

Skagway Borough Council
Skagway Historic District
Planning & Zoning Commission

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Dear Council Members, et al,

I would like to echo Casey McBride's concern that you might be thinking of dissolving the Skagway Historic District Commission in favor of the Planning & Zoning Committee.

I, too, served on the HDC for many years while a resident and business owner in Skagway. And I thought it entirely appropriate that I think it was at least 3 of the HDC members be business owners in the district. I'm sure that the HDC was constructed that way because we knew and were already following the rules of the Historic District. And it was to our benefit that our neighbors followed those same rules.

Planning & Zoning has an entirely different set of laws that they officiate, and if at any time they find a conflict, I'm concerned that they might not give as much credence to the historical aspect that the HDC considers, since we have already seen several of the appeals of HDC decisions be decided differently by P&Z in the past.

The Historic District of Skagway sets Skagway apart from every other southeast community, and it is the task of the Skagway HDC to protect the integrity of that District. It is to Skagway's benefit in it's entirety that the Skagway Historic District retain that integrity in the future.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,



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