

## MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 2019 MEETING

- ❖ The April 16, 2019 meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM in the Ketchikan Public Library conference room.
- ❖ Advisory Board members present: Leslie Jackson, Teri Hoyt, Rick Hauver, Caroline Seabright and Leslie Jackson.
- ❖ Staff present: Aaron Ostby
- ❖ The agenda was approved by Caroline and seconded by Rick.
- ❖ The minutes from the March 2019 meeting were approved by Teri and seconded by Rick.
- ❖ Correspondence: Review of letter send by the Advisory Board to the Director of State Parks, concerning the status of the new Settlers Cove PUC. Teri was contacted by Sen. Stedman's office regarding the letter.
- ❖ Members of the public present: Arika Paquette. Arika explained her interest in joining the Advisory Board and gave a background on her personal and professional history.

### STAFF REPORT:

Aaron Ostby reported:

- No Totem Bight Park Host this season. Stephen Kirkland, former Settlers Cove Host, will be at Totem Bight until the end of May before moving to Ward Lake where he will be a host for the Forest Service.
- Stephen will be working on a promotional videos / photo for State Parks while he is at Totem Bight.
- Visitor Center will be closed this Season, due to no park host and staffing issues. The Restoration Building will be open to the public for the first time this summer. Historic photos that were on display in the Visitors Center will be moved to the Restoration Building.
- The long-term plan for the Visitors Center is for it to become a gift shop or bookstore. The RFP is still in process. KIC and KASPER have expressed interest.
- Park incidents: Individuals were camping on the Visitor Center deck, they were removed by AST, a missing person report was filed for an overdue boater who canoed from Settlers Cove.
- Staff person from the Design and Construction Dept. will be down mid-May to start the planning process for the improvements slated for Settlers Cove.
- The Ketchikan Gateway Borough pulled the funding allocation for the Black Sands Beach Trail from the Gravina Access Project.
- First Cruise ship in on April 27<sup>th</sup>
- Tour manager orientations are scheduled for the first week of May
- Alaska Waste donated \$1000 worth of materials for the tent platform / cabin foundation

### CHAIR'S REPORT:

Teri Hoyt reported:

- Contacted Mary, requesting assistance during Breakfast with the Birds.

### KASPER REPORT:

- Nothing to report

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Breakfast with the Birds Planning:** Reviewed items needed for the event and discussed meeting time. Rick donated \$100 for the purchase of supplies. Teri suggested having a suggested donation amount or charge a small fee to cover the cost of supplies for next year.
- B. Black Sands Beach SMP Permit Review:** Aaron updated the Board on the permit. Park's Staff contacted Experience Alaska Tours (EAT) and requested voluntary compliance on not displacing recreational users at Black Sands Beach SMP. EAT management agreed to land at another location if Black Sands Beach was in use. They declined State Park's request to have a designated landing area at West Blank Is as Black Sands was their preferred location. EAT commented that they were aware of public concern regarding commercial activity at Black Sands Beach. There may be the opportunity to change the Special Stipulations of the Commercial Use Permit for next season, if there are problems this season. Teri commented that this is a good compromise and she was happy that they were aware of the Boards concerns. Arika requested more background information on this issue. Teri commented on how noisy the hovercrafts operated by EAT are.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Spring Marine Parks Visits / Beach Clean-ups:** Aaron requested that the Board start looking at possible dates to go visit Marine Parks. There will be further discussion at the next meeting.

### **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- A. Breakfast with the Birds Debrief
- B. Projects / Goals for next year
- C. Marine Park Visits
- D. Rotary Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 6:05. The next meeting was scheduled for May 14, 2019