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Board, Commission, Committee

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

Current of Prior Experience on CBJ Boards/Commissions/Committees

I have served going on 2 - 2 year terms with the Juneau Tlingit and Haida Community Council
I have served 1 two year term as a Tribal Council Board Member of the Douglas Indian Association.
I have over 5 years experience serving on the Parent Teacher Council board through Harborview while my children attended that school.

Reasons for Applying

I have been an active community family member of the Juneau community for a majority of my life. As a child my father played softball diligently and have grown to love the baseball parks and other outlying parks growing up. My siblings and I have watched the parks and recreation facilities evolve and grow throughout the years and we have enjoyed the parks and recs facilities from the cabins and Softball fields on Sandy Beach to the picnic and camping grounds at eagle beach and trails, boat ramps and camping grounds of North Douglas. My direct

and extended family have been avid pool patrons since I was a young child at Augustus Brown Swimming Pool. I believe my vested interest in the parks and recreation facilities make me a great board member, as my insights are not only based on my individual observations during use of these facilities but my relationships and conversations with other patrons as well. I bring previous administrative experience to the table that will benefit my ability to bring solid contributions to the board regarding all its endeavors. As a Tribal Citizen of Tlingit & Haida (CCTHITA) and the Douglas Indian Association (DIA), I will be able to provide an Indigenous perspective that aligns with the cultural values of our people and the clans to which the land originally belonged. I have been a life long learner of our Lingít Language and have acquired a minor in Lingít Language at UAS and would like to find creative and meaningful ways to inject our language into the entire process of administering parks and recreation facilities in Juneau. I believe that if we want our language to thrive, we must provide the future generation with a path that shows that living the culture of the original inhabitants of the land is an active process that requires a lifelong commitment of making it belong here again. As leaders of our Southeast communities, we must give our future generations of speakers a path to language use that evolves with a person through out there lifetime, including and especially within our governing and leadership organizations.

Qualifications

I was born in Juneau at the old St. Ann's Hospital and lived in Downtown Juneau and Douglas for the first part of my life. My family have been active members of the community and have been frequent patrons of all CBJ facilities. Having gone to school here as a child I have had the opportunity to be connected to the community regarding Parks and Recreation facilities and gotten to know what the people within my circles like and don't like about what is offered. After having my own kids and raising them here, I also bring the table experience from a parent's point of view and can appreciate now, as an older parent, what works for the community and the things that could be improved to make it enjoyable for everyone.

I have obtained a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with and Emphasis in Business Management Systems (IT) with minors in Alaska Native Languages - Lingít, Law, and Computer Science. I also have obtained an Associated degree in Paralegal Studies. This education gives me the professional knowledge necessary to run and administer public organizations and provides me with a unique skill set that can take advantage of many new technologies that the world has to offer. My legal educational background enables me to not only understand the legal system to which organizations must adhere, but also the methodologies that enable a thorough analysis of matters and how they may relate to legal doctrine. My passion to revitalize our traditional languages is woven into this educational background and enables me to provide this professional knowledge that abides and aligns to our traditional values.

I have worked as a public service employee for a majority of my career having served over 15 years as an employee with CCTHITA and over 4 years with the State of Alaska. I have also worked as a Tribal Council member of both Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council (JTHCC) and Douglas Indian Association (DIA). While serving as a Tribal Council member of the JTHCC I served one term as their Treasurer. I worked as an Assistant Tribal Administrator with the Chilkat Indian Village in Klukwan included the duty of Grants Administration for various Federal, State and Private funding agencies. While working with the Tribe I helped create the Douglas Headstart Language Immersion Preschool program that eventually evolved into what is now known as the Tlingit Culture Language and Literacy (TCLL) program at Harborview. I also helped form the first "Fatherhood" program that advocated for fathers raising their children with special emphasis for single fathers that was originally named "Family Friendly Fathers" and is now named "Fatherhood is Sacred" provided by CCTHITA. I have taught Lingít throughout the community over the years and have experience working with Lingít First Language Speakers (Elders) to document the Lingít language.

All of this experience gives me a well-rounded skill set regarding various aspects of Public Administration and makes me an ideal candidate to fulfill the needs of this position.

Civic Activities, Memberships or Non-profits Involved With

Family Friendly Fathers

PTA

Language Teacher

JTHCC Council Member and Treasurer - 2018 - 2020

Douglas Indian Association Council Member 2018 - 2020

Currently Serving as JTHCC Council Member 2024 - 2026 - I am serving on the Finance Committee, Education Committee, Culture Committee, and Governance Committee during this term.

Working with a Group

I have had the opportunity to work directly with tribal members that have extensive experience working with groups that are affiliated with the Tribe as well as other groups that work with Federal, State, and Local representatives. Working with these mentors enabled me to glean a comprehensive understanding and tool set in working in these types of groups that I have also developed with my own experience. Working with dynamic civil groups requires an individual to investigate issues academically to which they are required to speak, review their findings with the constituents to which they represent, and speak to those issues within the working group by providing comprehensive and professional input to the group that includes a controlled expression of how it is emotionally and spiritually connected to yourself and those that you represent. This type of professionalism and passion is something that ideally each member of the group should bring to the table. This means that there will be times that conflicting perspectives will clash over a given issue and it must be allowed evolve through the administrative experience to a comprehensive and inclusive solution. You are required as a professional to bring this emotional content to the table of any given issue and be dedicated to leaving the emotions of any given issue at the table when the discussion is over and the decision has been made. Basically, resolving an issue or business matter should abide the rubric of the Scientific method that includes an opportunity for your peers to review and possibly challenge your perspectives and findings in a professional manner. It is the process of this meeting of the minds that enables our societies to develop in such a way that we maximize the chance for a collective perspective on any given issue to rise and encompass the eventual plans and solutions that will be the product of the group for the beings they represent.

Meeting Schedule and Attendance

Yes

Date of Birth (Optional)

[REDACTED]

Ethnicity (Optional)

Kaagwaantaan - Gaaw Hit - Klukwan Dax̱ - (AKA Alaska Native)

Gender (Optional)

Male

Acknowledgement/Certification

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Resume, Education, etc. (Optional)

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