

Meeting Minutes

STC Special Meeting on 9/29/2022

I. Called to order: 1:15pm

II. Attendance:

J. Bricker, M. Belisel, A. Beierly, J. Godon (via phone), S. Ames, S. Kinjo-Hischer

III. Approval of Agenda: 1st A. Beierly/2nd M. Belisle 4/0/0/1

IV. Agenda Items

1. Discussion of business purchase.

Sara Kinjo-Hischer explained to the Council members that the Skagway Sculpture Garden has reached out to her to see if the Tribal Council would be interested in purchasing the property. Kinjo-Hischer said she took a small tour of the area and explained that the property consists of 3 lots with one circular building and another 2-story building on site. There are also some Alaska Native Made art pieces within the garden that may be of interest to the tribal council even if the council does not buy the property. Bricker mentioned that it was a prime location and that she can imagine it as an event space as well as a tour operation that could bring in some positive cash flow to the tribal council. Ames asked if there would be some issues of a tribal government obtaining liquor license if it was to be used as a venue. Kinjo-Hischer mentioned that she didn't think there were but if there were the tribal government could also have it as a subsidiary business. Bricker additionally mentioned that through the Skagway Development Corporation, the tribe may be able to utilize their temporary liquor license. Gordon mentioned that she would be in supportive but would like to know more about the building to be sure it is in good condition. Gordon mentioned that the 2022 tax assessment shows it valued at \$873,600. Kinjo-Hischer said that she could ask the owner for an asking price, investigate liquor license, ARPA funding use, tour of the area for the council, and talk to a lawyer or Carlos Tarin CPA if or how it should be set up so that a for-profit business is not a liability of the Tribal Government.

2. Farm Strategic Plan

Kinjo-Hischer mentioned that her and Farm Manger Jasky-Zuber sat down and discussed and prioritized all the comments and ideas that were compiled from the Farm strategic work session. Prioritized and compiled document is presented today to be approved with goals and action items. Bricker said that she loves the plan and if possible, she would love to see a budget be a part of the plan as well. Kinjo-Hischer mentioned that there is still too much uncertainty with what is happening and that she is awaiting the councils strategic planning session to identify how the council would like to fund infrastructure that is in need at the farm. Council members and staff discussed some ideas of how and the kind of infrastructure to put out at the farm. Bricker mentioned that if looks were not important, she would suggest looking into mental frame buildings as they are inexpensive and easy to put up and last a long time. Ames mentioned that is

has been some time since anyone has asked AML for a shipping donation, and it may help us in shipping cost. Ames also asked if the MOS were still considering selling the cabin they purchased. Kinjo-Hischer mentioned that she reached out to Steve Burnham with the MOS, and he said the assembly opted to not sell the cabin and it is still in storage at this time.

1st Belisle/ 2nd Ames 4/0/0/1: Council members approved the strategic plan and the drafted mission statement as listed. Gordon left at 1.40PM

3. ARPA Assistance Program

Kinjo-Hischer showed council members some of the scenarios that were asked for in previous meeting and showed the spreadsheet and total cost for 4 various options. Council member asked why Canadian members were broken out. Kinjo-Hischer mentioned that since ARPA funding were funded through tax dollars, she was not sure if it can be paid out to Canadian members who did not pay into the US tax system. Members agreed that if funding Canadian members, it would come out of unrestricted funds. Bricker asked if they could justify a different amount for members living in other states. Ames agreed and said everyone in the US is feeling inflation and it should be the same amount of assistance for members in the US. Belisle mentioned that gas prices in California is higher than Alaska at this time. Bricker mentioned that since there more time to figure out what to do with the funds, she felt that the tribe should be conservative with its spending, especially with some potential opportunity ahead of us. Belisle asked what it would cost for a \$2000 one-time payment to help pay with utilities and inflation for 2022-2023 winter. Kinjo-Hischer recalculated and said for households only projected total cost is approximately \$70,000. Council members agreed and liked the idea of one-time payout to all US Tribal Households. Council members and Administrator agreed that it should be finalized when all council members could have input. Kinjo-Hischer said she would draft a resolution and program for the next meeting for consideration.

V. Adjournment: 2:25PM 1st A. Beierly/2nd M. Belisle 4/0/0/1