

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

Wednesday, November 4, 2015
City Hall Room 224
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Members:

___ Zane Jones (Chair)	___ Don Harris (Vice-Chair)	___ Shauna McMahon (recorder)
___ Karenza Bott	<u>Abs</u> Myra Gilliam	___ Gerald Gotschall
<u>Abs</u> Sorrel Goodwin	___ Daryl Miller	___ Michael Tripp

Staff: ___ Laura Boyce (CBJ Community Development)
Abs Jane Lindsey (CBJ, Juneau-Douglas City Museum)
___ Allison Eddins (CBJ Community Development)
___ Megan Daniels (CBJ Community Development)

Guests:

I. Call to Order: 5:04 pm,

It was noted that Sorrel Goodwin had submitted a Letter of Resignation from HRAC

II. Approval of Agenda: Subcommittee updates (VI 2) tabled. Motioned by Gerald Gotschall. Approved unanimously

III. Approval of Minutes: Approved unanimously

IV. Public Testimony on Non-agenda Items: None

Gary Gillette provided update on Power Tower project at Last Chance Mine. Structural Engineer assessed tower needs and foundation work was not recommended. Sistering in new studs was suggested by engineer. Mr. Gillette share final report grant product and asked that HRAC provide a motion related to the final report. Daryl Miller asked if an acceptance motion would prevent funding revision- Mr. Gillette noted it would not harm funding. Gerald Gotschall asked about any findings related to drainage or snow buildup.

Motion- HRAC approves Power Tower report recommendations and findings and supports submittal of Report. (Motioned by Gerald Gotschall) CDD staff summarized Open Meetings Act expectations and

shared Board Information packet with HRAC members.

V. New Business

1. Anchorage Preservation Conference Overview

Summary of the conference shared. The conference included a combination of municipal and developer perspectives. It was noted that conference presentations will be available online at the State Historic Preservation Office website. Broad conference topics included downtown revitalization, heritage tourism, jobs & income, and property values. Additional concerns included foreclosure, stability, density, walkability, knowledge-creative industries, business births and deaths, demographics, and environment. For CDD staff two sessions had particular relevance: property rights and Multiple Values of Historic Places.

Allison Eddins was especially excited that Tax Credit data will be sent to her which might allow comparison of property values pre and post additions to historic district. This might help build tangible evidence of value in preservation.

Zane Jones noted his appreciation of the opportunity to attend the conference. It motivated his enthusiasm to look at declaring additional historic districts. He also found information about running meetings valuable.

It was noted that the Evergreen Cemetery Project was of interest at the conference and may inspire to Fairbanks.

2. Evergreen Cemetery Online Map Presentation & Project Update

Megan Daniels provided an online orientation to the project. Government entities often get inquiries from tourists and other visitors wishing to locate the gravesite of a relative. This online project will facilitate that search. May also help in tracking potential maintenance needs of headstones.

3. Project Updates/Discussion - staff

a) Wells Fargo Mural

HRAC members discussed whether murals be classed as art or sign. Laura Boyce noted currently murals would likely be done with a building permit application but no fee. Allison Eddins asked about making HRAC approval based on conditions related to Mural Committee work. Daryl Miller noted that a "hold harmless" liability clause would be important. Zane Jones recommended tabling until the Mural committee could provide further regulation proposal detail.

b) Baranof Hotel Windows

Window replacement was approved by CBJ. Prior to approval the request was forwarded to the HRAC building subcommittee for comment.

c) Gastineau Apartments

There is a potential effort to preserve the Gastineau Apartments building versus demolition. Laura Boyce asked if HRAC had interest in preparing a letter supporting the preservation effort. Zane Jones recommended more detail and possible presentation from the developer and building official prior to any HRAC statement. The topic was tabled to next meeting.

V1. Old Business

1. Grant Updates

The Preservation Plan Project RFP is being prepared. Additional;CLG grant opportunity is coming. Laura asked about potential grant projects to submit. The HRAC members discussed two potentials: Historic Structures inventory update or Preservation Plan activity such as bringing speaker to Juneau, the HRAC members recommended the public speaker for the Preservation Plan.

VII. Committee Member Comments – no comments.

VII. Next Regular Meeting – December 2, 2015 5:00 p.m. City hall Room 224

IX Adjournment 6:30