



**Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees, and Commissions
City and Borough of Sitka**

Board/Commission/Committee: Historic Preservation Commission
Name: Dionne Brady Howard Preferred Phone: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Alternate Phone: [REDACTED]
Email Address: [REDACTED] Fax Number: N/A
Length of Residence in Sitka: 45 years Registered to vote in Sitka? Yes No
Employer: Mt. Edgecumbe H.S. / State of AK

Organizations you belong to or participate in:
Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Vice Chair of Council, SAFU - Chair, Sheetka Ewaan Dancers - leader

Explain your main reason for applying:
There is a vacancy in the Tribe's representation on the commission

What background, experience or credentials will you bring to the board, commission, or committee membership?
I have been teaching history for 25 years, and have been taught the traditions & history of our local Tlingit culture.

Please disclose any potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your appointment. These may include but are not limited to:

- A substantial financial interest of \$1000 annually that could be influenced by your appointment.
- An immediate family member employed within the scope of this appointment.

N/A

Please attach a letter of interest, outline, or resume which includes your education, work, and volunteer experience that will enhance your membership.

→ (To be considered, your application must be complete AND be accompanied by one of the above supporting documents.)

Date: 1/11/23 Signature: Dionne Brady Howard

Your complete application and resume should be returned to the Municipal Clerk's Office by noon on the Wednesday prior to an advertised Assembly meeting.

Please note: all information submitted will be made public and published online. Appointments are normally made during open session of an Assembly meeting, however, Assembly members may vote to discuss applicant(s) in closed executive session. In this case, do you wish to be present when your application is discussed? Yes No

Return to:
Jess Earnshaw, Deputy Clerk/Records Specialist, 100 Lincoln Street
Fax: 907-747-7403 Email: clerk@cityofsitka.org

Yeidikook'áa Dionne Brady-Howard



January 11, 2023

Jess Earnshaw, Deputy Clerk/Records Specialist
100 Lincoln Street
Sitka, AK 99835

Dear Ms. Earnshaw:

I am writing this letter to express my interest in serving on Sitka's Historic Preservation Commission. I am attaching a résumé to that end. To complement and clarify the information on the résumé, I would like to mention a few highlights:

- I have been teaching history now for twenty-five years, including Alaska History, Alaska Issues, Native Studies, and Indigenous Studies
- I spent fifteen years learning about our local Tlingit history, culture, and language in the Sitka Native Education Program
- I have continued that cultural education, learning on my own, and now have been sharing that knowledge for several years in different capacities in the community

Gunalchéesh for your consideration!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yeidikook'áa Dionne Brady-Howard".

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Social Studies Teacher



SKILLS

- teamwork, communication, strong work ethic, organization, and follow-through

WORK EXPERIENCE

Outer Coast College - Indigenous Studies Lead; September 2020 - PRESENT

- Designing and implementing curriculum in the area of indigenous studies, including Alaska Native history, technology, arts, language, with a particular focus on that of the Tlingit Aani, which the students will be studying and making their home during their stay.

Mt. Edgecumbe High School - Social Studies Teacher; August 2000 - PRESENT

- Designing and implementing lessons within social studies curricula; collaborating with English Language Arts colleagues to promote targeted ELA skills within the social studies curricula
- Freshman Inquiry Team facilitator 2014-2015, 2016-2017 - gathering and organizing student data to implement the school's Response to Instruction plan for 9th graders in need of intervention
- Founder's Week Planning Committee - helping to plan the activities for the MEHS 70th Anniversary Founders Week activities
- Future Educators of Alaska Co-Advisor 2007-2014, 2015-2018; facilitate club meetings and activities such as volunteer tutoring, guest speakers, work service at the public library's Babies and Books program, organize travel to statewide conference

