

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

Wednesday, January 9, 2013
City Hall Building, Room 224
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Members:

<u> X </u> Gary Gillette (Chair)	<u> X </u> Don Harris (Vice-Chair)	<u>abs</u> Connie Munro
<u> X </u> Shauna McMahon (Recorder)	<u>abs</u> Rico Worl	<u> X </u> Myra Gilliam
<u> X </u> Marie Darlin	<u> X </u> Elizabeth Eskelin	<u> X </u> Gerald Gottschall

Staff: x Jane Lindsey (CBJ, Juneau-Douglas City Museum)
 x Greg Chaney (CBJ Community Development)
 x Jon Lange (CBJ Community Development- new planner)

- I. Call to Order: 5:00 pm
 - II. Approval of Agenda: approved with no changes
 - III. Approval of Minutes: Correction to be made to Chris Mertl's name in the Arbor Day item and additional detail requested on the DOT 106 section 106 review mentioned in Committee Member Comments. Approved with those updates
 - III. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes
approved unanimously with no changes. Thanks were offered to Laura Boyce for writing the minutes.
 - IV. Public Testimony on Non-agenda Items: none
 - V. New Business:
 - 1. FY2013 CLG Grant Application Update
- Gary Gillette gave brief update. Treadwell mill shelter construction project was not awarded by SHPO. Only 1 of 4 proposals received award. The design phase is ongoing and recently changed plans for roof. Shed style was proving to be too steep and a stepped roof design is now being considered. This step pattern has several possible advantages: potentially less cost and may reflect mining style.

2. FY2013 CLG Grant Applications for Second Round

Gary Gillette confirmed that SHPO intends to do a 2nd round of CLG Grants and noted that signs and interpretation proposals seem to have interest to SHPO. Interpreting specific equipment at Treadwell was one potential project given as a possible example for future proposal. Mr. Gillette also mentioned Historic Preservation Plan and Treadwell Office Building as other possible future proposals. He encouraged members to think about potential 2nd round proposals.

3. Downtown Historic District Boundary Amendment Update

The Planning Commission will be recommending to the full assembly the 5' setback boundary on Front Street that was recommended by HRAC at the HRAC December Special Meeting. As a result the Front Street façade of the proposed Sealaska building will be likely reviewed by HRAC.

Gary Gillette deferred meeting control for this specific item to Vice-Chair since project being discussed and reviewed is under his purview

4. Statter Harbor Cultural Resources Report & Determination of Eligibility

In the report by HDR no buildings of historical significance were eligible for historic register. Several committee members noted the thoroughness of the reference listings in the report.

-MOTION- HRAC concurs with findings of the Cultural Resource Report by HDR.
(Approved unanimously)

5. DOT Proposed Project- Back Loop Shared Use Path Rehab Project

Myra Gilliam asked about picnic area at Mendenhall River School and Shauna McMahon asked about Fox Farms. After discussion these were determined outside the project area. It was noted also that the project area was in largely previously disturbed area. Jon Lange will email that HRAC reviewed and had no comments.

6. DOT Proposed Project- Egan Dr. (Norway Pt. to McNugget) Additional Lighting Project

Greg Chaney noted that Egan Drive section was previously disturbed as it was built on fill. Gary Gillette noted that the full cut off lights were important to prevent light pollution outside of the road area. Jon Lange and Gary Gillette will coordinate on clarification on whether a specific 106 review will be coming later for this project.

VI. Old Business:

1. Existing Grant Updates

No current updates were presented.

VII. Committee Member Comments

1. Gastineau Apartments Update

Damage to concrete wall. Owner may try to rebuild.

2. Historic District Issues: boundary change precedent, commercial attractiveness, lighting

Impacts of 5' setback for Front and Seward area- set precedent for other pull outs of from the historic district instead of meeting standards, using variance process, etc. It was noted in other communities it was seen as a business advantage and pride to be in historic district and what could Juneau do more to raise commercial attractiveness of being in downtown historic district. It was noted that poor lighting has impact on welcoming feel of downtown, especially in winter.

3. Community Education and grant potentials

HRAC members discussed the possibility of grant funding for contractual cost of professional event planner for long discussed "meet and greet." Also talked about was reaching secondary school students with presentations, historic district tours, and related engagement.

VII. Next Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 6, 2013. (City Hall, Room 224)

VIII. Adjournment: Approximately 6:30 pm