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

Wednesday, February 1, 2017
CDD Conference Room, Marine View Building
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Members:
Abs Zane Jones (Chair)  Don Harris (Vice-Chair)  Shauna McMahon (recorder)
Karenza Bott  Myra Gilliam  Gerald Gottschall
Gary Gillette  John J. Fox  Chuck Smythe

Staff:  Laura Boyce (CBJ Community Development)
       Allison Eddins (CBJ Community Development)

Guest:

I.  Call to Order:  5:07

II. Approval of Agenda:  Added 2 items under business- 4. Temporary Buildings and 5. Historic interpretative signs (Amendments were approved unanimously)

III. Approval of Minutes:  Tabled to March meeting.

IV. Public Testimony on Non-agenda Items:  The Narrows Bar

Business owner wanted to address the committee to further describe his intentions and hopes in a prospective project related to the exterior of the building. This was a project the HRAC committee had previously reviewed. The owner brought examples of the brick facing he would like to use and described other Juneau buildings that had brick elements. The owner was commended for expanding the front window bringing it closer to its original historic concept. There was discussion about historic materials and the owner’s desire to use brick.

MOTION- Request CBJ staff prepare letter that HRAC upholds it prior recommendation that recommended denial of the addition of brick to the building’s exterior, and that as a contributing building the project needs to follow the Historic District Guidelines (Motion- 4 yeas, 2 nays motion carried)
V. Business

2. 2017 Work Plan development

  Stakeholder outreach-
  - Meet & Greet
  - Walking Tour
  - HRAC representative in DBA, DIG
  - Consider alternate HRAC meeting locations to expand audience draw
  - Invite Michelle Elhers for dialog on way finding signage goals in street project

  Incorporate Native history, language and culture
  - Place names and short list of potential signage candidates
  - Invite Tlingit culture representatives to HRAC meeting
  - HRAC liaison to facilitate outreach with Tlingit community
  - Invite Rico Worl to discuss sidewalk medallion project and placements

  Shoreline
  - Start data gathering effort and collaboration including CBJ engineering for Willoughby planning and also on shoreline history. Brainstorm resources for shoreline history.

  Chuck Smythe noted trying to find “Indian Street” on old plats. This created a discussion of challenges when placenames have additional complexities- changes over time, multiple names, etc.…

3. Douglas Sidewalk Extension request for comment

  Initial project had been reviewed by HRAC staff. Additional access areas and sidewalk modifications have been added. HRAC members did not have additional historic resources to bring to project attention. HRAC members did not have any objections but reiterate that inadvertent finds be reported. A contract archaeologist monitor should be present given the potential for cultural resource sites and proximity to sensitive cemetery.

4. Temporary Buildings

  Gary Gillette open concern about temporary buildings no dismantling after season. It is a regulatory concern and a liability concern given landslide risk after the summer season.

  -MOTION- HRAC asks CBJ to verify if temporary buildings are in compliance with Title 49 (Motioned Gary Gillette, 2nd Chuck Smythe)
5. Existing Interpretative signage status

Gary Gillette expressed concern about the 1999 interpretative signs downtown and these not incorporated in the Front and Franklin project. He noted they were routinely read by public and were still in good condition. If not used in the project could there be other posting options? The “Pocket Park” was mentioned as a potential interim location.

-MOTION- Have CBJ staff ask engineering about alternate display options for the 1999 interpretative signs
(Motioned Gary Gillette, 2nd Karenza Bott)

VI. Committee Member Comments: none

VII. Next Regular Meeting – Wednesday March 1, 2017 5:00 pm City Hall Room 244

VIII Adjournment 6:40 pm