

Ketchikan Historic Commission

January 26, 2023, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Tongass Historical Museum

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Communications

- a. New SHPO contacts
- b. Colorful Character signage update

4. Persons to be Heard

5. Changes to the Agenda

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve December 1, 2022 minutes

7. New Business

- a. DOT notices (none rec'd as of 1/19/23)

8. Unfinished Business

- a. Preservation Party debrief
- b. Historic Preservation plan: next steps

9. Commissioner comments

10. Adjourn

Next meeting: (4th Thursday monthly, 3 pm) February 23, 2023

Ketchikan Historic Commission
Meeting Minutes: December 1, 2022 **DRAFT**

Please note: this was rescheduled from the regular November meeting due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order

The Ketchikan Historic Commission meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. at the Tongass Historical Museum.

Agenda Item #2: Roll Call

(x) Christa Bruce	(x) Anita Maxwell
(x) Deborah Hayden	(absent) Irene Dundas
(x) Kristina Hill	(x) Pat Tully
(excused) Alethea Johnson	(x) Amanda Welsh
(vacant) KGB Planning Comm rep	(excused) Stephen Reeve

Agenda Item #3 Communications

SHPO grant: Colorful Characters signage

Anita shared that Historic Ketchikan has not received the signs yet but we're still hoping to close out this project yet this year.

Agenda Item #4 Persons to be Heard

None.

Agenda Item # 5 Changes to the Agenda

Amanda asked that we discuss the "preservation potluck".

Agenda Item #6 Consent Agenda

Amanda moved to approve the October 27, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Pat. All in favor.

Agenda Item #7 New Business

- a. DOT notices - None received.

Agenda Item #8 Unfinished Business

- a. Preservation Party

Amanda is working on a no-host get together now on January 24th, 5-7 pm at the Uncharted Alaska Distillery (319 Main St.). There is no charge to use the space. Invites will be shared with Commissioners to send out to anyone working in cultural and historical preservation. Each commissioner will bring an appetizer to share. Christa asked what the "hook" might be. Amanda noted that with so many new people working in the field and with several different groups, people are interested in getting to know each other or reconnecting so that we can build/rebuild partnerships. Deborah added the notion of "forging the future from the past" and getting the larger community oriented to future planning. Commissioners discussed ways to get people mingling at the event – creative name tags, speed networking, introductions. We'll build an email list of advocates from the event for future outreach. Christa questioned what will motivate people to attend. Kris said that we'll do personal invitations and others agreed that since there is not a huge number of people doing this kind of work, that most were eager to get to know each other better.

- b. Historic Preservation Plan: next steps

Identify top priorities and action steps

Anita reiterated that at the last meeting the Commission had reviewed and discussed each of the goals presented by True North. Commissioners then voted on the top priorities. As noted in the previous minutes the top votes were:

1. Establish a Program of Survey and Evaluation
2. Create internal list of threatened or endangered properties
3. Establish NRHP (National Register Historic Places) Nomination Priorities

Commissioners felt that #2 and #3 were tied together. Anita noted that we can use the pending email list from the Preservation Party to survey professionals for their priorities. Christa shared that when the Ketchikan Community Foundation started, they were tasked with being an umbrella organization. Is that our role? Deborah felt that the Commission is not an umbrella organization, rather our focus legally is to be in compliance as a CLG (Certified Local Government). Kris agreed and reinforced that CLGs must have a HPP (Historic Preservation Plan). That preservation plan directs all activities. The HPP must be compelling and dynamic, document previous efforts and build on the collective knowledge base. Amanda discussed the need for a local database to collect information as few have access to the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey.

Agenda Item #9 Commissioner Comments

None.

Agenda Item #10 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.