

Special Meeting



January 26, 2022, 12 PM / In-Person & Zoom

1. Meeting called to order at:
Jaime called the meeting to order at 12:05pm

2. Attendance:

Present

Jaime Bricker, President
Andrew Beierly, Vice Chair
Savannah Ames, Treasurer
Judean Gordon, Member at Large
Marla Belisle, Secretary (via Zoom)

Sara Kinjo-Hischer, TA
Sarah Cash, Cultural Resource Specialist
Katie Klug, TAA - Note Taker

3. Approval of Agenda:

Savannah motions to approve the agenda, Andy seconds, all in favor:

AYE 5/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 0

4. Agenda Item:

Discussion of Smugglers Cove drafted letters-

Jaime Bricker shared with the council members her discussion with Darren Belisle from AP&T. Bricker mentioned that AP&T felt that the comments sent in by STC caused concern with AP&T that the tribe was objecting to the electric cable project. She further shared that AP&T would like both parties to work together to find a mutual solution for the electric cable project. Bricker wanted to make sure that AP&T understands that the council has Tribal interests in this project and needs to protect the interests for their citizens. D. Belisle mentioned that the initial letter may give the State of Alaska the impression that STC is against the project and asked if STC would write to the State and clearly state in the letter a support of the project even if there are other conditions that will need to be worked out amongst the parties.

Bricker reiterated with AP&T, that it was never STC's intention to stand in front of this project if AP&T is willing to go about it in a responsible manner. S.Kinjo-Hischer read a paragraph from the letter sent into the State. S. Cash shared with the council that the word "adverse effect" is used in an archeological profession and the intent of the paragraph was to inform facts and ask parties involved for consideration of the historic site. S. Kinjo-Hischer explained to the council that this is the consultation process in which STC is following correctly. J. Gordon agreed with the letter and stated

that STC is not against this project, but STC has Tribal interests to protect. S. Ames also shared this is a set standard for all projects or work done, and that STC is simply following standard practice and that STC has no intent to stop the project.

Savannah asks what STC is planning to request. S. Cash responded that more shovel testing should be completed in the area along with protection for the shell midden. Staff discussed that there may be other mitigation strategies to be discussed when the MOA process starts. S. Cash explained to the council that the council is at the first step of this process which is where STC responds to the State and Army Corps of Engineers with their concerns. Jaime asks if Marla has anything to add to the discussion. Marla thanks Jaime for meeting with Darren and feels in agreement with the council, to protect Tribal interests. Jaime asks the council members if they are happy with the verbiage used in the drafted letters and if the council is in favor of sending both, one to DNR and one to Army Corps of Engineers. The council agrees with the letters presented. Jaime requests a motion to approve the presented drafted letters to be sent to DNR and Army Corps of Engineers.

Andy makes a motion to send letters as presented to DNR & Army Corps of Engineers, Judean seconds, all in favor:

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Andy shares history regarding the Smuggler Cove area and road.

Sara requests to schedule a meeting for early February and will email a meeting packet.

Meeting Adjourned at: 12:40pm

Andy motions to adjourn meeting, Savannah seconds, all in favor.

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