

**Haines Tourism Advisory Board  
Haines, Borough**

Tourism Director:  
Leslie Ross

Assembly Liaison:  
Diana Lapham

**MINUTES-Approved**

Members:  
Sean Gaffney  
Karen Hess  
Jeff Butcher  
Scott Sundberg  
Barbara Mulford  
Rhonda Hinson  
Michael Marks

Meeting Date: 8-28-15

Date of Approval: \_\_\_9-28-15\_\_\_

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**Call to Order:** A meeting of the Haines Borough Tourism Advisory Board was held at Assembly Chambers on 8-28-15. The meeting convened at 9:40 a.m. with Sean Gaffney presiding.

**Members in Attendance:** Sean Gaffney, Karen Hess, Scott Sundberg, Rhonda Hinson, Michael Marks, Jeff Butcher, Barbara Mulford, Leslie Ross, Tourism Director (ex officio) and Assembly Liaison.

**Members Not in Attendance:** None

**Others in Attendance:** Travis Russell, Bill Kurtz, Debra Schnabel, Tresham Gregg, Shannon Donohue, Tim Holm, Carol Tuynman, Dan Egolf, Joe Ordonez and Becky Hill.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion was made by Karen Hess to approve the Agenda. Second-Mulford. Approval: Unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Karen Hess to approve the minutes with the change that Scott Sundberg was in attendance at the last meeting. Second-Sundberg. Approval: Unanimous.

**Public Comments:** Tresham Gregg and Bill Kurtz made comments on the Small Boat Harbor Expansion. All tour operators present made comments on the Chilkoot Lake Corridor.

**Chair Report:** Sean Gaffney informed that headway was being made with the Harbor Aesthetics Committee. Planning for Miami visit with cruise ship lines.

**New Business:**

- Chilkoot Lake Corridor recent issues and future progress: Introduction of Travis Russell, new Park Ranger who informed that he will create a positive atmosphere for visitors, tour operators and wildlife. Motion was made by Barbara Mulford for TAB to recommend to Assembly to support acquisition of road by State Parks. Second-Hess. Approval: Unanimous. Leslie Ross requested TAB to write a letter to the Assembly.
- Small Boat Harbor Aesthetics Committee Update: The committee is making progress.
- Port Chilkoot Parking lot discussion: Request Tour operators to police themselves and additional staff will be sought for next year.
- Arts Confluence Sculpture Project: Presentation of public art in locations around Haines.
- Noise Study: TAB members to read the Study and prepare for discussion at next meeting.
- Title V: Add to next meetings agenda.

**Old Business:**

- Picture Point update: Southeast Road Builders bid approved for trails to beach and top soil, grass seeding and logs to create a 30' green space. Sign to be installed Spring 16.

**Tourism Director Update:** Leslie Ross to attend Southeast Conference, will continue with Milepost back cover advertisement with a 30% discount and a free page in the Haines section. Placed an advertisement in Audubon magazine, will work to restore funds from Economic Development back to Tourism received free membership to LGBT.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Scott Sundberg to adjourn. Second-Hess. Approval: Unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** September 18, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.