

Tourism Advisory Board Meeting/ Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 19 – 9:00 a.m.
Public Safety Building – Assembly Chambers

Meeting Call to Order: Scott Sundberg

Roll Call: Present - Judy Heinmiller, Scott Sundberg, Travis Reid, Darsie Culbeck
(conference call in)

Absent - Jeff Butcher

Also Present - Lori Stepansky

Approval of July, 2006 Minutes – Heinmiller motioned to approve, Sunberg second

Approval of Agenda: All approved

President’s Report: Sunberg reported Chair Josephson stepped down last year and as Vice-Chair, there was no report.

New Business: **Election of officers – Chair and Vice-Chair** – Culbeck nominated Travis Reid as board Chair, Heinmiller second. Sunberg nominated himself as board Vice-Chair, Reid nominated Heinmiller. Sunberg withdrew his nomination and seconded Heinmiller.

Southeast Alaska Sea Trails System – Stepansky reported Borough Manager Venables requested TAB discuss letter from Seatrails requesting funds be contributed for an administrative duties of their organizations efforts. Discussion followed. Board will send Borough Manager Venables a letter supporting Seatrails request with a discretionary amount. Culbeck first motioned, Reid second, board unanimously approved.

Winter Tourism – Stepansky opened winter tourism discussion with Haines article featured in Alaska Magazine. Reid motioned to use the Action Request form to the Assembly for stating Haines Tourism Advisory Board approves of a well-managed winter recreation and winter tourism industry with increased positive growth, Sunberg second. Sunberg reported winter activities for the weekend were positive.

Old Business: **Pavilion Project?** – Reid reported Borough Manager Venables was working on finding fill for proposed site and would have Brian Lemke would be in charge of the project as soon as he was available. Sunberg commented project stalled after additional funding did not develop. Sunberg stated he would follow up regarding the situation with the fill.

Directors Report: **Vancouver Motorcycle Trade Show** – Stepansky reported she would be attending a motorcycle trade show in Abbotsford, BC, next week with Whitehorse Harley Davidson owner, Dick Watts, and Evangeline Willard-Hoy to promote the overnight in Haines Golden Circle ride of the Ride Yukon motorcycle event for June 22. Stepansky reported the Southeast Fair was looking in to and likely to host activities of a BBQ, entertainment, and motorcycle rodeo activities for the anticipated 200 – 250 motorcyclists.

Haines CMP/ CPP & Scenic Byways Committee – Stepansky reported final draft was about to be released and letters of support were expected in forms of a resolution from the Assembly, a letter from the Klukwan Tribal Council, and the Historical Society. Stepansky requested Tourism Advisory board also write a letter of support. Reid motioned to write a resolution supporting the CMP, Heinmiller second.

Visitor Center Web Site – Stepansky reported a new design for the web site was nearly complete and should be established the first part of February. Feedback was provided by present board members.

Public Comments: None

Set Next Meeting Date: Regularly scheduled monthly meetings were discussed. Next meeting set for Friday, February 23 at 9:00 a.m. Friday, March 2, would be the beginning of Tourism Advisory Board meeting on the first Friday of each month.

Sunberg motioned meeting adjourned, Heinmiller second.