



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

Meeting Agenda - Final

Planning Commission

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

6:30 PM

Harrigan Centennial Hall

****Special Meeting****

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

(Public participation on any item off the agenda. All public testimony is not to exceed 3 minutes for any individual, unless the Chair imposes other time constraints at the beginning of the agenda item.)

IV. THE EVENING BUSINESS

A [MISC 21-09](#) Discussion/Direction on Short-Term Tourism Plan

Attachments: [Staff Memo](#)

Discussion to include downtown traffic and congestion mitigation.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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MEMORANDUM

To: Chair Spivey and Planning Commission Members

From: Amy Ainslie, Planning Director

Date: August 27, 2021

Subject: **Tourism Planning – Downtown Traffic**

This week's plan focus is traffic planning/mitigation in the downtown area. As the product of this plan section may result in significant staffing, operational, and equipment needs on the part of city staff (and/or potentially other organizations who may be involved), we will want to finalize recommendations as soon as possible to provide direction.

Preliminary meeting topics for the next few weeks:

- 9/1: Traffic and congestion mitigation
- 9/15: Centennial Hall traffic flow
- 10/6: Review of feedback from staff on traffic/congestion mitigation

The plan for tonight's session is to have a guided discussion with the Commission and the public with the intended result of compiling the following:

1. Problem Identification
 - a. Overall problems concerns for traffic/congestion downtown. We will start with the lists generated in previous sessions and modify/add from there.
 - b. Site/location specific problems.
2. Problem Analysis
 - a. Identify if problems require a short-term, long-term, or both short and long term solution.
 - b. Rate the priority of identified problems
3. Range of Solutions for 2022
 - a. List the range of options/solutions that could be implemented in 2022. Current list includes street closures, re-routes, traffic controllers, signage, striping.
4. Options/Alternatives
 - a. Identify preferred solutions.
 - i. Identify if solutions vary based on passenger counts (i.e. solutions only to be implemented larger visitor days versus those in place all season)
 - b. Identify solutions to be vetted by CBS and/or DOT.