



**City of Saxman
Totem and Tourism Committee
Meeting
March 04, 2024
5:30 PM**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Mayor Seludo called the meeting to order at 5:53pm.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Frank Seludo
Council Member Woody Watson
Council Member Norman Natkong Sr.—arrived at 6:10pm.
Council Member Rick Makua—arrived at 6:14pm.
Council Member Gabe Blair
Council Member Denny Blair

ABSENT

Vice Mayor Billy Joe Thomas

ALSO PRESENT

Marissa Medford, City Administrator
Tim Lewis, President Cape Fox Commercial Services
Adrianna Oliva-Parks, GM Cape Fox Tours

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

New Business

1. Cape Fox Sawmill Tours

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Discussion: Originally tried to go through OVS to purchase the Sawmill for the tour. There has been some miscommunication on the purchase of the Sawmill and Cape Fox doesn't want to go to the cruise lines to have to pull the tours from the ships. Three new tours, across four cruise lines.

Council Member Gabe Blair wanted clarification on whether this is the City's asset and Cape Fox would just be using it. Cape Fox wants to ensure that it's a working asset.

Tim Lewis let us know that the other option is to go through the CDC if the City of Saxman isn't interested in moving forward.

Mayor Seludo noted that if we move forward, we would be in a holding pattern to hear back from Cape Fox on whether OVS has secured the Sawmill.

Council Member Gabe Blair wants to know what a contract with Cape Fox would look like on this Sawmill tour. Tim Lewis feels like a 5 year contract to start and would use a standard contract. If the council decides to move forward Tim Lewis said he would send over a sample contract for everyone to look at.

Council Member Gabe Blair wants to know that if OVS does follow through with this if there would still be a contract with Cape Fox for the City for land use/head fees.

Tim Lewis stated that they need to have this Sawmill ordered within the next week in order for it to arrive here by the end of the month as the first ships arrive in about a month and that's when the tours start.

Mayor Seludo and Tim Lewis want to make sure that the correct totem pole stories are being told. There will be more of a physical presence around these areas.

Cape Fox is running 600-1,000 people/day through the park. Cape Fox Tours is continuing to grow significantly. Cape Fox is looking to facilitate grant money to restore and improve structures around the City.

Council Member Woody Watson made a motion to move forward, if needed and OVS has not secured it already, to purchase the Sawmill for \$90,000. Motion seconded by Denny Blair.

All in favor.

None oppose.

Motion passes.

2. Rock Oyster Totem Pole & Funds for Party

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Discussion: Cape Fox is willing to help facilitate the pole raising. John Rowan is hoping to be done by the end of March—he's finishing the wings and then will be ready to start painting. Council Member Watson will be going over in about 2.5 weeks and has volunteered to go over and take a look at progress and get pictures.

\$5,000 allocated for the party. John Rowan's dance group plus another dance group. Have Cape Fox put together a menu for finger food. Council Member Gabe Blair is curious if ANB/ANS would be interested for fundraising for traditional food for the party. Council Member Gabe Blair said she would reach out to both camps to see if this would be an option.

Planning on doing the totem raising and party on Saturday, May 4th.

Totem & Tourism Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 14th at 3:30pm.

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Discussion: Marissa indicated that there's a good chance we won't be able to have an ad published this year due to missing the deadline, but waiting for clarification from KVB. Council Member Gabe Blair would like to see this just be a line item on the new budget for June. Add this to the agenda for the Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, March 14th.

4. Painting of Totems

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Discussion: Mayor Seludo wants all supplies to come out of FY25 budget, which starts July 1. Wants to include these employees in Public Works. Wants to add this to next weeks Totem & Tourism Committee meeting on Thursday, March 14th with numbers to include for FY25.

Council Comments

Council Member Watson: Yellow line on Totem Row to prevent busses from parking anywhere.

Council Member Natkong: Good meeting and hope to get the totem poles painted soon and get Spring cleanup going.

Council Member Makua: Look into what it would take to get the totems secured so nothing falls. Rest of the meeting was great.

Council Member G. Blair: Good meeting.

Council Member D. Blair: Good meeting and excited for Rock Oyster totem pole back up.

Adjournment

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Council Member Woody Watson. Seconded by Council Member Denny Blair.

All in favor.

None oppose.

Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

Frank H. Seludo, Mayor

Marissa Medford, City Administrator

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