

Skagway Traditional Council

Regular Meeting



July 13, 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

Judean Gordon, Member at Large

Savannah Ames, Treasurer

Marla Belisle, Secretary (6:04 - 6: Administrator Report)

Sara Kinjo-Hischer, TA

Katie Klug, TAA (Note taker)

3. Approval of Agenda:

S. Ames motions to approve agenda, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor: AYE 4/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 1

4. Approval of Minutes:

S. Ames motions to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from 5.26.23 & Enrollment Meeting Minutes from 6.8.23, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor: AYE 4/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 1

5. President's Report: Nothing to report.

6. Program/Committee Reports:

○ SEARHC: *April 2023 – J. Gordon shares the next meeting with SEARHC will be in August.*

○ Financial: *March, April 2023*

S. Ames motions to approve March & April Financials, J. Gordon seconds, all in favor:
AYE 4/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 1

○ Administrator Report: *January 2023 – S. Kinjo-Hischer shares quote for the new Well House at the Farm and supporting resolution in the packet. S. Kinjo-Hischer shares that the Tribal Hall has an operating sewer after a month & will update once the bill has been received. S.*

Kinjo-Hischer states a heat pump at the tower apartment is broken & has contacted contractor Mike Healy for warranty. S. Kinjo-Hischer will request reports from the Environmental, Farm & Cultural Resource Department for the next meeting.

- Environmental Department Report: *November 2022*
- Cultural Resource Department Report: *November 2022*

7. Public Comment/Correspondence: NPS Proposed NAGPRA

8. OLD Agenda Items:

1. **Roof & Gutters RFQ** - S.Kinjo-Hischer states RFQ will be mailed to local contractors and would like to receive 3 quotes minimum to move forward.
2. **Tourism Code of Conduct** - J. Bricker states she would like to consolidate the current draft into 1 page, and finds it a little repetitive. J. Bricker will continue to work on the draft & bring it back to the council.
3. **10th Tower Apt. Heat Replacement** - S. Kinjo Hischer spoke to Auke Bay electrician and they suggested propane heaters be added to the tower apartment as an alternative heat source. S. Kinjo Hischer will reach out to Timberline Plumbing for further information and quote.
4. **Aeroponics Container** - S. Kinjo Hischer shares Brooke Jasky-Zuber, Farm Manager & herself concluded to step away from the Aeroponic Containers purchase. The Farm is receiving a greenhouse soon and also there is uncertainty in the condition of the containers.
5. **FOIA Request** - S. Kinjo Hischer is still awaiting her FOIA requests from MOS and also waiting to hear back from the STC attorney on the matter.
6. **Financial Policy Update** - S. Kinjo Hischer is waiting for a response from the STC attorney on Financial & Personnel Policy Update and request to Table. No objections to Table 8:6 and 8:7
7. **Personnel Policy Update** - Table
8. **NPS Language for Unigrid Brochure-Chilkoot Trail** - S. Kinjo Hischer shares a STC edited version of the brochure. Council agrees with the edit suggestions and would be okay with the language used.
9. **Election Committee Appointment** - S. Kinjo-Hischer states if the council is in agreement she could reach out to SDC to run the election and would like an amount to inquire with.

9. New Agenda Items:

1. Letter from Mayor Cremata

The council have questions with the presented letter in regards to collaborating with MOS to bring a carver to Skagway to create totem poles at Shoreline Park. J. Bricker states it would be a

great opportunity to have more Alaska Native Art representation. Council request S. Kinjo-Hischer to email Mayor Cremata with the questions discussed before making any decisions; how much funding MOS has for project & expectation from the tribe, timeline to start, would STC have a say in how & what goes into the project, opportunity for apprenticeship, ownership of totem pole, responsible party for maintenance, how the idea is presented to assembly.

2. Jude Schimmel Workshop

J. Bricker shares Jude Schimmel is a WNBA basketball player, author of a book, and a successful indigenous woman. Skagway School teacher Kent Fielding has reached out to request help in funding to bring Jude Schimmel to speak to Skagway Youth for the upcoming school year. S. Kinjo-Hischer believes Healthy is Here could be a funding source if the council would like to come up with an amount.

J. Gordon motions to help fund Jude Schimmel up to \$10,000, M. Belisle seconds, all in favor:

AYE 5/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 0

3. Farm Names

The council listens to tlingit translation of submitted farm names. After discussion, the council agreed on Heen Agunataani Hit Taay. The council felt as the tribe continues to grow they would like to be seen as the tribal house name and this decision helps with continued recognition. The council discussed a future sign/design plan, possibly when the new green house is built for grand celebration.

S. Ames motions to approve selected new farm name Heen Agunataani Hit Táay, J. Gordon seconds, all in favor: AYE 5/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 0

4. Resolution 2023-XX PC Purchase

S. Kinjo-Hischer states the presented resolution is for new PC purchases. The office computers are outdated and performance is poor, also the farm & new hire need computers.

M. Belise motions to approve Resolution 2023 PC Purchase, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:

AYE 5/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 0

5. Resolution 2023-XX Farm Well House

S. Kinjo-Hischer states the presented resolution is for new placement of Well House at the Farm with associated project costs. S. Kinjo Hischer states some funding could align with the Central Council grant, but also states this resolution does not address a solution for the septic. J. Bricker would like to avoid a septic system and likes the idea of holding a tank for the future.

S. Ames motions to approve Resolution 2023 Farm Well House, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:

AYE 5/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 0

10. Announcements:

- T&H Backpack Application Extended - 7.14.23
The Central Council commented on low applicants this year.

11.Executive Session: 7:26 PM

(Matters related to Pius X Mission and Potential Property Purchase)

Exit Executive Session 8:19PM

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

AYE 5/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 0

Pius: Council decided to send a statement to the MOS. J. Bricker will draft a letter to try and capture everyone's emotions and Sara will send it to legal for review.

Property Purchase: J. Bricker requested a few days to put together a business plan for the council. Council agreed and will meet on Monday 7/17/23 at noon to make a final decision.

12.Meeting Adjourned at: 8:22 PM

S. Ames motions, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor: AYE 5/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 0