

Skagway Traditional Council

# Special Meeting

Minutes by Katie Klug TAA via recording.



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September 28, 2023, 5 PM / In-Person & Zoom

1. Meeting called to order at: 5:03 PM

2. Correspondence:

Sherry Corrington, Tiffany Metz and Les Fairbanks

3. Attendance:

**Present**

Jaime Bricker, President

Andrew Beierly, Vice Chair

Savannah Ames, Treasurer

Marla Belisle, Secretary

Judean Gordon, Member at Large (via Phone 5.1)

Sara Kinjo-Hischer, TA

Carlos Tarin, Foraker Financial Consultant (via Zoom)

4. Approval of Agenda:

**S. Ames motions to approve the agenda, M. Belisle seconds, all in favor:**

AYE 4/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 1

5. Agenda Items:

**1. FY24 Budget & Business Discussion**

S. Kinjo-Hischer states the presented FY24 Budget is categorized by departments and broken down by funding. C. Tarin discusses Sculpture Garden as a future business, with projected start-up cost, revenue, and tour sales. S. Kinjo-Hischer discusses FY24 wages in all the departments, including the Farm and Sculpture Garden. C. Tarin states this is an important budget as they have some areas that are strict and tight but also an opportunity to grow. J.Bricker shares she would like to move forward quickly to secure the Sculpture Garden property so they can have revenue in 2024. C. Tarin adds STC rentals are now under Administrator and not relied on Government funds. C. Tarin states the Government office department is the same as every year as funding hasn't changed, in Family Youth but the Environmental department has changed with more grants and staff. ARPA funds, Sculpture Garden, Farm and future personnel is what needs to be considered moving forward, not needing to be resolved for FY24 but for the following year. J.Bricker thanks Carlos and Sara for voicing concerns and building a conservative

budget. C. Tarin discusses the Farm budget, states most farms need strategic plans and budget to those plans and this is why the farm could get rolled into the Sculpture Garden revenue stream. Many farms have tours or programs to help fund the production of vegetables/growing. The greenhouse is an excellent help in moving forward but the Farm budget should be as tight as possible as the strategy for the Farm is still developing. J.Bricker shares profit/loss from 2023 of the Farm. S. Kinjo-Hischer shares that some of the supplies and needs for the farm are out of her range of knowledge. J. Bricker inquired about inviting Brooke Jasky-Zuber, Farm Manager to present to the council her expenses from the year. S. Kinjo-Hischer suggests a work session to evaluate supplies/needs/wants of the farm. S. Ames believes this could help become more resourceful in spending. C. Tarin states this is a pivotal and exciting time for STC and thanks Sara for her hard work. Council thanks Carlos and Sara and excuses C. Tarin from the meeting.

**J. Gordon motions to approve the FY24 Budget, S. Ames seconds, all in favor:**

AYE 5/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 0

## 2. Resolution 2023-XX Sculpture Garden Purchase

J. Bricker would like to state she is very excited for the opportunity to return revenue to the tribe for the future. M. Belisle also shares that she appreciates Jaime's knowledge in tourism to help see all of this come together.

**J. Gordon motions to approve Resolution 2023-XX Sculpture Garden Purchase, M. Belisle seconds, all in favor:**

AYE 5/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 0

## 3. Inspection Report Approval

S. Kinjo-Hischer states the presented Inspection Report would need approval to move forward and the requested letter/comment on the Sculptures. Council has no objections.

**S. Ames motions to approve Inspection Report and Letter to White Family, M. Belisle seconds, all in favor:**

AYE 5/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 0

## 4. Appraisal Quotes

S. Kinjo-Hischer states when negotiations end for the sale the next step is appraisal. S. Kinjo-Hischer shares a few quotes she has looked into from multiple appraisers. Council agrees on one of the presented appraisers.

**M. Belisle motions to approve Commercial Property Appraisal Quote from Ramsey Appraisal Resource, A. Beierly seconds, all in favor:**

AYE 5/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 0

## 5. Election Ordinance Amendment First Reading - Table

S. Kinjo-Hischer states she hasn't received information back from the attorney and requests to Table, reminding the council the ordinance amendment is to cancel the election for 2023. Council has no objection to Table for next meeting.

## 6. Resolution 2023-02A Farm Well Relocation and Sole Source Quote

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares that the Resolution was already approved but requests an amendment. The Farm Well relocation cost is higher.

**7. Greenhouse Color and Plan Approval**

S. Kinjo-Hischer shares the greenhouse pamphlet, and the council decides on pearl gray for exterior and white trim.

6. Executive Session: N/A

7. Meeting Adjourned at: PM