

Skagway Traditional Council

Regular Meeting



August 17, 2022, 1 PM / In-Person

1. Meeting called to order:

Jaime Bricker called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM

2. Attendance:

Present

Jaime Bricker, President

Andrew Beierly, Vice Chair

Savannah Ames, Treasurer

Judean Gordon, Member at Large

Sara Kinjo-Hischer, TA

Katie Klug, TAA (Note taker)

Absent

Marla Belisle, Secretary

3. Approval of Agenda:

Andrew Beierly motions to approve the agenda, Judean Gordon seconds, all in favor:

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4. Approval of Minutes:

Savannah Ames motions to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from 7.14.2022 and Enrollment Meeting from 8.3.2022, Andrew Beierly seconds, all in favor:

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5. Presidents Report:

Jaime shares the upcoming Shoreline Park Ceremony will be August 26th at 4pm. She states tribal member Beau Dennis will be presenting his art piece that is displayed on the restrooms. She hopes tribal members will attend to support and participate in drum playing & or singing.

6. Program/Committee Reports:

- *SEARCHC: Emailed to Council, on file – Last received report July 2022*

Judean shares the board will be scheduling next year's meeting dates. SEARCHC will be coming to

Skagway next week for further discussions with MOS leasing the Dahl Clinic. Also states STC has received the Healthy Is Here Grant check for \$25,000.

- Financial: (Sent to Council email from Foraker) *Last received report June 2022*
- Administrator Report: *Last received June 2022*

Sara shares the Geoscientists from Sitka Sound Science Center are in town to research & observe Skagway Valley. Also, for the community to ask questions and have more knowledge about potential landslides. Sara states there is no signage at the top of the landslide area and will contact MOS after the meeting.

- Environmental Department Report: *Last received March 2022*
- Cultural Resource Department Report: *Last received March 2022*

Sara will request an update from the Environmental and Cultural Resource Department for the next meeting.

7. Public Comment/Correspondence:

8. OLD Agenda Items:

1. Housing, RFQ – Sara is working on a draft that will include roof & gutter upgrades to the STC building.

9. New Agenda Items:

1. Meeting date with NPS re Directional Signage in Tlingit

Sara shares NPS requested a meeting with the council to add Tlingit signage on trails and possible directional signs. Council feels confident Sara can meet with NPS to share the trail names Lance Twitchell translated and move forward with this project.

2. MOS RFP re Feasibility Study Port of Skagway Electrification

Sara shares the presented MOS RFP is to start a Feasibility study for the Port of Skagway Electrification. She also shares a letter from C/TFN who have concerns around this project as settled claims to land & Indigenous rights with the government are still unfinished. Jaime feels partnering in this study would help understand whether this project is feasible. Council agrees to be part of the non-funding project and would like to know if the Tribe would have access to the report.

Savannah motions to approve Partnering with MOS RFP Feasibility Study Selling Renewable Shoreside Power to the Port of Skagway, Judean seconds, all in favor:

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3. Extra Duty Contract

Sara shares the presented Extra Duty Contract is for employees who do janitorial or lawn maintenance at STC. Sara asks the council to come up with an amount. Judean suggests \$30 an hour. Sara states this can be a temporary solution, if someone who is qualified with good references comes along the council may want to reinstate a different contract.

Judean motions to approve Extra Duty Contract with compensation of \$30 an hour, Andrew seconds, all in favor:

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4. Meeting date: Strategic Planning for the Farm

Sara suggests the council & Brooke, Farm Manager, have a meeting to talk about farm plans and direction. Jaime would like to set up a work session to share ideas and vision. Jaime also requests a financial and work summary of what has been accomplished this year. Council and Brooke will schedule a Farm Work Session in the next few weeks. Sara shares ARPA funds could help with many structural aspects of the farm and can attend the Farm Work Session.

5. Don & Betty Hather Donation

Jaime shares the presented Hather Donation packet and suggests STC look into appraisers for authenticity and tax purposes for the donors. Jaime feels it would be a good investment so they have a better understanding of the process for future donations. Sara will request Sarah Cash to help research an appraiser and keep the council updated with costs and timeline.

6. 2022-xx RES BIA 98-638 FY23

Sara shares the presented Resolution is the annual BIA request with the same amount and would like acknowledgement for record keeping.

Savannah motions to approve BIA 98-638 FY23 Resolution, Andrew seconds, all in favor:

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7. STC Community Testing Center

Sara shares CDC has updated COVID protocol and feels there is no longer a need to keep the testing office open. Sara will give the appropriate 2 week notice to covid tech employees and make an announcement to the community stating September 1st will be the last testing day. STC can store any leftover supplies for emergency or special requests.

Judean motions to close STC Community Testing Center on Sept. 1, Savannah seconds, all in favor:

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8. Election 2022 Packets

Sara shares the presented 2022 Election Packet and states Andrew Beierly & Marla Belisle are up for re-election. Electronic Voting will be conducted again. The council would like to address the blood quantum to members so they can have a better understanding. Explaining an adjustment to the ordinance will help future eligibility for enrollment. Council would like to keep the question of the blood quantum on the form.

Savannah motions to approve 2022 Election Packet, Judean seconds, all in favor:

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9. ARPA Economic Recovery and Inflation Aid

Sara shares the presented form could be an option & states similar communities are using something like this for ARPA funds. She would like the council to start discussion on what they may want to include and amounts so she can start budgeting. Sara states upgrades for the Farm and other capital projects will come from ARPA funds. She would like to have a documented reason the amount is to be distributed for audit purposes. Savannah suggests a monthly lump sum would be ideal. Jaime suggests a few different amounts so Sara can start budgeting & bring back for further discussion at the next meeting.

10. Announcements:

1) Next Thursday, August 25th meeting with SEARHC

Heidi with SEARHC will be coming to talk with STC and answer questions. Council & staff are welcome to join.

2) TAP Affordability Program application form is emailed and mailed

A few members have signed up for the TAP program. Please spread the word to others that are eligible to apply.

3) Staff Appreciation Dinner TBD

TBD Staff Appreciation Dinner sometime in September with council.

11. Executive Session:

Executive Session: 2:31 pm

(Matters related to Consultation Re Business Purchase & Tribal Administrator Review)

Judean motions to exit executive session, Andy seconds at 2:37 pm

12. Meeting Adjourned at: 2:39 PM