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

Wednesday, December 3, 2014
Juneau-Douglas City Museum
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Members:
____ Gary Gillette (Chair)     _____ Don Harris (Vice-Chair)     ___ Shauna McMahon (recorder)
___ Marie Darlin              ___ Gerald Gotschall                     __ Sorrel Nikko
___ Myra Gilliam             ___ Zane Jones                           __ Michael Tripp

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

Guest:
Michele Elfers (CBJ Engineering)
Bob Banghart (Alaska State Museum)
(several student guests-below)
  Adrienne Sjpeck
  Samuel Bibb
  Darian Perov
  Michelle Corpuz
  Jenetha Peralta

I. Call to Order: 5:05 pm,

II. Approval of Agenda: Approved unanimously. V1.3 Downtown Historic Sign Update was incorporated into item V1.5 Title 49 Change.

III. Approval of Minutes: Approved unanimously

IV. Public Testimony on Non-agenda Items: none

Round Robin introductions for benefit of new CBJ planning staff
V. New Business

1. SLAM Flicker Feather update- Bob Banghart

Gary Gillette provided run-down of HRAC participation. City Manager had asked HRAC to review and comment on flicker feather panels. HRAC recommended replication of panel. CBJ Assembly did not concur with HRAC recommendations and they revised resolution to keep interpretation and exhibit but not to include panel detail.

Bob Banghart noted that the entry way of the museum within the SLAM building will feature a 2’ x 10’ flicker feather panel replica on a 10’ x 15’ wall. It was emphasized that this is one of the first things visitors would see and would be prominent. The model of the former Alaska State Museum will also be in that area sitting on a pillar. The interpretative publication with building history is expected to be about 40 pages and have lots of photos- “The View from the Future.” Marie Darlin asked to review the publication and Sorrell Nikko will make available to her.

2. Downtown Improvement Planning & Design Study

Michelle Eldfers with CBJ described upcoming effort regarding downtown and related downtown street reconstruction planning. Phase I will included hiring consultant (January or February 2015) for outreach and issue identification. Some of the related topics include: downtown circulator/streetcar? Historic Loop and historic district “entry”? HRAC members noted that there is distinction between the designated downtown historic district and the larger historic downtown and historic buildings outlying the downtown historic district. It was noted that DOT be included regarding signs and infrastructure. Gerald Gotschall inquired whether the project would include non-sidewalk- non road issues such as building condition, low eaves and canopies, and lighting.

VI Old Business

1. Museum Report – Jane Lindsay

The energy usage reports and cost projections show positive effects of JDCM HAVAC and related upgrades. Electric costs are estimated at about $19,000/yr. versus the previous oil and electric costs of ~22,000/yr. There is a remaining project payment but largely the invoices have been pad. Mike Tripp asked for another walk through now that the project is complete.

2. Grants

Laura Boyce noted that the RFP is being prepared for the Evergreen mapping project. Also an approval letter for the Phase I of the Preservation Plan was received- next step is appropriation

4. Auke Bay Historical & Cultural Resources Chapter Review
Some HRAC members noted that it would be important to distinguish photos of Auk Village area versus those of Auke Bay. There were several comments regarding page 26. This included “outreach to…” listing- have tribes first, then Sealaska. It was also noted that using “interested parties” would encourage individual input as opposed to just agencies. Mixed usage of Indian Point and Auke Cape should be changed to consistent term. There was also HRAC member interest in nomination status for Auke Cape—maybe SHPO has further information?

5 Proposed Title 49 Change Regarding Signage Enforcement Fees

Two potential ideas for Title 49. Option A was a simple increasing fine. Option B was a $500/day fee modelled after Skagway. Option B was noted as easiest for staff—less letters.) It was suggested that feedback from Downtown Improvement Group and possible letter of support from them could help implement the change. The proposed Title 49 change would need to go before Planning Commission and then Full Assembly.

-MOTION- HRAC supports the Option B change to the Title 49 Signage Enforcement Fees and asks CBJ staff to draft HRAC Letter of Support
(Motioned by Gerald Gotschall, approved unanimously)

VII Committee Comments

HRAC members noted cases where HRAC was not notified or not included early in projects of interest. A Kodzoff Acre home was nominated by the Historic Commission but HRAC not informed. Another example was the MOA drafting in the SLAM projects.

There is another Anniversary Grant opportunity with application deadline of 2/23/15. The time period of interest is 150 years to purchase. The project completion would be September 2016.

VIII. Next Meeting Wednesday January 7, 2014 at 5:00 pm, City Hall Room 225

IX Adjournment 6:50