



**City of Saxman
Totem and Tourism Committee
Meeting
March 28, 2024
4:30 PM**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Vice Mayor Billy Joe Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:37pm.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Vice Mayor Billy Joe Thomas
Council Member Woody Watson
Council Member Norman Natkong Sr.
Council Member Rick Makua
Council Member Gabe Blair

ABSENT

Mayor Frank Seludo
Council Member Denny Blair

ALSO PRESENT

Marissa Medford, City Administrator

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

New Business

1. Rock Oyster Totem Pole & Funds for Party

Background: Status update on the Rock Oyster pole and further discussion of totem raising and party logistics.

Discussion: Jon Rowan is currently traveling, but plans on being in Saxman the second week of April. Vice Mayor Thomas will talk to Kelly White about co-hosting the event if Mayor Seludo hasn't already talked to him about it. The hope is that Kelly White will be able to provide background knowledge of the Rock Oyster totem pole even if he doesn't feel up to co-host the event. Vice Mayor Thomas will discuss with Adrianna Oliva-Parks about having Cape Fox do finger food for the event. Council Member Woody Watson believes this event will at least have 200-300 people in attendance (especially with 2-3 dance groups participating).

Council Member Gabe Blair wants to start discussing how we're going to decorate and what we're going to use for decorations, who is going to be responsible for acquiring decorations, etc. It would be nice to have tablecloths. Have elders at the tables and utilize the bleachers for seating. Need to work on the invitations. Mentioned that she and City Administrator can work on the invitations and it would be great if we could find an old picture of the totem pole to include on the invitation and in the newsletter.

Council Member Woody Watson wants to know if we should have any other speakers at the event? Mayor Seludo, Kelly White presenting the history of the pole, Carver Jon Rowan, Harvey and Richard Shields.

Council Comments

Council Member Makua: Need to know if we will need fuel for the dump truck for Spring Clean-up.

Council Member Gabe Blair: Will coordinate with City Administrator for the necessary items for the Spring Clean-up BBQ.

Adjournment

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Council Member Woody Watson. Seconded by Council Member Rick Makua.

All in favor.

None oppose.

Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58pm.

Frank H. Seludo, Mayor

Marissa Medford, City Administrator