

Skagway Traditional Council

Regular Meeting



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

1. Meeting called to order at: 6:10 PM

2. Attendance:

Present

Jaime Bricker, President

Andrew Beierly, Vice Chair

Judean Gordon, Member at Large

Sara Kinjo-Hischer, TA

Katie Klug, TAA (Note taker)

Absent

Savannah Ames, Treasurer

Marla Belisle, Secretary

3. Approval of Agenda: Amended Agenda S. Kinjo-Hischer request to Table 8.4, 9.5, 9.11, and 9.13
A. Beierly motions to approve the amended agenda, J. Gordon seconds, all in favor:

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4. Approval of Minutes:

J. Gordon motions to approve meeting minutes from 8.10.23 and 8.14.23, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:

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5. Presidents Report:

J. Bricker shares Rachel Moreno with Alaska Travel Industry Association and will be teaching STC's first Cultural Competency Class. With this class Jaime will then be a trained certified teacher and will continue offering the class to tour companies & guides. Jaime also shares the Shoreline Park artist recognition for Beau Dennis is getting drafted and would like to use an audio component so visitors can listen to Beau's speech he gave at the ceremony back in August of last year.

6. Program/Committee Reports:

- SEARHC: *August 2023*

J. Gordon shares that SEARHC is growing and doing well, and Juneau will have a new specialty dentist.

- Financial: *July 2023*

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares a few deposits STC recently received and will discuss more at the upcoming FY24 Budget Meeting.

A. Beierly motions to approve July 2023 Financial, J. Gordon seconds, all in favor:

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- Administrator Report: *August 2023*

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares STC received the deed for AB Mountain, Sara states she hasn't received a request in writing from the 3rd State renters but has the authority to extend 1 year. Sara is working with Mike Healy on the Amana heat pump warranty for the tower apartment.

- Environmental Department Report: *July 2023 - Requested Qtrly. by council next Oct. meeting*
- Cultural Resource Department Report: *July 2023 - Requested Qtrly. by council next Oct. meeting*
- Farm Department Report: *July 2023 - Requested Qtrly. by council next Oct. meeting*

7. Public Comment/Correspondence:

No public comment or correspondence.

8. OLD Agenda Items:

1. Roof & Gutters RFQ

S. Kinjo-Hischer states no contractors responded to STC request for quote letter and the next step is to sole source.

2. Tourism Code of Conduct - J. Bricker request to Table

3. 10th Tower Apt. Heat Replacement

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares the quote from Timberline plumbing. She states the current renters at the tower would like to extend the lease and this would be helpful to see the cost during the winter month. J. Bricker would like to continue the lease at the tower and dislikes housing in Skagway sitting empty when there is a need. S. Kinjo-Hischer would like to reach out to a tribal member that inquired and can then determine to extend the tower lease to current tenants.

4. FOIA Request - Request to Table

5. Financial Policy Update

The updated financial policy presented to council has been looked over by STC financial consultant Carlos Tarin.

J. Gordon motions to approve May 9th, 2023 Financial Policy Update , A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:

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6. Personnel Policy Update

The updated personnel policy presented to council has been looked over by STC attorney.

J. Gordon motions to approve May 22, 2023 Personnel Policy Update , A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:

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7. Election Committee Appointment

S. Kinjo-Hischer states Rachel Dewan, Skagway Librarian director, has agreed to run the STC election. STC will draft a MOU with MOS Library. S. Kinjo-Hischer stated she needs to look into the bylaws in regards to postponing the election this year and will get back to the council. Council has no objection with MOS Library running the election.

J. Gordon motions to approve MOS Library as STC Election Committee , A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:

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9. New Agenda Items:

1. NPS Lot Installation Art

S. Kinjo-Hischer states NPS has reached out for ideas of Alaska Native representation in the space between the old Sweet Tooth Cafe and NPS building. S. Kinjo-Hischer and Cultural Resource Specialist Sarah Cash came up with a few ideas and S. Kinjo-Hischer presented them to the council. J. Bricker and J. Gordon liked the Alaska Native woman with baskets, both felt that would be the right direction to continue discussing with NPS.

2. Transfer of CopyRights: Panther Paw by Beau Dennis

S. Kinjo-Hischer shared a few options and the council was in favor of nonexclusive rights as suggested by STC attorney. S. Kinjo-Hischer will write up an agreement with the Skagway School District.

3. STC Strategic Plan

S. Kinjo-Hischer will be emailing the finalized strategic plan.

4. Insurance Renewal

S. Kinjo-Hischer asks the council if they would like to seek another insurance company or renew. Council has no objections with renewal of STC insurance.

A. Beierly motions to approve Insurance Renewal, J. Gordon seconds, all in favor:

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5. MOA with State of AK re State Street Project - Request to Table

6. FY24 BIA 98-638

S. Kinjo-Hischer states the presented FY24 BIA 98-638 and agenda item 9.7 are housekeeping.

7. Resolution 2023-XX BIA Contract

J. Gordon motions to approve Resolution 2023-XX BIA Contract, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:

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8. Tribal Broadband Affordability Program

S. Kinjo-Hischer states the current TAP Program still has funds that can be returned or opened up to seniors 60+ in Skagway under the STC Tribal Land Territory. Council agreed to open up the TAP Program for seniors 60+ without income requirements and who fall under the STC Tribal Land Territory.

9. Native Land Allotment

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares STC has been approached by tribal members who wish to sell land in Dyea along the Chilkoot Trail. J. Bricker states her mother (and council member Savannah Ames) is co-landowners of this property and would like STC to contact their attorney on the matter to establish any conflicts of interest. Council members all share interest in pursuing the land and would like to inquire with the sellers different options in purchasing.

10. Cultural Host Proposal

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares the Cultural Host Proposal is under her authority and states STC will draft a MOU with Municipality of Skagway as a silent host, so when Jaime Bricker is certified trainer she can then teach the class as an MOS employee.

11. Dahl Clinic STC Representative - Request to Table

12. Farm Request for Quote - Architecture

S. Kinjo-Hischer states after a brief conversation with an architect the STC Farm would be a public building and would have multiple different requirements to look into. S. Kinjo-Hischer will continue looking into an architects, also updated the council on the Farm Well location and cost might be davis bacon.

13. FY24 STC Budget- Request to Table

14. Sculpture Garden Inspection

Council discussed the presented Sculpture Garden inspection report, A. Beierly would like to look into a sprinkler system. J. Bricker expresses interest to move forward and would like the sculpture garden to have secured tours to help bring in revenue. S. Kinjo-Hischer asks the council about the sculptures currently at the location. The council would like to inquire about the sculptures as a donation or in kind gift that STC could share with visitors if granted. S. Kinjo-Hischer will send a letter to the Whites with the council's request and contact appraisers to move forward with the purchase of the Sculpture Garden.

15. Resolution 2023-XX SEATOR Consortium

S. Kinjo-Hsicher states Reuben Cash, Environmental Coordinator has submitted the the SEATOR Consortium Resolution, a nonprofit organization to serve Southeast AK tribes to advocate environmental concerns and needs.

J. Gordon motions to approve Resolution 2023-XX SEATOR Consortium, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:

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10. Announcements:

11. Executive Session: N/A

12. Meeting Adjourned at: 8:11 PM