

Tourism Advisory Board Meeting - Minutes **Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission**

Wednesday, May 16, 2007 – 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Call to Order: Travis Reid

Roll Call:

Tourism Advisory Board

Present: Travis Reid/Chair, Scott Sundberg, Darsie Culbeck, Judy Heinmiller, and John Hunt (arrived 10:10 a.m.).

Absent: Jeff Butcher

Planning Commission

Present: Lee Heinmiller/Chair, Don Turner, Dawn Thomsen, Jack Smith,

Absent: Harriett Brouillette, Rob Goldberg, Kathleen Menke

Others Present: Lori Stepansky/ Tourism Director, Debra Vogt/Assembly Liaison, Brian Lemke/Project Manager, John Wurst/Lands Manager, and Karen Hess

Approval of Agenda: No objection was raised.

Public Comments: Hess commented on preference for constructing the Pavilion/Bathrooms in proposed Karns property on the Haines Highway.

Pavilion Project: The groups jointly discussed the following two options for constructing the Pavilion Project:

Option #1 Parking side of pier of the PC Dock

Option #2 Karns Property below Fort Seward Lodge on Haines Hwy.

Discussion included pedestrian road crossing safety, traffic congestion, parking issues, water/sewer availability, waterfront appearances, use for tourists and community, budget issues for janitorial services/supplies, and potential cruise ship call increases. Reid asked the others present to indicate their option preference. Vogt, Stepansky, Lemcke, and Hess said they prefer Option #2. Wurst indicated no preference.

Motion by Turner: Recommend construction of the Pavilion/Bathroom project according to Option #1 (area parking lot side of PC Dock Pier). It was seconded by Thomson.

The motion carried 8 to 1 with Sundberg opposed and preferring Option #2. The votes are recorded as follows:

TAB: Reid-Y, Sunberg-N, J. Heinmiller-Y, Culbeck-Y, Hunt-Y

Planning Commission: Smith-Y, Turner-Y, Thomsen-Y, L. Heinmiller-Y

The joint meeting with the Planning Commission adjourned; the TAB remained in session.

Haines Video Script (if available): N/A – Stepansky will email script to board for feedback when it is available.

Discussion followed regarding obtaining a tent/tarp-covered area from Costco for approximately \$180 to provide sheltered area for shore excursion staff for next Wednesday's ship. Stepansky advised checking with Borough Clerk, Julie Cozzi, in regards to code specifications for such a structure. Culbeck will make the inquiry.

Set Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2007 – 9:00 am; Assembly Chambers, Public Safety Building

Motion by Culbeck: Adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Heinmiller. There was no objection and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.