

MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY
Dyea Community Advisory Board
MINUTES

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in Assembly Chambers

Board Members

Bruce Weber, Chair

Michael Yee, Vice Chair

Courtney Ellingson, Secretary

Lynne Davison

Jonathon Flood

Assemblymember Jay Burnham (Ex-Officio)

1. **Call to Order:** 5:31pm

2. **Roll Call:** Courtney Ellingson, Lynne Davison, Michael Yee, Jonathon Flood

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

4. **Minutes:**

A. February 7, 2024

A. Ellingson motion to approve February 7, 2024 minutes, Flood second, motion passes unanimously

5. **Communications:**

A. Citizens Present

o Sherri Corrington

- Attending the meeting to address loud, disruptive equipment and/or tours in a serene fragile place that needs to be protected, such as Skagway and Dyea. She shares her concerns about working towards protecting the estuaries and the plants and animals that live here in this pristine ecosystem. She shares the same concern for local residents who are also impacted. Sherri brought the *Skagway Tourism Best Management Practices* manual to our attention and suggested that we might offer some ideas and best practices for tours and visitor exploration in Dyea.

B. Correspondence

o Weber emailed a clarification on the names of the Dyea Flats Management Plan vs. Dyea Management Plan

C. Chair Report

o None as Weber was absent

6. **Unfinished Business:**

A. Consideration of Dyea Management Plan

- Yee motion to table, Ellingson second, discussion of wanting the entire board to be present, motion passes unanimously
- B. Review of Draft Ordinance re: Dyea Flats Management Plan
 - Yee motion to skip ahead to the vendor review, Ellingson second, motion passes
 - Campground Provisions (starting point with continued review)
 - Yee motion to have Ellingson write up the reviewed version to vote on at the next meeting, Flood second, motion passes unanimously
- C. Consideration of Dyea Flats Written Management Plan
 - A. Yee motion to table the rest of unfinished business, Ellingson second, motion passes unanimously
- D. Annual Review of Dyea Flats Commercial Vendor
 - Robert Murphy of Alaska Excursions shares that they are rethinking the horse tour and will very likely not be operating the horse tour in the 2024 season. He was very clear about the fact that they are not closing down the horse tour for good, but they are considering bicycle tours instead. His company will be rethinking options for a small alternative tour on the flats. This will need to be discussed as far as the permitting process goes. He reassures us that his intention is to run a symbiotic low impact tour where we can all enjoy the Dyea Flats whether it be a tourists, local residents, or campground patrons.
- E. Funding Constitution of the Lost Lake Trail System
 - Table until April meeting

7. New Business:

8. Discussion Items

- A. General Discussion
 - Yee would like to do some work on what Sherri brought to our attention as far as “red zone areas” on a map for visitors to access. Davison would like to take a closer look at the *Skagway Tourism Best Management Practices*. Flood would like to further discuss and possibly input language around land ethics as well.

9. Adjournment Ellingson move we adjourn, Davison second, adjournment at 6:45pm