

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

Wednesday, October 7 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)
<u>Abs</u> Karenza Bott	<u>Abs</u> Myra Gilliam	___ Gerald Gottschall
_____ Sorrel Goodwin	_____Daryl Miller (by phone)	<u>Abs</u> Michael Tripp

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

Guests: Michele Elfers (CBJ, Engineering)

- I. Call to Order: 5:03 pm,
- II. Approval of Agenda: Approved unanimously
- III. Approval of Minutes: Approved unanimously
- IV. Public Testimony on Non-agenda Items: None
- V. New Business

1. Front and Franklin Steets Project Update – Michel Elfers, CBJ staff

Ms. Elfers provided an overview of project activity. Roughly 100 people attended the Juneau townhall event. A final report has been posted on the website- Allison will email link to HRAC members. Shauna McMahon noted the active use of the bench in front of Juneau Drug. Don Harris encouraged raising pavement but it was indicated this typically would add drainage concerns. The high cost of the cast iron curbs was noticed- apparently the material offers durability, especially with Juneau’s snowplowing.

The next steps for the project were summarized by Ms. Elfers. A thematic design with lighting detail will be prepared by the consultant in early December a public meeting of project will be held. Prospective install timelines, construction phrasing, and product details are expected to be readied for December.

Project tasks also include public restroom inventory and signage inventory by a consultant. CDD is working on a canopy inventory that will have height, position, etc. details.

The mention of canopy inventory generated larger discussion. It was noted that the construction, design, and maintenance of canopies rest on the building owner. For buildings without canopies owners are expected to incorporate canopies during any major exterior project. Canopies currently are in chapter 5 of the downtown historic district standards and include 8' minimum height. The height and whether this minimum is high enough was briefly discussed. Darryl Miller noted that signs can result in the effective height of the canopy being lower. Lighting levels downtown was also discussed. Don Harris asked about determining "appropriate lighting" and whether lumens would be a criteria.

1a. Art Planning Group

As part of the Front & Franklin project art considerations have been incorporated with the development of an informal art planning group. The group looks at strategizing where to put art and what type of art. The goal is to have the Art Planning Group be an independent entity and to have it look at murals but also other forms of art as well. Currently public art is incorporated in title 49 and Daryl Miller noted that it includes art guidelines and provides provisions for enforcement and removal.

1b City and business partnerships

It was noted Anchorage has made effective use of partnerships to negotiate art and neighborhood improvements through Anchorage Downtown Partnership Ltd. There may be a good role for such a partnership for downtown improvement efforts in Juneau. The Downtown Business Association and Downtown Improvement Group may be resources for such a partnership effort in Juneau. Given city budget pressures nationwide partnerships are gaining increased attention.

2. Project Updates/Discussion

Currently Laura Boyce is writing final report for the Evergreen Cemetery Project. Recently the city received a mural inquiry related to the Wells Fargo Bank building. They are proposing to install the "Sons of Romeo" mural by R.D. Robertson. The mural was previously commissioned but not taken and there was outreach to Wells Fargo of whether they would be interested. The artist has previously done work such as a sculpture at Juneau Hotel, waterfall at Bartlett Regional Hospital, and mosaic at Douglas Island Pub.

The mural is 12' x 5'. Images of the mural were passed around to HRAC members and the mural included southeast Alaska animals: wolf, bear, beaver, otter, salmon, raven, eagle, frog, killer whale, shark and seal.

There was interest in having the proposal presented at a future HRAC meeting.

VII. Committee Member Comments – no comments.

VII. Next Regular Meeting – November 4, 2015 5:00 p.m. City hall Room 224
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IX Adjournment 6:15