Tribal Tours - Native Dance Show Coordinator; June 2012 - October 2020

- Teach Tlingit songs and dances to multi-age ensemble that performs for cruise ship tourists
- Organize dancers for volunteer community performances throughout the year for events such as: tribal government events, Native American Heritage Month, Recovery Month, the Monthly Grind, Walk for Life, Elizabeth Peratrovich Day, MEHS Founders Week

Southwest Region School District - Mobile Social Studies Teacher; 1998-2000

- Designed curriculum in American Government and US History
- Planned and delivered lessons in the US History and American Government curriculum in the four different villages in the SWRSD

Sitka Native Education Program - Volunteer 2016; paid consultant/Culture Bearer 2017

- *Plan and deliver lessons in Tlingit language, song, and dance to the 6th through 12th grade class*

EDUCATION

Sheldon Jackson College, Sitka, AK - Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education

August 1995 - May 1998

University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau, AK - Intermediate Tlingit Language student

August 2018- May 2019

Sitka Native Education Program, Sitka, AK - Student Cultural Instructor (1987-1991);

student/participant 1976-1991

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Miscellaneous Community Activities *Organized the event for Every Child Matters, 2022, Native American Heritage Month 2022*

Sitka Tribe of Alaska - Tribal Council Vice Chair; January 2021-present

Serve as a council member and also the vice chair, ran meetings and represented the Tribal Council at community events in the Chairman's absence, chair of the Education Committee, attend meetings, represented tribal citizens

Sitkans Against Family Violence - Board member; 2020-present, Chair; 2022-present

Serve as a member of the board of directors, responsible for the hire and supervision of the Executive Director, attend board meetings regularly, maintain and update long range plans, monitor agency finances, represent the organization in the community

Teachers Education Association - Mt. Edgecumbe - President; 2020-present

Set agendas, run the meetings with the membership, work with UniServ Director to ensure members' rights are protected.

Sitka Indigenous People's Day Planning Committee - Member; October 2019 *Provided input in conjunction with representatives from a wide cross section of local organizations, regarding the activities, theme, and focus of the community-driven event for Indigenous People's Day 2019.*

Sitka School Board - Member; October 2016- May 2020

Attend monthly meeting and monthly work session, participate in a wide range of decisions regarding student achievement, school climate and connectedness across all demographics, engage in transparent budget process, and update board policies in accordance with statutes

Teachers Education Association - Mt. Edgecumbe - Secretary; 2014-2017

Kept minutes of meetings, managed communications with union members.

Sitkans Against Family Violence - Trainer; 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Cultural Considerations in working with Alaska Native Victims of Domestic Violence

Sitka Police Department and Sitka Fire Department - Trainer; June 2016 *Planned and facilitated training "Cultural Considerations in Public Service" for members of police and fire departments, and EMS*

Mt. Edgecumbe High School Alumni - advocate; 2015, 2016 *Helped lead the effort to rally alumni to contact their legislators to protect the funding and continued existence of Mt. Edgecumbe High School*

Teachers Education Association - Mt. Edgecumbe - Lead Negotiator; 2014-2015, 2016-2018
Represent our bargaining unit at the table with state labor negotiators.

Sheet'ka Kwaan Dancers - Member; August 1995-PRESENT; Leader 2006-PRESENT; *organize group fundraising activities, seek charitable funding for travel, and arrange travel to Sealaska Heritage Institute's biannual Celebration, participation/dancing at multiple community events: Recovery Month gatherings, Mt. Edgecumbe High School Founders Day, Indigenous People' Day*

Sitka Native Education Program Parent Committee - Member and Chairperson; August 2000-July 2013 *Facilitate meetings, represent the interests of cultural education and preservation in the community in accordance with Indian Education Act and Johnson O'Malley regulations, create a budget responsive to the educational needs of the Native community*

