

Skagway Traditional Council

Regular Meeting



October 12, 2023, 6 PM / In-Person & Zoom

1. Meeting called to order at: 6:02 PM

2. Attendance:

Present

Jaime Bricker, President

Andrew Beierly, Vice Chair

Judean Gordon, Member at Large

Marla Belisle, Secretary

Sara Kinjo-Hischer, TA

Katie Klug, TAA (Note taker)

Mary Thole with Junior Robotics Team - Jaxon Larsen, Jaden Young, AJ Lopez, Greyson Gil and Jerry Reddick

Absent

Savannah Ames, Treasurer

3. Approval of Agenda:

A. Beierly motions to approve agenda, J. Gordon seconds, all in favor:

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4. Approval of Minutes:

A. Beierly motions to approve meeting minutes from 9.14.2023, M. Belisle seconds, all in favor:

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5. Presidents Report:

J. Bricker will have discussion later on Deb Haaland Road to Healing.

6. Program/Committee Reports:

- SEARHC: *August 2023*
- Financial: *August 2023*
- Administrator Report: *September 2023*

- Environmental Department Report: *October 2023*
- Cultural Resource Department Report: *October 2023 Presentation*
- Farm Department Report: *October 2023*

7. Public Comment/Correspondence:

- Skagway Middle School Robotics - Team shares desire to create a virtual self tour on Skagway history and ask permission to use tlingit language, art & history & also ask permission to use tlingit land acknowledgement. J. Bricker and council thanked the Robotic team for the presentation, relayed that the council will discuss and vote and send an official response via email.
- Annemarie Hasskamp Letter - J.Bricker will work on a response letter & share a draft at the next meeting.
- Courtenay & Trevor Clifford Letter - Council expresses great interest & gratitude. J. Bricker asks if STC attorneys will need to make suggestions on the matter. S. Kinjo-Hischer doesn't believe so. J. Bricker will draft a response letter and share with the council at the next meeting.
- Deb Haaland – Road to Healing Letter - J. Bricker states she has changed her ticket to attend and the council agrees to offer financial support.

8. OLD Agenda Items:

1. **Roof & Gutters RFQ** S. Kinjo-Hischer has nothing to report.
2. **Tourism Code of Conduct** - J. Bricker is still preparing and consolidating to 1 page.
3. **10th Tower Apt. Heat Replacement** - S. Kinjo-Hischer updates the council, the current tenant is moving out and the building has a new leak on the second floor, also states another monitor went out and is still working on the Amana warranty with Mike Healy.
4. **FOIA Request** - S. Kinjo-Hischer will check in with the STC attorney.
5. **Election Committee/Election Ordinance** - S. Kinjo-Hischer states the presented draft election ordinance has been looked over by STC attorney and will allow STC to postpone this year's election but needs two readings. S. Kinjo-Hischer will bring the Election Ordinance back for another reading if there are no rejections.

J. Gordon motions to approve Election Ordinance First Reading, M. Belisle seconds, all in favor:
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9. New Agenda Items:

1. Panther Paw License Agreement

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares that the STC attorney has created the presented License Agreement and would like the council to make a decision on the Royalties as well, stating they can take it out or leave it in. J. Bricker shares she doesn't like the idea of collecting funds from the school they are trying to support, also shares Beau Dennis was happy to design the piece without compensation.

Council agreed to remove the Royalty section and replace it with Consideration as suggested by STC attorney, asking the district to pay STC a nominal sum of \$1 for the License.

J. Gordon motions to approve amended Panther Paw License Agreement, M. Belisle seconds, all in favor:

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2. 2024 STC Holiday & Payroll Calendar

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares that the presented 2024 Calendar had an unusual day back in the office after Holidays. J. Bricker would recommend giving an extra day off. Council agrees to amend the Calendar with the additional day off.

M. Belisle motions to approve amended 2024 STC Holiday & Payroll Calendar, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:

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3. STC Strategic Plan

S. Kinjo-Hischer would like the council to add recommendations to the highlighted areas of the STC Strategic Plan. J. Bricker recommends continuing to support the schools NYO P.E. program through offering resources such as needed. Revitalize the arts by creating a program to send, up to 2 people per year. Adding another line item to bring at least, up to 2 classes to Skagway. Council agrees with the recommendation, to amend the STC Strategic Plan.

J. Gordon motions to approve amended STC Strategic Plan, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:

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4. Tribal Broadband Affordability Program

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares the TAP program has been successful opening up to Skagway seniors and asks the council if they would like to consider opening it up to expand the program further. J. Bricker suggests opening up to 55 years of age. S. Kinjo-Hischer suggested opening up to low income. Council agrees to open up to 55 years and low income as AP&T low income standards.

J. Gordon motions to open up Tribal Broadband Affordability Program to low income and 55 yrs of age citizens, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:

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5. Native Land Allotment

S. Kinjo-Hischer states no grant funding is available as of right now and would like direction. J. Bricker shares herself and Savannah Ames relationship with their mother owning part of the land for sale. S. Kinjo-Hischer reached out to the STC attorney on the matter. Jaime would need to delegate Andrew Beierly as chair so herself and Savannah can step away while the board then makes a decision to include Jaime and Savannah in further discussion. J. Bricker states she would like to step away and declares a conflict of interest for herself. S. Kinjo-Hischer will email STC attorneys to determine the correct route in declaring conflict of interest and moving forward.

6. Dahl Clinic STC Representative

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares that the current representative hasn't officially stepped down and will email members who might be interested once she receives a notice.

7. Farm Request for Quote – Architecture

S. Kinjo-Hischer states the well and greenhouse locations are still undecided. J. Bricker would like to hear from Farm Manager Brooke Jasky-Zuber her thoughts on the matter. S. Kinjo-Hischer shares they will have a year end meeting with the farm manager and can hopefully get a better understanding on direction for the farm.

8. BIA 98-638 Proposal Amendments

S. Kinjo-Hischer states some amendments were requested, to separate out letters and authority designations. Council approves requested amendments.

J. Gordon motions to approve BIA 98-638 Amendments, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:

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9. New Place Name Addition

S. Kinjo-Hischer states the stream walk trail was never translated and has reached out to Lance Twitchell who provided a few different translations. Council would like to ask Lance if he could incorporate "fish in the stream". S. Kinjo-Hischer is also trying to establish a service agreement between STC and Lance Twitchell.

10. Business Operations Manager Job Description

S. Kinjo-Hischer states she needs to look into the edits made by Jaime to offer benefits. Sara believes the new business will be operating as an LLC and will not be eligible for health benefits under STC. S. Kinjo-Hischer will ask OPM and come back to the council with more details.

11. Financial & Personnel Policy

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares the STC attorney suggested a few adjustments and presented the council with the new forms and will share the cleaned up policy form once received.

M. Belisle motions to approve Single Source and Payment Accountability forms, J. Gordon seconds, all in favor:

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10. Announcements:

- Sara shares with the council Donna Wolf from Carcross (Carcross/Tagish First Nations) dropped off moose meat and thanked STC for sharing herring eggs.

11. Executive Session: 7:44 PM

J. Gordon motions to enter Executive Session, M. Belisle seconds, all in favor:

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1. Personnel Matter
2. FY24 Personnel Cost & Year End Bonus

Exit Executive Session 8:13 PM

12. Meeting Adjourned at: 8:17 PM