gotschall noted that most of the historic dairy structures had been moved or reconstructed. Shauna McMahon noted that Myra Gilliam should be made aware so she can check where archaeology records.

-MOTION- Concur with preliminary APE, HRAC does not have knowledge of any cultural resources or artifacts, but if found during project notify Juneau-Douglas City Museum. (motion by Gerald Gotschall, approved unanimously)

b. Douglas Sidewalk Extension – Gastineau School – Lawson Creek

It was noted that much of the area was previously disturbed but also there is a high number of known historic sites including a cemetery outside the APE. This raises the potential for a significant cultural find.

-MOTION- possibility of cultural and other sensitive finds. Recommend qualified cultural specialist observer. HRAC concurs with project APE. If cultural finds contact Juneau Douglas City Museum.

c. Cell Tower Review

In the discussion it was noted there was discrepancy in project location. CDD staff will contact for better location detail.

3. CBJ FY2016 Capital Improvements Projects (CIP)

Currently there are preparations for additions to CIP list and Laura Boyce requested HRAC members let her know if they have suggestions for additions. Some examples could be entry way feature to historic district, physical changes to marine park shelter to improve viewscape. It was suggested that it may be good to have engineering staff present overview about CIP additions and listings at meeting or retreat.

V1. Old Business

1. Vacant HRAC seat

Laura noted that there is currently a vacant HRAC seat with the departure of Sorrel Goodwin. HRAC members can help by encouraging candidates to apply.

2. Gastineau Apartments details

Discussion for how to be better prepared for public engagement regarding proposals like the Gastineau Apartments. It was suggested that HRAC could improve public awareness of goals of downtown historic district standards- i.e., doesn't have to be Victorian in style to meet standards. There was also an inquiry by HRAC members as how the Gunakadeit Park signs and panels might be used in the future after their removal in the Gastineau Apartment preparations.

VII. Committee Member Comments – no comments.

VII. Next Regular Meeting – January 8, 2015 5:00 p.m. City Hall Room 224

IX Adjournment 7:00