

Skagway Traditional Council

# Regular Meeting



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December 14, 2023, 6 PM / In-Person & Zoom

1. Meeting called to order at: 6:03 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:

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

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

4. Approval of Minutes:

**S. Ames motions to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from 11.09.2023, Enrollment Meeting Minutes from 11.09.2023 and Special Meeting Minutes from 11.17.2023, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:**

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

5. Presidents Report:

J. Bricker shares that the participants from the cultural host class filled out an evaluation form & can restructure with the help from the feedback. Jaime states the class was well attended and looks forward to teaching more.

6. Program/Committee Reports:

- SEARHC: *Last Update November 2023*
- Financial: *October 2023 (WF November 2023)*

S. Kinjo-Hischer states an accidental instacart costco purchase on the Wells Fargo CC and will

reimburse with a check.

**S. Ames motions to approve October 2023 Financial and Wells Fargo November 2023, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:**

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- Administrator Report: *November 2023*

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares she is working on end of quarter reports. Sara states she would like to schedule a Farm meeting to discuss the greenhouse construction and Davis Bacon wages. S. Kinjo-Hischer shares Sarah Cash returned from Juneau diocese and gathered more information regarding Pius and enrolled students.

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

## 7. Public Comment/Correspondence: N/A

## 8. OLD Agenda Items:

1. **Roof & Gutters RFQ** - S. Kinjo-Hischer states nothing new to report.
2. **Tourism Code of Conduct** - J. Bricker is still drafting and would like to include information on the Cultural Host Class in the Tourism Code of Conduct.
3. **10<sup>th</sup> Tower Apt. Heat Replacement** - S. Kinjo-Hischer states nothing new to report.
4. **FOIA Request** - S. Kinjo-Hischer states no update from the attorney.
5. **Native Land Allotment** - S. Kinjo-Hischer shares STC's decision to not purchase the property and the letter for Andrew Beierly to sign and forward onto the Conservation Fund. Sara states the landowners have been notified.
6. **Tribal Broadband Affordability Program** - S. Kinjo-Hischer shares the program is open to veterans, disabled by ADA.gov, single parent with children, enrolled in college. Sara states she will wait for a few more to enroll before closing the grant.
7. **New Place Name Addition** - S. Kinjo-Hischer states she has not heard back from Lance Twitchell regarding the Pullen Creek Streamwalk. Sara states she has a consultation contract to present to Lance for future projects.

## 9. New Agenda Items:

1. Skagway Sculpture Garden Appraisal

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares that the Whites are discussing STC requests to donate the sculptures for

tax purposes.

2. Sustainable Southeast Partnership

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares that Jacob Watson with SDC has reached out to inquire about a partnership with STC to help advertise to tour companies and bring awareness of Tlingit Culture here in Skagway. S. Ames states Jaime began the Cultural Host Class in hopes of the same idea Jacob Watson is referring to. S. Kinjo-Hischer will reference the Cultural Host Class to SDC in hopes for their attendance and see what kind of partnership they could create.

3. Land Acknowledgement & Tribal Art for Riverside Stable

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares Riverside Stable has requested use of land acknowledgement and tribal art to be incorporated for an upcoming horse competition this summer. J. Bricker stated that land acknowledgement is discussed in the Cultural Host Class and would be a great resource for anyone interested. S. Kinjo-Hischer will refer the class and a few Alaska Native artists for consideration to Riverside Stable.

4. Service Agreement with SPL

S. Kinjo-Hischer states the service agreement between STC & Skagway Public Library for conducting STC's election has been received from the attorney. The updated agreement is not in the packet and will forward onto council members for approval.

5. Support Letter Request From AP&T

S. Kinjo-Hischer states AP&T is looking for a support letter regarding upgrades to Goat Lake hydropower. J. Bricker would like more clarification; is this additional power & if so who would be receiving the power and would this support shore power. S. Kinjo-Hischer reached out to Jason Custer with AP&T to confirm, this would not be supporting shore power. Council declined to offer a support letter.

6. STC Representative Nominations – Clinic Board

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares STC's representative on the Dahl clinic board has stepped down. If STC wishes to continue a seat on the clinic board, STC needs to recommend someone by January 5th. Council members are in agreement to try and fill the seat. S. Kinjo-Hischer will reach out to all tribal members via email and will keep the council updated.

7. NPS Project List FY24-25 Consultation & Comments

J. Bricker states her hesitation to sign the letter presented, she shares concerns regarding the Buffalo Soldiers comment and feels it was an important part of history. S. Kinjo-Hischer shares that NPS may not be able to provide the appropriate historical & cultural context needed for the sensitivity of the subject when it is presented as a side story of the Buffalo Soldiers. J. Bricker agrees with S. Kinjo Hischer's concerns and asks the council if anyone is opposed to signing the letter. Council is unopposed, J. Bricker will sign the letter.

10. Announcements:

11. Executive Session: N/A

12. Meeting Adjourned at: 7:09 PM

**A. Beierly motions to adjourn, S. Ames seconds, all in favor:**

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