

# **Ketchikan Historic Commission**

July 22, 2021, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

IN PERSON at the Tongass Historical Museum

Please email [stacyb@ktn-ak.us](mailto:stacyb@ktn-ak.us) if you'll be participating via 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 May 27, 2021 minutes (No June meeting)
- 7. New Business**
  - a. Memorial acknowledgement for Ward Lake Internees at Bayview Cemetery (Judith McQuerry)
  - b. DOT/Government Notice: Beaver Falls Hydro Project review
- 8. Unfinished Business**
  - a. Historic Ketchikan signage grant
  - b. Historic Preservation Plan grant
- 9. Commissioner comments**
- 10. Adjourn**

**Next meeting:** (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday monthly, 3-4 pm) August 26, 2021

**Ketchikan Historic Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes: May 27, 2021 \*\*DRAFT\*\***

**Agenda Item #1: Call to Order**

The Ketchikan Historic Commission meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m. via Zoom.

**Agenda Item #2: Roll Call**

(x) Christa Bruce	(x) Anita Maxwell
(x) Deborah Hayden	(x) John Radzilowski
(x) Kristina Hill	(3:30 pm) Amanda Welsh
(absent) Alethea Johnson for Planning Dept.	(vacant) 2 Community reps
(excused) Licha Kelley-King	

**Guest:** Stephen Reeve, Director of Historic Ketchikan

**Agenda Item #3 Communications**

Anita shared that Vice Mayor Kiffer read a resolution honoring Len Laurence at the May 20<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. Laurence had been instrumental in developing Ketchikan's tourism industry. The resolution can be read at: <https://ketchikan.primegov.com/Portal/viewer?id=2318&type=2>. Deborah noted that Dave Kiffer and Bob Sivertsen were considering renaming Eagle Park (near the tunnel with Nathan Jackson's Thundering Wings sculpture) in Laurence's honor.

**Agenda Item #4 Persons to be Heard**

None.

**Agenda Item # 5 Changes to the Agenda**

None.

**Agenda Item #6 Consent Agenda**

Deborah moved to approve the April 22, 2021 minutes. Seconded by Christa. Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #7 New Business**

- a. Recognition for Dragon London

Commissioners discussed ways to recognize Dragon's 11 years of service and Anita will inquire with other organizations to see what efforts are being planned.

- b. DOT notices

There were no notices received as of the meeting date.

- c. New meeting time

Given the addition of new members, Anita asked if this meeting date and time still worked for everyone. Commissioners agreed that the fourth Thursday generally worked. If anyone would like to change the time, please let Anita know.

**Agenda Item #8 Unfinished Business**

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

Stephen is looking forward to extending the successful Colorful Characters & Places signage to the Downtown district. There are more than 30 locations that could host signs. Stephen noted that private businesses may also be interested in funding signs for their buildings. He also pointed out that we don't

just have buildings to consider, there are the wooden staircases, the tunnel and other features. Christa remarked on how well Bill Tatsuda's photo journey through town was received on Facebook and that there may be possible connections. John noted that locations that are easily visible are best for building public interest. Anita felt that highlighting the stairs would be uniquely Ketchikan and that including the Yates Memorial Hospital was important given its national recognition as an endangered building. Stephen noted that Commissioners had previously prioritized signs for the Gilmore, First National Bank, the Heckman building, Tongass Trading and Pioneer Hall. Commissioner agreed those five were still priorities. Stephen felt it was okay to start there. Talking with the property owners would be his next step.

**Agenda Item #9 Commissioner Comments**

Christa commented on the emerging trend to not name buildings/galleries in someone's honor as recognition may change. Deborah suggested that a piece of public art may be a good fit to honor Mr. Laurence. Commissioners also welcomed John.

**Agenda Item #10 Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Next meeting: June 24, 2021 (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday monthly, time TBD)