

MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2019 MEETING

- The September 10, 2019 meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM at the Ketchikan Public Library conference room.
- Advisory Board members present: Shelly Acteson, Leslie Jackson, Floyd McCellan, Caroline Seabright, Teri Hoyt, Rick Hauver, Amanda Kiely, and Arika Paquette
- Staff present: Aaron Ostby
- The agenda was approved by Arika seconded by Amanda
- The minutes from the September 2019 meeting were approved by Floyd and seconded by Amanda
- Correspondence: Staff shared a thank you letter from State Parks to First City Rotary for the Refuge Cove stairs. Teri suggested that the Board write a letter thanking Rotary. Topic discussed further under Old Business.
- Persons to be heard: None

STAFF REPORT:

Aaron Ostby reported:

- Host changeover at Settlers Cove for the winter. Our Totem Bight host will be filling in at Settlers Cove until the new hosts arrive. We anticipate volunteer recruitment to be more difficult next year with the removal of the Prince Rupert AMHS ferry.
- The campground water tank failed; and cannot be repaired. We have a temporary water system in place until a replacement can be installed.
- Our ACC staff was laid off early due to not having enough funding for payroll for the entire season. This was a surprise and we have been attempting to continue basic operations at Totem Bight with reduced staffing. The staff that was laid off is primarily responsible for fee collection duties and commercial tour compliance so reduced staffing will likely result in reduced revenue.
- The new walk-in campsite built with RTP funds has been getting used. The new RTP grant project started, which will make the Settlers Cabin ADA accessible.
- KIC fee exemption request is still under review. Leslie Jackson suggested writing a letter of support on behalf of KIC. Leslie will draft the letter and members will edit and review before submission to the Directors Office. Board members expressed concern about ruining Parks developing relationship with KIC and the Native community.
- The Tongass Tribe has expressed interest in doing cultural activities in the Totem Bight Clan House next summer.
- Final Haida Descendant Dancers performance is this Friday.
- Floyd McCellan reported on the status of the Waterfall Bridge project.


CHAIR'S REPORT:

Teri Hoyt reported:

- Thanked everyone for attending and requested information regarding when the official election of officers would be held. Aaron presented a draft Board contact list for review and suggested having the election at the next meeting since all seats were now filled. Teri encouraged others to run for the Chair position.

KASPER REPORT:

- Rick Hauver asked about funding for Christmas lights, Aaron Ostby reported that KASPER would probably purchase supplies again this year.



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- Amanda and Teri discussed the 'Friends' Facebook page and who has access.
- There was a discussion regarding the relationship between KASPER and the CAB. Teri suggested inviting Mary to the next meeting so she could explain the mission of KASPER to the new members of the Board. Aaron explained the difference between the role of KASPER and that of the Board. Floyd expressed interest in acting as a liaison between the two organizations.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Refuge Cove Stairs / Rotary Meeting:** Aaron asked if any members of the Board would like to attend the next Ketchikan Rotary Meeting. Teri and Floyd volunteered to attend. Leslie suggested requesting assistance from Rotary to finish building the PUC at Settlers Cove. If the grant for the new PUC did not happen, the Board could solicit donations from community organizations. Aaron will check on the status of the PUC grant.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Strategic Planning / Goals:** Teri commented on the Parktoberfest and the Chili Feed events being taken by other community organizations. Breakfast with the Birds and First Day Hike are now the CABs primary events. There was a discussion regarding turning the Christmas Lights at Totem Bight into a community event. Other ideas suggested: Longest day hike, forage fest and beach clean-ups. Aaron suggested starting the year with ideas or goals that the Board could revisit over the next meetings. Amanda suggested having a specific goal that the Board wanted to fundraise for and have a single event for that project. KASPER would also need to agree with the project being funded as they would be handling the money. There will be continued discussion regarding projects and fundraising at the next meeting. Aaron suggested that the Board consider doing more political advocacy for Ketchikan Area Parks this session. There was a discussion about the amount of revenue generated by the Parks, the poor condition of the totem poles and the deferred maintenance needs. Leslie noted the possibility of more CPV funds being available for projects if the Ward Cove Dock is built. Teri suggested pursuing Guard Island as a future State Marine Park. Aaron will get more information about the land status and report back to the Board.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- A: Strategic Planning
- B: Cabin Project
- C: Election of Officers
- D: Guard Island

The meeting at 6:20pm. The next meeting was scheduled for October 8, 2019