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

2021 Recipient of NEA-Alaska's Willard Bowman Memorial Award for Human Rights

2020 Panelist, Not just an Outside Problem: A History of Racism in Alaska and Call to Action

2020 Speaker, Self-Care Cafe Event, Sitka Early Childhood Coalition

2019 Keynote speaker, Reconciliation Day

2019 MMIWG Keynote Speaker for Women's March

2018 Keynote Speaker, Wild Foods Banquet, Sitka Conservation Society

2018 Honoree for Sitkans Against Family Violence Honoring Women Event

2017, 2018 Speaker for the University of Alaska Southeast Sitka event for Indigenous People's Day

2017 Watchman Award - for work in the community, teaching culture to promote healthy lifestyles

2017 Nominee/attendee - NEA Minority Leadership Conference

2016 Keynote Speaker, Standing With Standing Rock fundraising event

2016 Emcee, Standing Rock protest

2016 Nominated as a BP Teacher of Excellence

2015 NEA-Alaska representative to the Alaska Federation of Natives

2014 Keynote Speaker, Choose Respect March, Sitka

2005, 2015, 2016 Keynote Address Speaker for Elizabeth Peratrovich Day Festivities

2015, 2004 Mt. Edgecumbe High School Graduation Keynote Speaker

REFERENCES

Harvey Brandt - Social Studies Teacher (retired) Blatchley Middle School, history aficionado

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Patricia Alexander - elder, former member of Sitka Historical Society

1330 Seward Ave.

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X'unéi Lance Twitchell, Ph.D. - Associate Professor of Alaska Native Languages,

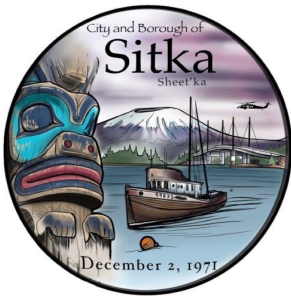
University of Alaska Southeast

11066 Auke Lake Way

Juneau, AK 99801

(907) 796-6114

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NAME	CONTACT NUMBERS	TERM STARTS	EXPIRES	CATEGORY
ROBERTA LITTLEFIELD 4102 Halibut Point Road	907-738-4004 c 907-747-3444 h roblylittlefield@gci.net	7/13/10 4/24/12 5/27/15 6/26/18	01/27/12 4/24/15 5/27/18 6/22/24	Chair At large
SCOTT SALINE PO Box 3183	907-738-7889 c shsaline@gci.net	4/26/16 4/23/19 5/10/22	4/26/19 5/14/22 5/11/25	Vice Chair At large
JAMES POULSON 1610 Sawmill Creek Road	907-747-3219 w 907-747-6567 h james.poulson1@gmail.com	2/22/11 2/25/14 8/30/18 8/10/21	2/22/14 2/25/17 9/8/18 8/11/24	Secretary Historical Society
ROBERT SAM 456 Katlian Street	907-738-5033 Bob_sam777@hotmail.com	2/24/15 2/27/18 3/9/21	2/24/18 2/27/21 3/9/24	STA <i>Resigned</i> 11/18/22
CHUCK MILLER 314 Katlian Street	907-738-4025 chuck.miller@sitkatriben-sn.gov	7/14/20	7/14/23	Native Community
KAREN LUCAS 224 Katlian Street	907-747-7803 karenjeanlucas@yahoo.com	10/14/21	10/14/24	At large
DANIELLE PENSLEY PO BOX 1644	202-957-7994 pensley.ds@gmail.com	11/09/21	11/9/24	At large
Amy Ainslie 100 Lincoln Street	907-747-1814 amy.ainslie@cityofsitka.org			Staff
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Thor Christianson 500 Lincoln Street	907-738-2841 assemblychristianson@cityofsitka.org			Alternate Assembly Liaison

7 members from selected categories 3-year terms
 Sitka Historical Society (1), Native Community (2) - one representing Sitka Tribe of Alaska, At-Large (4)
 Established by Ordinance 92-1075, Amended by Ordinance 93-1150, Addition by Ordinance 97-1409
 Second Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. – Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive

Revised: December 16, 2022