

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

Wednesday, September 2 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	___ Myra Gilliam	<u>Abs</u> Gerald Gottschall
___ Sorrel Goodwin	___ Daryl Miller	___ Michael Tripp

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

Guests:

Rod Steedle - Asst. City Manager
Robert Barr- Library Director
Jodi DeBruyne- Curator of Collections & Exhibits

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

1. City Museum Collections – Iron Tools- Jodi DeBruyne

Jodi DeBruyne described recent routine review of JDCM artifacts at the Last Chance Museum. The main JDCM collection at Last Chance Mine was accessioned in 1984 when CBJ purchased the Last Chance site from AEL&P. At the recent review a selection of the artifacts showed presence of “white powder” and some had orange corrosion and flaking. In July JDCM and Alaska State Museum staff visited the display. It was noted that cases might be offer limited protection given the humidity and exhibit dynamics at Last Chance Mine. 27 artifacts were removed from exhibit, condition reports prepared, and placed in JDCM. Storage. Ms. DeBruyne and Ms. Lindsey noted that any tool expertise that Mr. Harris might offer regarding this mining tool collection would be welcomed.

2. Museum Loans Incoming - Outgoing

Jane Lindsey noted the upcoming Rasmussen Retrospective

3. Museum Casework Project

Jane Lindsey mentioned pursuit of grants for lighting and new cases. This is part of a larger effort towards new energy behind permanent exhibits and using some suggestions noted in the long range planning document. This includes more Auk and Taku Kwan heritage in the general history section and expanding the melting pot section. At the popular store “curio” display JDHS wants to further tie to specific Juneau businesses. Also mentioned was the “fishing” display and adding a new maritime exhibit- hoping to better link Juneau and those industries. Rock and Mineral touch walls are grant potentials the museum is considering and Kensington may offer concentrate for such display. The Rie Munoz Chilkat Dance may be brought out into display as well.

The ~40’ Woosh-kee-taan (sp?) totem outside Centennial Hall is the subject of a grant to JDCM. Ms. Lindsey noted JDCM will have Steve Brown (the original carver) review the totem and a spruce transitional canoe in the JDCM collection for condition status. There was a previous condition review of the totem in 1981. Lindsey noted that a challenge to any recommended treatment is location biggest enough for “dry-docking”. Daryl Miller Miller noted current Centennial Hall renovation and wondered whether temporary treatment or longer term indoor display of the totem could be accommodated. Myra Gilliam referenced a recent USFS project treating the 4 story totem and that her experience may be helpful to the Woosh-ke-taan project.

As part of the project Ms. Elfers has recently talked to various specific stakeholders. The Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Business Association, and Sealaska were engaged. She also had talked with AEL&P regarding utility number or size options, relocating, and/or innovative painting. The Filipino community was contacted regarding Manila Square and pedestrian management. Discussions with Juneau Police Department regarding smoking management.

As side discussion she noted that she was glad to see Murals in HRAC minutes. Allison Eddins overviewed the HRAC mural brainstorming and prioritizations. Ms. Elfers also asked if sculpture had ever been discussed by HRAC and Laura Boyce referred chapter eight of the standards.

VI. Old Business

1. Grant Updates

The GIS maps associated with the Evergreen Cemetery project are online- 84 records (25 still being rectified. A consultant for the project (Gateway Mapping) from Utah has a Juneau visit 9/17-9/18. During this visit the consultant will offer a walk thru of their Evergreen Cemetery work (9/18 noon -1 pm). Brochure printouts were passed out and explained by Allison Eddins with CDD. Zane Jones suggested that contacting the Russian Orthodox Church may be helpful in this project. Laura Boyce noted that the database part of the project has empty fields to accommodate future expansion efforts. Boyce also described an undertaker ledger from 1891 that has been useful during the project.

VII. Committee Member Comments – no comments.

VII. Next Regular Meeting – Oct 7, 2015 5:00 p.m. City hall Room 224

IX Adjournment 6:00