

MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY
Dyea Community Advisory Board
MINUTES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in Assembly Chambers

Board Members

Bruce Weber, Chair

Courtney Ellingson, Secretary

Jonathon Flood

Michael Yee, Vice Chair

Lynne Davison

Assemblymember Jay Burnham (Ex-Officio)

1. **Call to Order:** 5:33pm

2. **Roll Call:** Bruce Weber, Courtney Ellingson, Lynne Davison, Michael Yee, Jonathon Flood, Jay Burnham~Assembly Liaison

3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Yee motion to approve the agenda as written, Flood second, motion passes unanimously

4. **Minutes:**

A. March 13, 2024

- Yee motion to approve the March 13th minutes, Ellingson second, Davison move to amend the minutes to add a sentence about Murphy's 2023 season, Ellingson second, amendment motion passes unanimously. Original motion passes unanimously.

5. **Communications:**

A. Citizens Present

B. Correspondence

- Weber brings up the Dyea commercial tour permits and a discussion of Dyea tours ensued. DCAB discussed what is permitted and where (Flats, river, MOS property, guided vs. independent tours, etc. and concerns around new tours as well as existing tours that might be changing or beginning etc. Weber shares that we should stay aware of the tours operating on municipal land, not just the Dyea Flats, which are already more regulated.
- MOS Deputy Manager Emily Deach told Weber that the MOS did not apply for the \$7000 fire safety grant, but that they are attempting to secure a larger grant that would actually do more of what is needed and will pertain to Dyea and fire management and mitigation.

C. Chair Report

6. **Unfinished Business:**

A. Consideration of Dyea Management Plan (16.10)

- DCAB has much discussion about where we are at in this process and how to move forward with a recommendation to the Assembly and Mayor.
- B. Review of Draft Ordinance re: Dyea Flats Management Plan (16.08)
 - Some review and clarification regarding changes, additions, and grammatical mistakes that needed updating.
- C. Consideration of Dyea Flats Written Management Plan
 - Ellingson will bring the final documents to the June meeting for approval to recommend to the Assembly

7. New Business:

- A. Recommendation of Boundary Map for Dyea Board Membership
 - Ellingson motion to ask J to bring the map to the next Assembly meeting , Davison second, motion passes unanimously

8. Discussion Items

- A. Skagway Tourism Best Management Practices Program
 - Discussion of interest in participating in the development of this document. Weber will add this to the June agenda.
- B. General Discussion
 - Alpine Club Report from Michael~ West Creek cabin as well as Upper Lake outhouse upgrade/changes are being discussed and planned.
 - Weber is moving to Bellingham this fall and will resign from the Chair position. He would like to continue participating in board meetings until he moves and also help transition and support the new person taking the Chair position on this board. This will be added to the agenda for our June meeting (Chair position interest/nominations)
 - Davison shares that she spoke with Wayne Greenstreet about his continued concerns with fire suppression and mitigation in Dyea and would like to see us continue to pursue an avenue with fire safety in the Dyea and West Creek valleys.

- 9. Adjournment Davison motion** Ellingson motion to adjourn, Yee second, adjournment at 6:56pm