

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

Wednesday, November 7, 2012
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>X</u> Connie Munro
<u>X</u> Shauna McMahon (Recorder)	<u>X</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 Laura Boyce (CBJ Community Development)
 x Crystal Hitchings (CBJ Community Development)

Guests: CDD Director Hal Hart
Three high school students attending for school credit

- I. Call to Order: 5:00 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda: approved.
- III. Approval of Minutes: approved with no changes - motioned by Rico Worl
- IV. Public Testimony on Non-agenda Items: none

Newly appointed member Elizabeth Eskelin was welcomed and round robin introductions made for her benefit.

- V. New Business:
 - 1. National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference Update

Jane Lindsey and Laura Boyce summarized activity at conference. Both attended a seminar on running historic preservation board meetings. Jane attended seminars on emergency planning, adaptive re-use, window restoration, and museum partnerships. Laura discussed presentations about tax credits and innovative business ideas for historic sites. Both Jane and Laura gave a few specific examples from the conference and passed around conference material.

Adaptive use:	- former gas station re-use in Portland, OR - depot for building salvage in Sarasota, FL
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Innovative Business Ideas:	- former river lock buildings as cabin huts for bicyclers By U.S.F.S. - Fractional ownership to conserve historic home in Arkansas (www.ownthequeenanne.com)
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Laura also asked about tax credit use for historic sites in Juneau. It was mentioned that McKinnon Apartments utilized has used such tax credits.

2.. CLG Grant Application – Treadwell Phase II

Gary Gillette mentioned that an application was made for phase II of the Treadwell Shelter project. Currently in midst of search for Engineer for phase I design

*-MOTION- HRAC is familiar with the Treadwell Phase II project and supports the CLG submittal
(Marie Darlin motioned, approved unanimously)*

3. Gastineau Apartments Discussion

CDD Director Hal Hart gave summary of the recent building fire at Gastineau Apartments. It was a 1915 building in the downtown historic district. The owner has been given a timeframe to decide whether to demolish or repair. If repair, the committee should prepare for construction proposals to review. Gary Gillette mentioned previous efforts in post disaster business loan support- there may be renewed interest in such an effort. Gerald Gotschall mentioned the 1939 Goldstein building fire and reconstruction. He also noted that concrete of the Gastineau Apartments may be a positive factor in minimizing damage.

4. Small Grant Opportunities for Future History Convention/Coffee Gathering

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has education focused grants that could be relevant to HRAC “meet and greet” efforts. The Grants have awards of up to \$5000 and have application deadlines in February. Laura Boyce mentioned bringing speaker on developing fundraising “arm” as a sample proposal idea. The grant cannot be used for food or meeting space. Gerald Gotschall and Connie Munro agreed to meet with Laura and further develop grant proposal ideas. General comments were made about building the audience- promote neighborhood associations, business associations, and also look to reaching beyond the downtown core.

5. Building Permit and CDD Application Review Update

None at this time, however, the Gastineau Apartments might submit post-fire project proposal.

VI. Old Business:

1. Existing Grants Update

Laura will submit in the coming weeks the final paperwork for the travel and training grant. More grant updates will be provided at next meeting.

VII. Committee Member Comments

Work on the entrance at the former City Cafe Building was explained as earlier proposal to create two entries. It was noted that Sealaska may be seeking non-code ordinance as part of its proposed Cultural Center downtown. A recent New Yorker article about Seward was mentioned.

VII. Next Regular Meeting

Wednesday, December 5, 2012. (City Hall, Room 224)

VIII. Adjournment: Approximately 5:50 pm