

Ketchikan Historic Commission

October 28, 2021, 3:00 – 4:00 pm
Totem Heritage Center lower level classroom
601 Deermount

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Communications

4. Persons to be Heard

5. Changes to the Agenda

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve August 26, 2021 minutes (September meeting canceled)

7. New Business

- a. DOT notices (none rec'd as of 10/19/2021)

8. Unfinished Business

- a. Memorial acknowledgement for Ward Lake Internees at Bayview Cemetery
- b. SHPO grants
 - i. Colorful Characters signage
 - ii. Historic Preservation plan RFP for contractor development

9. Commissioner comments

10. Adjourn

Next meeting: (4th Thursday monthly, 3 pm) Please note that the remainder of our 2021 meetings have been rescheduled due to the holidays. We will meet one week prior to normal on November 18th and December 16th.

Ketchikan Historic Commission
Meeting Minutes: August 26, 2021 **DRAFT**

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order

The Ketchikan Historic Commission meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. via Zoom.

Agenda Item #2: Roll Call

(x) Christa Bruce

(x) Deborah Hayden

(x) Kristina Hill

(X) Alethea Johnson for Planning Dept.

(vacant) KGB Planning Comm rep

(x) Anita Maxwell

(x) John Radzilowski

(x) Amanda Welsh

(vacant) 2 Community reps

Agenda Item #3 Communications

- a. Pioneer Hall final report submitted and available for review

Anita noted that the final report was submitted to SHPO on time and the survey will soon be available on the Historic Ketchikan website as well as Ketchikan Museums'.

Agenda Item #4 Persons to be Heard

None.

Agenda Item # 5 Changes to the Agenda

None.

Agenda Item #6 Consent Agenda

John moved to approve the July 22, 2021 minutes. Seconded by Amanda. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 New Business

- a. DOT notices

None rec'd as of 8/26/2021

- b. Recruitment of new members to fill 2 vacant seats plus KGB Planning Dept recommendation

Richard confirmed that a new KGB Planning Commission representative will be appointed after that empty seat is filled. Anita noted that our two vacant positions are both community representatives. Amanda suggested sending a notice to the Tongass Historical Society and Historic Ketchikan board members. Anita will develop a notice and send out.

Agenda Item #8 Unfinished Business

- a. Memorial acknowledgement for Ward Lake Internees at Bayview Cemetery

Amanda noted that she was looking for people with this expertise to follow up with. The National Park Service has the same 2010 list of internees as Judith McQuerry shared. John will follow up with John Autry. He also noted there are site surveys at Ward Lake. Amanda suggested comparing the list of names who were sent to the camp with names at gravesites. Kris shared that the USFS District Ranger has been approached by the tribes and there is an opportunity to partner once it's clarified what is being asked of the USFS. The USFS will do a consultation but in the meantime, it's fine to gather information. John agreed that the common goal is to get the graves marked. Kris mentioned the need for a memorial in a location where there is a caretaker to avoid vandalism.

- b. SHPO grants

- i. Colorful Characters signage
- ii. Historic Preservation plan RFP for contractor development

Anita noted that SHPO has not received their federal appropriation for the Historic Preservation Funds yet and thus has not signed the grant agreements.

Agenda Item #9 Commissioner Comments

Amanda confirmed that the dilapidated sign on the cannery belongs to the Ketchikan Visitors Bureau and was part of their Ketchikan Story Project. John expressed a need for the community's signage to be maintained. Anita shared that there has been much discussion among City departments for a comprehensive signage program that is maintained by the City. Commercial Passenger Vessel funds could be used once the economy recovers. Christa agreed, noting the many different types of signs. Deborah highlighted Ricardo Burquez's new mural at Rendezvous Day Services and the need for more murals in town and the opportunity to share history through art. Anita shared that there are ongoing discussions also about a long term public art maintenance plan.

Agenda Item #10 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Next meeting: September 23, 2021 (4th Thursday monthly, 3:00 pm)