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

Wednesday, April 3, 2013
City Hall Building, Room 224
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Members:

 abs  Gary Gillette (Chair)  x  Don Harris (Vice-Chair)  x  Connie Munro

 x  Shauna McMahon (Recorder)  x  Rico Worl  x  Myra Gilliam

 x  Marie Darlin  x  Elizabeth Eskelin  x  Gerald Gottschall

Staff:  ___  Jane Lindsey (CBJ, Juneau-Douglas City Museum)

 x  Jon Lange (CBJ Community Development)

Public Guests:  Mary Lou Spartz

I. Call to Order: 5:03 pm  Gary Gillette absent so Don Harris led meeting

II. Approval of Agenda:  . Approved unanimously

III. Approval of Minutes:  approved unanimously with no changes. Motioned by Marie Darlin

IV. Public Testimony on Non-agenda Items:

Mary Lou Spartz-  Cemetery memorial conservation efforts for Walter Harper memorial who died on the Princess Sophia voyage. The etching is hard to read. Ms. Spartz has been doing research on Mr. Harper including talking with relatives and other parties in Whitehorse and Victoria. There is a Canadian commoration of Princess Sophia loss being planned. She also has been working with Steve Henrikson of the Alaska State Museum. Mr. Harper was an Irish-Athabaskan who ascended Mount McKinley. He travelled frequently with a bishop and met his wife Frances at Fort Yukon. Ms. Spartz wanted HRAC member thoughts on addressing the deterioration of the memorial: separate plaque with inscription text, re-etch inscription, replace the foundation and the inscription, other possibilities?

Oversight of cemetery-  Marie Darlin mentioned Parks & Rec has responsibility

Ownership of the cemetery monuments-  Myra Gilliam asked about the direct ownership. Connie Munro asked about whether it was owned and cared for by family.

Possible inscription treatment-  Myra Gilliam mentioned incremental scrubbing as a potential method to improve visibility and readability of the memorial.

Have Parks & Rec Director discuss-  Connie Munro requested that Jon invite the Parks and Rec Director to speak to HRAC regarding cemetery policy.
V. New Business:

The draft annual report was discussed. Connie Munro mentioned that highlighting public testimony presentations (Empty Chair, Treadwell Office, and Filipino society) would be good to draw attention to. Building reviews also could be highlighted. Marie Darlin and Myra Gilliam want to emphasize information that was brought to the board. Jon Lange asked that any comments for the Annual Report be submitted in the next two weeks.

2. DOT&PF Proposed Project- North Douglas Paving Rehabilitation- Roundabout to Fish Creek Road

Myra Gilliam asked if determination of eligibility was done on the North Douglas house listed in the project report. She wants to encourage project submittals to include a field for eligibility status. She also mentioned that there would be high probability site potential at stream outlets. The committee noted that as a paving project there was minimal new ground disturbance and a motion was proposed.

-MOTION- Concur with initial identification of historic resources and initial area of potential effect in the North Douglas Paving Rehabilitation report. HRAC has no knowledge of additional historic resources in area of potential effect. HRAC requests continued consultation on project. Based on minimal new ground disturbance HRAC has no additional concerns. (motioned by Myra Gilliam, Seconded by Connie Munro)

VI. Old Business:
1. Summary of Building Permit Review Subcommittee decision on proposed new doors at 383 S. Franklin St. –Meeting March 27, 2013

Reviewed subcommittee’s review of door construction project. The building did have other recessed doors so recessed pattern is present. The project is easily reversed to current state of windows. There was some discussion of how design standards are applied in reviews.

VII. Committee Member Comments
1. Mentioned was made of the recent Legislator History (1915- statehood) Presentations - some presentations had written summaries.

2. Connie Munro noted presentation and book by Vic Fisher- To Russia With Love

3. It was noted that the Evergreen Cemetery Booklet was being revised. A HRAC “field trip” in June was suggested

VII. Next Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 1, 2013. (Room 224, City Hall)

VIII. Adjournment: Approximately 6:25 pm