

Skagway Traditional Council

Regular Meeting



March 8, 2022, 12 PM / In-Person & Zoom

1. Meeting called to order at: 12:02 pm

A. Beierly motions to call the meeting to order, J. Gordon seconds, all in favor:

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2. Attendance:

Present

J. Bricker, President (via zoom)

A. Beierly, Vice Chair

M. Belisle, Secretary (via zoom)

J. Gordon, Member at Large

S. Kinjo-Hischer, TA

K. Klug, TAA (Note taker)

Absent

S. Ames, Treasurer

3. Approval of Agenda:

S. Kinjo-Hischer would like to add a few items to the agenda that was received late.

- George Bahm request for blessing
- SDC letter of support
- Friends of the Klondike Corridor request for letter of support

J. Bricker would also like to add to the agenda, a letter to MOS regarding the RV park.

J. Bricker motions to approve the agenda with amended items added, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:

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4. Approval of Minutes:

J. Bricker motions to approve meeting minutes from Special Meeting 1.26.2022, Regular Meeting 2.8.2022, Special Meeting 2.18.2022, J. Gordon seconds, all in favor:

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5. Presidents Report:

J. Bricker shared with the council that she recently had the opportunity to attend the Regenerative Tourism Conference held in Juneau. J. Bricker mentioned that it was well attended and had lots of great brainstorming ideas in terms of environmental initiative and cultural preservations.

6. Program/Committee Reports:

- SEARHC: *Emailed to Council, on file – Last received report 1.27.22-1.28.22*

J. Gordon shared with the council that she attended a work session for SEARHC Board of Directors at the end of February. She states it went well and was a very productive meeting. J. Gordon also shared that SEARHC signed an NDA with the Dahl Memorial Clinic. S. Kinjo-Hischer stated that the NDA should be an issue for SEARHC, as a tribal consortium, to ask STC if STC is supportive of that decision. J. Gordon will present that question to SEARHC.

- Financial: *Last received report December 2021*

S. Kinjo-Hischer states STC CPA will have its January & February financial report later this week. S. Kinjo-Hischer stated that the audit is slightly delayed but should be underway soon.

- Administrator Report: *Last received January 2022*

S. Kinjo-Hischer shared with the council that STC has started in-house covid testing which takes 10-30 mins for results and can be used for crossing the border. STC will be hosting a special covid testing on March 11th for the Buckwheat skiers. S. Kinjo-Hischer shared that R. Cash and S. Cash will be leaving for vacation and will be out of the office until the end of March.

- Environmental Department Report: *Last received March 2022*

S. Kinjo-Hischer shared that Salmon fry were released. Video of the release has been uploaded to STC's YouTube channel.

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

Please see update from S. Cash in meeting packet

7. Public Comment/Correspondence:

No public comments

8. Agenda Items:

1. Barb Broader son Collection - **TABLED**

S. Kinjo-Hischer has not spoken with Barb and can reach out again. S. Kinjo-Hischer asks the council if they would like to Table Barb Broaderson Collection.

2. Housing – RFQ – **TABLED**

S. Kinjo-Hischer has nothing to report and would like to ask the council to Table Housing - RFQ.

J. Bricker motions to Table Agenda items 1 & 2, J. Gordon seconds, all in favor:

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9. New Agenda Items:

1. Resolution 2022-05 Application for EPA AirQ Grant

S. Kinjo-Hischer shared with the council that applying for an Air quality grant would allow STC and NPS to collaboratively work together to combine current Air Quality data.

Council members agreed it would be good to have more cohesive data among other entities in Skagway.

J. Bricker motions to approve the Application for EPA AirQ Grant Resolution, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:

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2. Resolution 2022- XX - TABLED

Documents could not be put together in time for this line item and was tabled.

J. Gordon motions to Table Resolution 2022-XX-line item, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:

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3. Tongass Tribal Consultations: STC priority

S. Kinjo-Hischer updated the council with the TTC meetings. The members of TTC are requesting tribes to come up with a list of priorities. S. Kinjo-Hischer feels the priority should be nothing less than the ability to have at least 50% stake on any decisions being made with regards to the Tongass. J. Bricker suggests sending a survey to members asking input on the matter so they can make a better decision. S. Kinjo-Hischer is concerned that there isn't enough time for comments as the next meeting to submit priorities is tomorrow. S. Kinjo-Hischer asks the council to email or text with any concerns or priorities by tomorrow morning. J. Gordon requests S. Kinjo-Hischer to ask if the tribe has time for their members to take a survey to ask what priorities they might have.

