

Skagway Traditional Council

# Regular Meeting



November 18, 2022, 12 PM / In-Person, Zoom

## 1. Meeting called to order:

Jaime Bricker called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM

## 2. Attendance:

### Present

Jaime Bricker, President

Andrew Beierly, Vice Chair

Savannah Ames, Treasurer

Marla Belisle, Secretary (via zoom 12:21 pm)

Sara Kinjo-Hischer, TA

Katie Klug, TAA (Note taker)

John Hischer - Taiya Counseling Services, LLC

### Absent

Judean Gordon, Member at Large

## 3. Approval of Agenda:

**Savannah Ames motions to approve the agenda, Andrew Beierly seconds, all in favor:**

*AYE 3/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 2*

## 4. Approval of Minutes:

**Savannah Ames motions to approve Regular & Induction Meeting Minutes from 10.20.2022, Andrew Beierly seconds, all in favor:**

*AYE 3/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 2*

## 5. Presidents Report:

Jaime Bricker expressed her appreciation for the council's support to send Jaime Bricker to attend the Tribal Nations Summit in Washington DC. Jaime Bricker stated that she will bring with her talking points put together by Sara Kinjo-Hischer. The Talking points document will be shared via email so the council can approve or have further input. Jaime Bricker also shared, as the Tourism Director, the Skagway visitor guide now includes Tlingit names & locations, thanks the council for the allowance of this sharing.

## 6. Program/Committee Reports:

- *SEARHC: Emailed to Council, on file – Last received report October 2022*

Judean Gordon is absent, nothing to report.

- Taiya Counseling Services: John Hischer shared that the Taiya Counseling Services has signed a contract with the local school to provide counseling services to school kids two days a week & also has monthly outreach events at STC. John Hischer thanks the council for their support & working relationship to continue offering mental health services to the community.
- Financial: (Sent to Council email from Foraker) *Last received September report 2022*
- Administrator Report: *Last received 2022*

Sara Kinjo-Hischer stated that she received a call from the property owner and that AB land purchase will likely be closing January; property on 10<sup>th</sup> and State Tower has been winterized to avoid excessive electricity costs; Lance Twitchell translated Farm names & would like direction from the council on how to move forward; election ordinance has been amended for review in meeting packet. Sara Kinjo- Hischer mentioned that STC was awarded an Air Quality Grant thanks to Reuben Cashes hard work. Air Quality work will start up next year and will help monitor air quality around town as well as pay for staff time along with two electric bikes. If STC is awarded the Rain Garden Grant, we will be looking towards Skagway School District, NPS or other entities as potential partners especially now that the MOS seems to be non-supportive. Support letter for MOS's BRIC Grant is in the meeting packet, Sara believes MOS is missing a few big criteria points and would not want to utilize limited staff time.

- Environmental Department Report: *Last received November 2022*

The Environmental Department Report is shared in a meeting packet.

- Cultural Resource Department Report: *Last received November 2022*

The Cultural Resource Department Report is shared in the meeting packet.

## 7. Public Comment/Correspondence:

Sara Kinjo-Hischer shares community member Janilyn Heger comment for the council members; Janilyn Heger wanted to express STC be more proactive in requesting the entire PIUS land from MOS. Janilyn Heger shared a few ideas of her own, trailer home for lower income/home ownership.

## 8. OLD Agenda Items:

1. Housing, RFQ – Sara Kinjo-Hischer request to Table

**Savannah Ames motions to table Housing RFQ, Andrew Beierly seconds, all in favor:**

*AYE 3/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 2*

## 9. New Agenda Items:

1. Resolution 2022-XX Tribal Council Stipend Rate

Jaime Bricker states Tribal Council Stipend Rate was discussed last meeting. President will receive

\$200 per meeting while other council members receive \$150 per meeting. No objections.

