

Skagway Traditional Council

Regular Meeting



November 9, 2023, 6 PM / In-Person & Zoom

1. Meeting called to order at: 5:58 PM

2. Attendance:

Present

Jaime Bricker, President
Andrew Beierly, Vice Chair
Savannah Ames, Treasurer

Sara Kinjo-Hischer, TA
Katie Klug, TAA (Note taker)

Absent

Marla Belisle, Secretary
Judean Gordon, Member at Large

3. Approval of Agenda:

A. Beierly motions to approve agenda, S. Ames seconds, all in favor:

AYE 3/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 2

4. Approval of Minutes:

S. Ames motions to approve Special Meeting Minutes from 9.28.2023 and Regular Meeting Minutes from 10.12.2023, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:

AYE 3/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 2

5. Presidents Report:

J. Bricker shares her experience & stories from attending Road to Healing in Anchorage. She thanks the council for supporting her attendance to be there and shares her statement made & the importance for the Pius X Mission School to be listed on the second edition of Native Boarding Schools.

6. Program/Committee Reports:

- SEARHC: *November 2023*
- Financial: *September 2023 (WF October 2023)*

S. Ames motions to approve Financial, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:

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○ Administrator Report: *November 2023*

S.Kinjo-Hischer shares Sarah Cash, STC Cultural Resource Specialist, will be traveling to Juneau the first week of December to look at records collected by the Diocese of Juneau regarding the Pius X Mission & Morningside psychiatric hospital. S. Kinjo-Hischer shares the owners of the Native Land Allotment on the Chilkoot trail have reached out inquiring if STC is still interested in purchasing the land. J. Bricker states at the last council meeting she has recused herself due to conflict of interest, family relationship with property owner. Savannah Ames also states the same conflict of interest to recuse herself from further discussion on Native Land Allotment sale. S.Kinjo-Hischer & K. Klug will arrange a special meeting with Andrew Beierly, Judean Gordon & Marla Belisle to discuss the sale. S. Kinjo-Hischer shares an interested contractor for Roof & Gutters on the STC office building. Sara shares tower apartment updates; tenant is moving out, replacement of the heat pump is on the way, and update on fixing the leak. Sara also shares farm updates; no logo/art has been submitted and well location updates. S. Kinjo-Hischer has emailed tribal members asking if someone is willing to sit on the Dahl Clinic board as an STC representative.

○ Environmental Department Report: *October 2023*

○ Cultural Resource Department Report: *October Presentation 2023*

○ Farm Department Report: *October 2023*

7. Public Comment/Correspondence: Margaret K. Krall

J. Bricker shares letters addressed to Cliffords, Robotics, Woadie's, Yukon Fur and for future Skagway Business Owners. Council agrees to send letters and no participation in Margaret K. Krall correspondence.

A. Beierly motions to approve correspondence letters, S. Ames seconds, all in favor:

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8. OLD Agenda Items:

- 1. Roof & Gutters RFQ** - S. Kinjo-Hischer shared in the administrator report.
- 2. Tourism Code of Conduct** - J. Bricker still working request to table.
- 3. 10th Tower Apt. Heat Replacement** -S. Kinjo-Hischer shared in the administrator report.
- 4. FOIA Request** - S. Kinjo-Hischer no update from the STC attorney & will reach out again.
- 5. Election Ordinance** - S. Kinjo-Hischer states this is the second reading of the Election Ordinance and allows STC to postpone this year's election.

S. Ames motions to approve Election Ordinance Second Reading, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:

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6. **Native Land Allotment** - S. Kinjo-Hischer shared in the administrator report. J. Bricker & S. Ames recuse themselves from further discussion. TA & council members will set up a special meeting for consideration.
7. **Tribal Broadband Affordability Program** - S. Kinjo-Hischer shares that the TAP program is open to low income and single parents with school aged children as well as the seniors (65 years+). Sara states she will allow a little more time for eligible community members to enroll before opening up to 55 years of age.
8. **Dahl Clinic STC Representative** - S. Kinjo-Hischer shared in the administrator report.
9. **Farm Request for Quote** - Line item can be dismissed & removed.
10. **New Place Name Addition** - S. Kinjo-Hischer is waiting for a response from Lance Twitchell.
11. **Business Operations Manager Job Description** - J. Bricker states the property purchase (Skagway Sculpture Garden) needs to be secured before moving forward.

9. New Agenda Items:

1. Skagway School – Panther Paw

S. Kinjo-Hischer states the Panther Paw License agreement has been approved and shares an email from Skagway School with a question regarding section 3, approval items. Council has no need to approve items/designs, S. Ames clarified as long as the School is not changing the design or color of the Panther Paw.

2. Lingit Street Sign MLB Grant

S. Kinjo-Hischer states the presented Lingit Street Sign MLB Grant is ready for council approval, to formally request funding to start lingit street signs in Skagway.

S. Ames motions to approve Lingit Street Sign MLB Grant, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:

AYE 3/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 2

***CORRECTION MFB GRANT 11/13/2023**

3. Insurance Valuation Report & Suggested Increase

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares the presented report for STC insurance valuation, stating currently STC commercial building is undervalued. Council agrees and would like to send the report onto STC's current insurance company.

4. Wildlife Viewing Proposal & Consideration

J. Bricker shares the following proposal came through her job as tourism director, to help

educate respectful & safe travel through the Yukon. Council supports the proposal and requests if STC will have a chance to make edits or input.

5. Election Service Agreement with Skagway Public Library

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares the drafted Election Service Agreement. J. Bricker stated she would like the STC attorney to look over the election agreement before approving and sending it over to Skagway Public Library.

6. State Street MOA

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares the final State Street MOA with the council, if no objections request for signature. No objections by council, Jaime Bricker will sign the final State Street MOA.

10. Announcements:

- J.Bricker shares she will be teaching her first Cultural Host Class on 12/13/23 at the tribal hall, the class will be \$50 and interested individuals can sign up on the STC website.
- S. Kinjo-Hischer shares that due to staff & council traveling in December she would like the council to consider not hosting a Christmas open house this year. Council has no objections. Sara also shares that she is requesting Carlos Tarin, Foraker consultant, to evaluate staff's annual pay increase and will email the council with an update.

11. Executive Session: N/A

12. Meeting Adjourned at: 7:23 PM