4. Farm RFP

S. Kinjo-Hischer shared that the paperwork for STC's purchase of the farm has been processed. S. Kinjo-Hischer asks the tribal council if they would like to put out an RFP for management or to hire someone. Council agreed that, if possible, management by a bid may be less work administratively and agreed to put it out for an RFP. J. Bricker states she would like members to have priority from what is produced at the farm. M. Belisle would also like to see Traditional Native plants grown. J. Bricker requests renaming the location and new signage for the property. M. Belisle suggested putting a contest out to members to get involved. S. Kinjo-Hischer will draft up an RFP for the Farm and post it on Friday.

5. George Bahm request for blessing

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares with the council Yukon business owner and artist George Bahm is opening a store in Skagway and is requesting the tribe's blessing. J. Gordon states she is comfortable with the request and believes if someone is asking for a blessing their heart is in the right place. J. Bricker supports a blessing as long as the proper laws & channels are being followed conducting business. S. Kinjo-Hischer will email George Bahm and state the council is supportive as long as it is a lawfully run business.

6. SDC letter of support

S. Kinjo-Hischer states Spruce Roots is one of the finalists for the Build Back Better Grant and is looking for support letters. Sara shares some of their ideas are Native art, food and medicine business. S. Kinjo-Hischer shares that Spruce Roots have helped a lot of Tribal businesses succeed in taking out loans and feels they are a good organization. S. Kinjo-Hischer will get a support letter drafted and emailed over to SDC.

J. Gordon motions to send support letter for SDC, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:

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7. Friends of the Klondike support letter

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares that Friends of the Klondike is looking to apply for a Grant to restore the Ruppuzzi house. J. Gordon is excited that they are looking into restoring the house if everything proceeds.

J. Gordon motions to send support letter for Friends of the Klondike, J. Bricker seconds, all in favor:

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8. MOS RV Park letter

J. Bricker shares with the council members Mayor Cremata suggested at the last assembly meeting MOS donate half if not all the property back to STC and ask the council members to submit a letter for supporting this donation. S. Kinjo-Hischer shares STC resubmitted to MOS a letter dated sometime in 2013 requesting involvement. J. Gordon feels the tribe has been ignored far too long and feels they should have received the property years ago. S. Kinjo-Hischer will draft up a letter and share with the council to edit together.

9. Tribal Consultation for FY 22-23 Proposed Undertaking from NPS

S. Kinjo-Hischer shared this is a list of proposed projects and had no concerns. S. Kinjo-Hischer stated proposed ground digging along the trails was listed but feels confident that the current archaeologist employed at the Parks will do his due diligence and has no worries of neglect. S. Kinjo-Hischer will wait for the council to review the proposal and will respond to NPS via email on Monday.

10. Announcements/Discussion:

J. Bricker stated that Manager Ryan asked for an update on carvers' availability for future projects. S. Kinjo-Hischer reached out to Wayne and has not heard back. S. Kinjo-Hischer could reach out to Sealaska but was unclear the details for the request. J. Bricker suggested asking Sealaska if STC were to start a carving project would they have artists interested in bidding. S. Kinjo-Hischer asks who will be benefiting from this project and would like a clearer outline from MOS regarding the proposed project. J. Bricker will do more research on her end.

J. Bricker met Nick Hanson on a returning ferry and is known as Eskimo Ninja. Jaime exchanged contact information with Nick to possibly set up a camp in Skagway sometime this summer. J. Bricker will reach out over email to see if Nick is interested. J. Bricker also spoke with Kyle Whorl who has helped fund chaperones and a few athletes from Skagway to attend the NYO event in Juneau at the end of March. S. Kinjo-Hischer can also contribute for the trip from the Healthy funds.

11. Executive Session:

No executive session

12. Meeting Adjourned at: 1:34 pm

A. Beierly motions to adjourn the meeting, J. Gordon seconds, all in favor:

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