

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH

Planning Commission/Platting Board Meeting Minutes

7/11/2023

The regular meeting of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Planning Commission/Platting Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 11, 2023, by Chair Sharli Arntzen and the roll was called.

CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Robb Arnold, Michael Medford, Sharli Arntzen, Jacquie Meck, Michael Martin

ABSENT: Joseph Mainardi, Jos Govaars

STAFF PRESENT: Director Richard Harney and Planner Alethea Johnson

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES – Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2023

M/S Meck/Martin to approve the Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2023 as presented.

Upon roll call the vote on the MOTION was:

YES: Arnold, Arntzen, Medford, Meck and Martin

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

SPECIAL ORDERS - None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

CONSENT AGENDA - None

REGULAR BUSINESS

Ketchikan Tourism Strategy

Contractors, Julie Klein of Confluence, Seleni Matus of George Washington University, presented an overview of the Strategy.

Chair Arntzen thanked the presenters and asked them to recommend what they believed was the next most important step for the Borough to take. Ms. Matus advised the community to establish a Destination Stewardship Committee (Group or Council) to create a structure for implementation. Their roll would be to coordinate efforts across jurisdictions and set in place an interim structure to select strategies from the plan and start moving them forward.

M/S Meck/Martin to adopt 4433A as presented.

Upon roll call the vote on the MOTION was:

YES: Meck, Arnold, Arntzen, Medford, and Martin

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Hopkins Alley Framework for Revitalization

Director Harney presented the Framework document and explained that it contained resources for property owners of lots abutting Hopkins Alley who were interested in improving their historic properties. The framework gave an economic context for revitalization and recommended materials suitable for historic preservation. It also provided zoning and building codes that would apply to contemplated projects. The document was published on ktntalk.com and staff planned to mail notifications to property and business owners in the area.

Chair Arntzen asked if the Planning Commission would see the Hopkins Alley Revitalization Plan again. Director Harney responded that the Framework might be used as the basis for future planning initiatives and that other source documents would also be utilized if property owners wanted to draft a neighborhood plan. In the meantime, the Framework gave the owners guidance for improving the Hopkins Alley area.

REMARKS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Harney announced that this was his last Planning Commission meeting as the director. After 15 years, he was leaving his position to go to work for another agency in the community.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Martin said he was really pleased to see the two beautifully done reports and was happy to see these efforts coming to fruition. He thanked Director Harney and wished him the best of luck.

Commissioner Medford complimented Director Harney on his many accomplishments during his time as Planning Director and noted that his effectiveness would be missed.

Commissioner Arnold said he thought there was a big opportunity for change in tourism in the community. He stated that the Planning Commission should get on board with the implementation of the strategy.

Chair Arntzen thanked Mr. Harney for his 15 years of service, nurturing his staff and keeping the "house in order."

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Martin /Meck moved to adjourn.

With no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Jeremy Weber, Platting/ Zoning Clerk
Planning Commission/Platting Board



Shari Arntzen, Chair
Planning Commission/Platting Board