**Savannah Ames motions to approve Resolution 2022 Tribal Council Stipend Rate, Andrew Beierly seconds, all in favor:**

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2. Revisiting Place & Trail Names

Sara Kinjo-Hischer states some of the names were not directly translated but renamed. Sara Kinjo-Hischer would like to make sure the council is aware incase changes need to be made. Jaime Bricker states STC has adopted the names' locations in addition to other names that already exist, explains history is always evolving and suggests a culture that fosters storytelling could also be incorporated. Jaime Bricker states she does not have any contention with the list, Savannah Ames suggests something similar to a footnote for explanation could be added. Sara Kinjo-Hischer asked the council if there are requests for Tlingit names if it is the council's wish for Admin to share multiple names particularly with the Chilkoot trail that already has a Tlingit name and background. The council directed S. Kinjo-Hischer to invite Lance Twitchell for a presentation about stories behind the names that were chosen for various renamed trails and areas. Council also asked for the topic of traditional names be included in strategic planning for further discussion on the topic. Sara Kinjo-Hischer will reach out to Lance Twitchell.

3. Amendment of Ordinance 0001: Tribal Election

The Election Ordinance was edited with amendments suggested by prior meetings. Jaime Bricker is in favor of the presented changes and suggests changing Article 2-6 Number 2 regarding candidacy co-signing from seven enrolled members to three. After discussion and consideration of State election rules, Jaime Bricker suggests eliminating candidacy co-signing.

**Andrew Beierly motions to approve amendment of ordinance 0001 & eliminate candidacy cosigning, Savannah Ames seconds, all in favor:**

AYE 4/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 1

4. BRIC Grant – MOS Request to Partnership with STC

Sara Kinjo-Hischer shared a request for a support letter From the MOS for their application to the BRIC Grant. Sara Kinjo-Hischer believes based on FEMA scoring criteria points, MOS is missing some major criteria points and does not feel comfortable allocating limited staff time to work on the grant with the MOS but has no objections in signing a support letter. Jaime Bricker asked about tribal partnership benefits to the MOS. Kinjo-Hischer discussed that there is benefits in the Tribe applying as the main applicant to tapping into tribal set asides as well as smaller matching criteria, however, the MOS does not seem keen on having the tribe be the main applicant and their current hazard mitigation plan is not a multi-agency plan and may prove that the tribe simply adopting the document is not sufficient. Additionally, the tribe may not want to adopt such a document since there has been no tribal input in the creation of the plan.

Jaime Bricker makes a recommendation STC provide letter of support to MOS for BRIC Grant application, Savannah Ames seconds, all in favor:

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5. 2023 Tribal Hall Price

Sara Kinjo-Hischer stated that the tribal hall rental fee schedule has not been adjusted for years and is looking to update and increase rental fees while keeping it affordable for members & seniors. Jaime Bricker shared with the council some other rental costs from around town such as NPS auditorium, Elks, and the AB hall. Ames agreed that it is time to increase the rental fee since there are inflated costs. The council agrees to increase the rate and would like to see updated suggestions for discussion. Sara Kinjo-Hischer will bring an updated form and fee schedule to discuss via email.

6. ARPA – Economic Recovery & Inflation Burden Aid Program

The council discussed possible property/business purchase and ARPA funds allowance towards the purchase. Council feels in agreement to proceed with the Economic Recovery & Inflation Burden Aid Program presented in the packet. Sara Kinjo-Hischer & council agree to get the program rolling in January 2023.

**Savannah Ames motions to approve ARPA Economic Recovery & Inflation Burden Aid Program, Andrew Beierly seconds, all in favor:**

**\*Marla Belisle disconnected via zoom on the discussion.**

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**\*Marla Belisle re-connected via zoom.**

7. FY2023 STC Budget

Council has no discussion on FY2023 STC Budget

**Andrew Beierly motions to approve FY2023 STC Budget, Marla Belisle seconds, all in favor:**

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8. SSBCI Grant: Designation of authority Letter Approval

Sara Kinjo-Hischer stated SSBCI Grant needs STC to designate them as the Grant Manager

9. Resolution 2022-XX Designation of Authority for NRCS

Sara Kinjo-Hischer requested the council's approval for the Designation of Authority for the NRCS application. The application requires formal designation and Sara Kinjo-Hischer suggested designating Jaime Bricker and Sara Kinjo-Hischer to be able to have two signatures as needed.

**Savannah Ames motions to approve Resolution 2022 Designation of Authority for NRCS, Andrew Beierly seconds, all in favor:**

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10. Announcements: No Announcements

11.Executive Session: No Executive Session

12.Meeting Adjourned at: 1:37 PM