

Ketchikan Historic Commission

May 27, 2021, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 822 5872 7284

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Communications

4. Persons to be Heard

5. Changes to the Agenda

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve April 22, 2021 minutes

7. New Business

- a. Recognition for Dragon London
- b. DOT notices (none rec'd as of 5/20/2021)
- c. New meeting time

8. Unfinished Business

- a. Historic Ketchikan signage project: site selection recommendations (authenticity, condition, National Registry qualifications & possibilities, colorful stories and visibility)

9. Commissioner comments

10. Adjourn

Next meeting: (4th Thursday monthly, time TBD) June 24, 2021

Ketchikan Historic Commission
Meeting Minutes: April 22, 2021 **DRAFT**

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order

The Ketchikan Historic Commission meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. via Zoom.

Agenda Item #2: Roll Call

(x) Christa Bruce	(x) Deborah Hayden
(x) Licha Kelley-King	(x) Anita Maxwell
(x) Kristina Hill	(x) Amanda Welsh
(absent) Alethea Johnson for Planning Dept.	(vacant) 3 Community reps

Agenda Item #3 Communications

The Saxman City Council voted in favor of a resolution to enter into negotiations to sell the historic 1894 Saxman Schoolhouse and adjacent fire station to the Cape Fox Corporation for “no less than \$45,000”. Saxman is outside of the Historic Commission’s jurisdiction. Commissioners discussed our role and the ability for Commissioners as individuals to still reach out as advocates. Amanda noted that federal regulations still apply regardless of the school house’s status and that a permit request will trigger a Section 106 review. Deborah noted that a Borough zoning permit would be required and that the Borough assessment of the property is over \$600,000. An injunction may be possible given the disparity of the sale price to the taxable value.

4/26/2021 NOTE: Per KRBD’s piece on April 23, Cape Fox has withdrawn their proposal given that there are ownership issues to resolve. The land may actually be held in trust through the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Agenda Item #4 Persons to be Heard

None.

Agenda Item # 5 Changes to the Agenda

None.

Agenda Item #6 Consent Agenda

Amanda moved to approve the March 18, 2021 minutes. Seconded by Christa. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 New Business

- a. DOT notices: No new notices received.

Per POA 2021-00057 re: parking lot near the Harbormaster Condos

Anita noted that the City Public Works Acting Director confirmed that they are referring to the old Kay’s Kitchen house as the historic property that will be adversely affected. There will be an additional notice with more information.

- b. Radzilowski application

Commissioners are in favor of moving Dr. John Radzilowski’s applications forward to the Clerk for the Mayor’s consideration.

- c. Totem Heritage Center re-application for National Historic Register status

Anita shared that the Totem Heritage Center’s original register designation as “Alaska Totems” was in 1971, four years prior to the construction of the Center. The Museum is creating “50 Voices for 50 Years” to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Center in 2026. In addition, Anita would like to update

the designation and will be sharing a draft of the new application with the Commission in the future for their input and support.

Agenda Item #8 Unfinished Business

- a. SHPO grant application status and next steps

A grant for interpretive signage in the Downtown Historic District was submitted in partnership with Historic Ketchikan in addition to a grant to fund the first phase of a historic preservation plan were submitted by the grant deadline of April 16. During the last round of SHPO grants, notification took four months. Commissioners agreed to keep moving forward on these items regardless of news from SHPO. Anita and Kris will propose next steps for our May meeting.

Agenda Item #9 Commissioner Comments

Christa appreciated Kris' leadership and believes that we are headed in a good direction. Deborah shared that Len Laurence passed away recently. Mr. Laurence had a tremendous impact on developing Ketchikan's tourist industry in addition to being a founding member of Historic Ketchikan. Commissioners would like to honor his memory with a proclamation. Anita will check with the City Clerks to see if a resolution is being drafted and if not, will draft one. Amanda noted that she'd like to resume meeting in person. Commissioners agreed. Amanda also thanked everyone for commiserating with the Saxman school house situation.

Agenda Item #10 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Next meeting: May 27, 2021 (4th Thursday monthly, time TBD)