

Conservation Lands Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2025
Approved

Meeting convened at 3:04 pm with members Mike Taylor (Chair) John Barry, Tanner Horst, Larry Landry, Colleen Stansbury, Susan Warner; Shelley Owens (Secretary) & Sally McLaughlin (Mayor).

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 7, 2025 meeting were approved with 2 minor changes.

Reports from committee members

- TNC Gustavus Forelands Preserve

Tanner will ask Hank to provide him with a thumb drive of the GAIA shape files.
Susan will ask Dan Hysel if the maps can be merged.

- Southeast Alaska Land Trust Beach Meadows

Susan: The NAWCA Committee hasn't met yet. A SEALT donor has a plan B grant opportunity. [NOTE: We learned the NAWCA grant was awarded to another applicant.]

- Preparation for GCC Gallery Land Maps Exhibition - Opening January 9th

Mike explained the mock display of maps on the tables. John has updated the PowerPoint file annotations and added Falls Creek. Attribution should be given to John for his exceptional work on the maps. Susan: suggested at the introduction to have a copy of the CLAC remit and describe the accomplishments of its first year. Mike suggested asking the public for low-impact land usage recommendations.

Tanner asked if there are disputes about land usage and a discussion followed about section line easements and how to promote respect for neighboring private property. There was a discussion of the inclusion of tracts A & B to the Dude Creek area and the role of the Legislature and longstanding City policy in support of the inclusion.

Preparations for the Gallery Opening were discussed with Larry and Mike working on photos; Susan coordinating food; and Colleen bringing wine and cups. The show setup will take place January 4th. Sally said the City will pay the printing costs.

- Other lands issues

John: SEALT is looking for interest in preserving and maintaining public access, in particular the 13-acre Mental Health Trust Land parcel on the east side of Rink Creek. Mike sent a letter in support.

- Task updates

Colleen will contact TNC about inclusion of Gustavus in the section of its website describing its work with communities. Kathy texted that TNC is actively interviewing for the Alaska Director's position.

Next meeting: February 6th at 3:00 pm at City Hall.

Adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Submitted by Shelley Owens