

From: [MOS Mayor](#)
To: [Alexandria Weddell](#)
Cc: [Steve Burnham](#); [Kathy Carr](#)
Subject: FW: HDC Quorum, Meetings, and Appointments
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 4:45:39 PM

Alex,

Please consider reviewing this item at CA. The issue is outlined below by Steve Hites (HDC Chair) regarding the HDC requirement to have 2 commissioners in the room to do business. They would like to change it to just one and then allowing the others to participate from afar via some type of media.

I can offer more information on this if needed and Mr. Hites says he is available to discuss the issue as well.

Please let me know your thoughts.

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Sam

From: Steve Hites <s.hites.hdc@skagway.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 10:38 AM
To: MOS Mayor <mayor@skagway.org>
Subject: HDC Quorum, Meetings, and Appointments

Hon. Mayor Bass:

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The issue in the winter is having a quorum. Kathy Carr has informed me that the MOS code requires two (2) commissioners to be physically present in the room to conduct a meeting. It is extremely difficult in the winter to get even this quorum assembled for the single end-of-month HDC meeting.

I would respectfully ask that the Assembly remove the requirement for two commissioners to be present in the room. The MOS should be able to have a legal HDC meeting if one commissioner is physically present, and if a quorum can be established by two commissioners who are calling in to participate on the phone.

It has become more and more difficult for ordinary volunteer citizens to do the business of the MOS in the winter months. This change would recognize the 21st Century reality that modern teleconferencing can actually do the pick-and-shovel work on the HDC, and allow its part of the work in the permitting process within the Historic District to move forward at all times. The

MOS did this with Zoom meetings during the pandemic. A physical presence was not required. The work of the MOS was not effected. The 'winter period', with the impacted meetings being from November through February, are the meetings in question.

Please let me know if I can provide further information, or assist in any way. Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

Most Sincerely,

Steve Hites
Chairman, HDC

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