



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
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Minutes - Final

City and Borough Assembly

Mayor Matthew Hunter
Deputy Mayor Bob Potrzuski
Vice-Deputy Mayor Steven Eisenbeisz
Tristan Guevin, Kevin Knox
Aaron Bean, and Aaron Swanson

Municipal Administrator: Keith Brady
Municipal Attorney: Brian Hanson
Municipal Clerk: Sara Peterson

Thursday, September 14, 2017

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

SPECIAL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Swanson, Eisenbeisz, Potrzuski, Hunter, Knox, and Bean

Absent: 1 - Guevin

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

None.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A [17-151](#) Award FY18 General Fund Non-Profit Grants

A representative of the Sitka Maritime Heritage Society stated their grant had been placed in the incorrect category. It was clarified the grant had in fact been placed in the correct category - Cultural & Educational Services.

Auriella Hughes thanked the Assembly for the grant opportunity.

A motion was made by Swanson to award the following FY18 General Fund

Non-Profit Grants in the category of Human Services:

Brave Heart Volunteers \$9,729
Sitka Counseling and Prevention Services \$4,638
Southeast Alaska Independent Living \$7,529
Salvation Army Alaska Sitka Corp \$4,771

The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Swanson, Eisenbeisz, Potrzuski, Hunter, Knox, and Bean

Absent: 1 - Guevin

**A motion was made by Potrzuski to award the following FY18 General Fund
Non-Profit Grants in the category of Cultural & Educational Services:**

Alaska Arts Southeast (Sitka Fine Arts Camp) \$2,250
Betty Eliason Child Care Center \$1,083
Greater Sitka Arts Council \$2,333
Sitka Maritime Heritage Society \$1,167
The Island Institute Inc. \$2,333

The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Swanson, Eisenbeisz, Potrzuski, Hunter, Knox, and Bean

Absent: 1 - Guevin

It was mentioned the Sitka Community Land Trust (SCLT) had requested \$10,000; however, did not receive any funding. In order for an applicant to receive funding, a majority of the Assembly needed to recommend some level of funding. Only 3 members (Hunter, Potrzuski, and Bean) had allocated funding to the SCLT. Assembly members who had allocated funds to the SCLT would be allowed to redistribute their allocation to other applicants within the category. The reallocation could not result in any applicant receiving more funding that they had originally requested.

Potrzuski commented on the importance of the SCLT and the need for affordable housing in Sitka. Eisenbeisz offered that while affordable housing was important, the City had given (sale of \$1 - reference Ordinance 2015-56) the SCLT the land at the Old City Shops location to support their venture. Knox and Swanson agreed. Hunter stated local support would go a long way in helping the SCLT to receive outside funding - e.g. Rasmuson Foundation.

John Stein spoke in support of the SCLT.

**A motion was made by Bean to award the following FY18 General Fund
Non-Profit Grants in the category of Community Development:**

Sitka Trail Works \$6,250

Swanson changed his allocation so that SCLT would have a majority recommending funding: SCLT \$3,000 and Sitka Trail Works \$7,000.

A motion to AMEND was made by Potrzuski to change the allocation amounts to: \$3,417 SCLT and \$5,750 Sitka Trail Works. The motion to AMEND PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 4 - Swanson, Potrzuski, Hunter, and Knox

No: 2 - Eisenbeisz, and Bean

Absent: 1 - Guevin

Bean changed his allocation amounts: SCLT \$0 and Sitka Trail Works \$10,000.

A motion to AMEND was made by Eisenbeisz to change the allocation amounts to: \$0 SCLT and \$6,583 for Sitka Trail Works. The motion to AMEND PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Swanson, Eisenbeisz, Hunter, Knox, and Bean

No: 1 - Potrzuski

Absent: 1 - Guevin

Given that there was not a majority of members in favor of funding for the SCLT, Potrzuski chose to move a portion of his SCLT allocation to Sitka Trail Works to allow them to receive the maximum amount of their request; \$7,000.

The main motion as amended (an award of \$7,000 to Sitka Trail Works) PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Swanson, Eisenbeisz, Potrzuski, Hunter, Knox, and Bean

Absent: 1 - Guevin

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Lynne Brandon thanked the Assembly for their support.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Swanson to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 6:32pm.

ATTEST: _____

**Sara Peterson, CMC
Municipal Clerk**