

Ketchikan Historic Commission

March 28, 2023, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Meetings have changed from the 4th Thursday to the 4th **Tuesday** of each month
Tongass Historical Museum

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Communications

- a. Welcome to new Borough Planning Commission representative, Sharli Arntzen (or alternate Jos Govaars)

4. Persons to be Heard

5. Changes to the Agenda

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve February 23, 2023 minutes

7. New Business

- a. DOT notices (none rec'd as of 3/21/23)
- b. New SHPO grant cycle
- c. May – September meeting location

8. Unfinished Business

- a. Colorful Character signage grant completion!
- b. Signage featuring Native stories/sites
- c. Aleut Memorial project update
- d. Historic Preservation plan: next steps

9. Commissioner comments

10. Adjourn

Next meeting: (4th Tuesday monthly, 3 pm) April 25, 2023

Ketchikan Historic Commission
Meeting Minutes: February 23, 2023 **DRAFT**

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order

The Ketchikan Historic Commission meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. at the Tongass Historical Museum.

Agenda Item #2: Roll Call

(absent) Christa Bruce
(x) Deborah Hayden
(x) Kristina Hill
(x) Alethea Johnson
(excused) Sharli Arntzen
(x) Anita Maxwell

(x) Irene Dundas
(x) Pat Tully
(x) Amanda Welsh
(x) Stephen Reeve

Guest: Anna Laffrey, KDN

Agenda Item #3 Communications

Alethea notified the Commission that Jos Govaars would serve as an alternate Planning Commission representative.

Agenda Item #4 Persons to be Heard

None.

Agenda Item # 5 Changes to the Agenda

Anita asked to discuss Museum Midday programming and a possible change in meeting dates. Added as 7b and 7c. Irene asked to discuss additional signage. Added as 7d.

Agenda Item #6 Consent Agenda

Pat moved to approve the January 26, 2023 minutes. Seconded by Irene. Amanda noted under 8b. that "KGB GIS database includes historical sites" should be deleted as she confirmed that is not accurate. All voted in favor with that change noted.

Agenda Item #7 New Business

- a. DOT notices - None received.
- b. Museum Midday

Anita noted that May 4th's "Museum Midday", a monthly Museum presentation, will highlight Historic Preservation Month. The Commission is listed as the presenter but Anita will now be out of town. She suggested that we feature local historic buildings like the Pioneer Hall or the Yates Building which have active restoration projects.

- c. Meeting Dates

Anita noted that she and Pat have a 2 pm Thursday meeting that makes it difficult for Pat to get to the Commission meeting on time. It was agreed to move meetings to the 4th Tuesday of the month from Thursday.

- d. Signage

Irene asked about starting a new signage project featuring the untold stories of Native community members and sites. Commissioners were interested in a subcommittee to work on this project. Irene, Anita, Stephen and Deborah will set up a time to meet to discuss next steps.

Agenda Item #8 Unfinished Business

- a. Colorful Character Sign Installation

Stephen shared that he should have all the owner signatures today and that 7 of the 10 are up. The Main Street stairs, Edmonds and Tunnel sites are more difficult and he'll be working with the Borough to discuss additional landscaping needs.

b. Aleut Memorial project

Amanda shared that John Radzilowski had shared the contact for an Aleut descendant from his class. Kris got John's approval for the USFS to contact the descendant. She noted that the USFS continues to work on the USFS Ward Lake Recreation Master Plan. Amanda asked if we have funding to follow through with any plans. There is none at this time. Anita will check with the City Public Works department to see if there is any planning related to the Bayview Cemetery and a possible larger memorial. Irene noted that the Tribe would like to acknowledge the Aleuts and that it's important for the DoD, Tribe and USFS to work together. She also mentioned that Chad Frey's class is working on a documentary (Schoenbar). Irene shared that Ethan Pettigew is the leader of an Aleut dance group who are reviving songs. His family was relocated to Wrangell. Mr. Pettigew could identify a culturally appropriate recognition.

c. Historic Preservation Plan: next steps

Anita has been in contact with the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey Manager and he was not aware of any single community examples of a local database. Kris suggested that we look to another grant for a contractor to bring information together and will draft a Statement of Work. Pat will research grant deadlines. Anita noted that we do need to make sure that there is updated info for Ketchikan on the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRs). Kris felt that a lot of archaeological info would be missing from the survey and we need to look to fill gaps. Deborah recommended that we focus on identifying the most endangered sites first and look for an intern or graduate student to input updates into AHRs. Anita reminded us that maintaining that information is part of our commitment as a Certified Local Government.

Agenda Item #9 Commissioner Comments

Anita suggested that we identify Ketchikan's own Top Ten Endangered List.

Agenda Item #10 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.