

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

Wednesday, April 4, 2012
City Hall Room 224, 2nd Floor conference room
5:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Members:

<u> X </u> Gary Gillette (Chair)	<u> X </u> Lawrence Hayden (Vice-Chair)	<u> X </u> Connie Munro
<u> X </u> Shauna McMahon (Secretary)	<u> X </u> Rico Worl	<u> abs </u> Myra Gilliam
<u> X </u> Marie Darlin	<u> X </u> Steve Winker	<u> X </u> Gerald Gottschall

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

Guests:

Don Harris- Interested public
Grant Crosby - Historical Architect for National Park Service
Sue Marvin - Alaska District Archaeologist for U.S.F.S

- I. Call to Order: 5:05 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Boyce requested that HRAC guidance of signs be added as an item under "New Business." Approved.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Approved
- IV. Public Testimony on Non-agenda Items: none
- V. New Business:
 - 1. St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Presentation – Grant Crosby

Mr. Crosby introduced NPS role, Rossia Inc. background, and specifics of the St. Nicholas Church in Juneau efforts.

NPS Role Background-

Both the Antiquities Act (1905) and Historic Sites Act (1935) formalized federal responsibilities and legislation relating to historic preservation and established related NPS role of providing technical Assistance to states and communities. This tie was further established with the National Parks Act (1966) and ANILCA.

Rossia, Inc. Background-

Stands for Russian Orthodox Sacred Sites in Alaska and is a group compiled of clergy, national corporations, historians architects, and government representatives. Established in 2002 as 501(c)3 Non-Profit with a mission of preserving Alaskan historical Russian Orthodox churches. A 1990s Icon Task Force in the Aleutians influenced the creation of ROSSIA, Inc. The AK Russian Orthodox church sites include 6 landmarks and 30 historic register listed properties. Rossia, Inc is funded through donations, Save America's Treasures, State of Alaska, Trust for Preservation, and the

Rasmussion Foundation. Mini grants have allowed work on roof repair at St. Nicholas (Jnu), window repair of the Bishop's House (Unalaska), and siding and stabilization efforts at Holy Assumption (Kenai). Currently Rossia, Inc. is developing 5 year plans for eight churches. The website is at www.rossialaska.org (akrussia@gmail.com)

St. Nicholas Church-

3 future projects: bell reinstall, rectory roof, and rehab plan for rectory. In 2010 the church entry was instected found no foundation connection and no set deep into ground. A topo map of site and plans were made in 2011. The rectory dormer leaks, chimney, and 2nd flor stair are concerns.

Addtl comments re St. Nicholas

Gary Gillette: Seems like the name changed from St Nicholas Russian Orthodox church
To just St Nicholas Orthodox Church

Marie Darlin: Since Russian Orthodox priest are not paid as church officials Father Kashevaroff was able to help support himself as a paid curator.

2. Ranger Boats Presentation – Sue Marvin

The U.S.F.S is considering selling two ranger boats (Sitka and Tongass Ranger Boats) and was asking for mitigation feedback. Sale is influenced by decreased in transportation use of the boats, less field funding, and increased floatplane use. The Sitka Ranger was scheduled for major maintenance work in 2010 but instread not used that season. The Tongass Ranger was out of water and had water lead and hull plate issue in 2011. The Chugach is the remaining ranger boat and it is listed and had architectural and historical evaluation in 2011. The Chugach logs are in Archives in Anchorage. Letters are being sent re potential ranger boat sale to mayors. Ms. Marvin noted that there is CD of 2011 research project: "Historical Context and Evaluation of Ranger Boats in Alaska"

Discussion-

Original instrumentation and life preservers should be considered for preservation and curation potential

Promote a record boats in Juneau as a mitigation possibility?

Presentation or Exhibit at future Juneau Maritime Festival as mitigation possibility?

3. Façade Signs in Downtown Juneau – Laura Boyce

Ms. Boyce summarized current guidance re façade sigh design. Under CBJ 49.25.260 there should be only 1 sign above the canopy and the sign should reference only the name or principal use. Several photos of current buildings. "family-owned since..." was discussed by HRAC members as not fitting that criteria.

VI. Old Business

1. Annual Report Review and Discussion- Laura Boyce and Jane Lindsey

JDCM report the Local Preservation Ordinance section (B. (pg 3) Mr. Gillette suggested rewording to "law adequately covers. Museum policy will be developed". Under the CBJ HRAC report F. Protection section additional projects could be listed such as totem pole repair, Peterson Lake trail, Bridge medallions, and Filipino building mural inquiry. Also under H. in the CBJ report the CLG grant for interpretative signs could be added.

2. Goal Setting

Committee members thought that information on the following topics could be helpful: more clarification of HRAC capacity as driver versus promoter of projects, can people donate to HRAC projects?, confirm what records CBJ has re history- reports, burials records, and building info.

Meeting Outreach-

Publicize and network on projects by sending letters to local history groups re HRAC project potentials, invites to HRAC meeting, and consider extra publicity re regular HRAC meeting

Priority goal items-

Narrow high priority projects to those that most closely fit the formally designated functions of the committee: JDCM long range plan/ Preservation Plan/ Ongoing Site Survey.

-MOTION Meet and Greet SubCommittee-

Establish Connie Munro, Gerald Gotschall, and Larry Hayden as members of the working group
To work on preliminary planning for the meet and Greet and related outreach

3. *Website Review

An overview of HRAC and related resources on the CBJ website. T

*HRAC committed approved tabling item for a future meeting

4. Other- Term dates

A HRAC member list with current term end details was made available. Dialogue about whether Heightened publicity of open seats might be of value. Laura Boyce might need to check about CBJ protocols.

VII. Next Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 2, 2012. Room 224, City Hall 5-6:30 pm

VII. Adjournment: 8:10 pm