

Skagway Traditional Council

Regular Meeting



August 10, 2023, 6 PM / In-Person & Zoom

1. Meeting called to order at: 6 PM

2. Attendance:

Present

Jaime Bricker, President
Andrew Beierly, Vice Chair
Marla Belisle, Secretary
Judean Gordon, Member at Large (Zoom)
Savannah Ames, Treasurer

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

3. Approval of Agenda:

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

AYE 5/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 0

4. Approval of Minutes:

S. Ames motions to approve meeting minutes from 7.13.23 and 7.17.23, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:

AYE 5/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 0

5. Presidents Report:

J. Bricker has no report.

6. Program/Committee Reports:

o SEARHC: *April 2023*

J. Gordon shares STC has received another Healthy is Here check. J. Gordon states Behavioral Health is increasing rapidly in Sitka, Juneau and expansion in Klawock. She will be meeting with the SEARHC board of directors tomorrow and share talking points at the next council meeting.

- Financial: *June 2023*

S. Ames motions to approve June 2023 Financial, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:

AYE 5/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 0

- Administrator Report: *August 2023*

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares that the Sculpture Garden property is moving forward and will be contacting an inspector to conduct a thorough walk through. S. Kinjo-Hischer states the AB Mountain land purchase is finalized. S. Kinjo- Hischer shares that a tribal member has approached STC to sell 140 acres on the Chilkoot trail, Sara has requested the appraisal and maps of the property and will bring it back to the council once received. S. Kinjo-Hischer shares the current renters on 3rd and State would like to extend to a 3-5 year lease, Sara requested the renter to state this in writing and will share with the council once received. S. Kinjo-Hischer shares the Farm logo request for design has been emailed to members. There is a new greenhouse resolution for a pass through grant in the packet. The Farm Well RFP is out and will be updated with any inquiries. S. Kinjo-Hischer states the NTIA grant still needs to be decided on returning the left over funds or allocating them to other entities. J. Bricker suggests a Hotspot at the potential sculpture garden property.

- Environmental Department Report: *July 2023*
- Cultural Resource Department Report: *July 2023*
- Farm Department Report: *July 2023*

7. Public Comment/Correspondence:

No public comment or correspondence.

8. OLD Agenda Items:

1. Roof & Gutters RFQ

S. Kinjo-Hischer states the Roof & Gutter RFQ was mailed to all local contractors.

2. Tourism Code of Conduct

J. Bricker is working on the Tourism Code of Conduct and request to Table.

3. 10th Tower Apt. Heat Replacement

S. Kinjo-Hischer has requested a quote from Zac Turner, local plumber.

4. FOIA Request

S. Kinjo-Hischer states the FOIA request has not been received and is waiting to hear back from the STC attorney on the matter and believes a letter was sent to MOS.

5. Financial Policy Update - Sent to STC Financial Consultant, request to Table.

6. Personnel Policy Update - Sent to STC Lawyer for review, request to Table.

7. NPS Language for Unigrid Brochure Chilkoot Trail

Council was updated in the Cultural Resource Report.

8. Election Committee Appointment

S. Kinjo-Hischet states she hasn't received a clear response from SDC to run the STC election. The council suggests reaching out to Rachel at the MOS library and Skagway School as they have used them in the past.

9. MOS (Mayor) Shoreline Park Improvement Project

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares with the council the Mayor's response regarding their questions on the Shoreline Park Project. J. Bricker shares she felt like the minority regarding the project and believes it would be an opportunity to educate and share culture with visitors. S. Ames feels totem poles are sacred and sharing in that aspect is different, also states in the future STC could carve their own totem pole to share with members. M. Belisle and J. Gordon suggest a few locations for a totem pole to consider for future discussion and the tribe would lead the project. S. Kinjo-Hischer gets a consensus to reply to the Mayor, at this time the tribe is not interested in partnering on the presented project.

9. New Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Pius Archaeology Study

S. Kinjo-Hischer states she has not received the final draft of the archaeological study on Pius. S. Kinjo-Hischer asks the council if they would like the study shared publicly, once it is reviewed. J. Bricker expresses some of the study is difficult to read but feels like it should be shared to help tell the story. M. Belisle also states that sharing the study could help more stories come forward. Council agrees to share the study once they have reviewed the final draft.

2. Farm Sales Analysis and Outlook

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares the Farms profit & loss analysis & forecast report with the council. S. Kinjo-Hischer states after review with financial consultant Carlos Tarin, field crops are not profitable. S. Kinjo-Hischer and farm manager Brooke Jasky-Zuber met to discuss a few new outlooks to make a profit at the farm; more flowers for bouquets, salad subscriptions once the new greenhouse is running. Council would like to keep aspects of food sovereignty & sustainability for members a top priority and feel the greenhouse will help continue that goal. J. Bricker suggests a few small, farm walking tours to help bring in revenue and would like to hear the farm manager's opinion. S. Kinjo-Hischer states now is the time to analyze the direction of the farm for preparation of 2024.

3. FY24 Budget

S. Kinjo-Hischer is still working on the FY24 budget and request to Table.

4. 2023-XX Resolution: Greenhouse Grant from Central Council

S. Kinjo-Hischer states the presented resolution is for the new greenhouse, a pass-through grant from Central Council to STC.

M. Belisle motions to approve Greenhouse Grant from Central Council Resolution, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:

AYE 5/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 0

10. Announcements:

- Senator Lisa Murkowski will be visiting Skagway next week.

11. Executive Session: N/A

12. Meeting Adjourned at: 7:55 PM

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

AYE 5/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 0