Annual Certified Local Government Report

The Alaska Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Program State Guidelines call for each Certified Local Government (CLG) to submit an annual report of its activities to the Alaska Office of History and Archaeology for the past calendar year (January 1- December 31). The purpose of the annual report is to provide information on the local government’s historic preservation activities. This information helps the Office of History and Archaeology to evaluate local CLG programs and to be aware of the activities of the historic preservation commissions around the state. Please complete the following questions and provide any additional information in attachments. If you do not wish to use the form please be sure all questions are addressed in your report.

Name of CLG: Cordova Historic Preservation Commission
Date of Report: March XXX, 2021 - for Calendar Year 2020
Prepared by: Cathy Sherman and Nancy Bird

A. LOCAL PRESERVATION ORDINANCES:

1. Have there been any new ordinances, amendments or proposed amendments made to the local historic preservation ordinance? If yes, please attach.
   
   ☐ Yes    ☒ No

2. Have there been any changes or proposed changes regarding historic preservation to the local comprehensive plan? If yes, please attach.
   
   ☐ Yes    ☒ No

B. LOCAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:

1. Please list the current members of the historic preservation commission noting the disciplines they fill (archaeologist, historian, architect/historical architect, Alaska Native, and general).

   Jim Casement, Cordova Public Member; Cathy Sherman, Cordova Historian; John Wachtel, Historical Architect, National Park Service; Heather Hall, Archeologist, U.S. Forest Service; Sylvia Lange, Native Village of Eyak; Nancy Bird, Cordova Planning & Zoning Commission; and Wendy Ranney, Cordova Public Member

2. Have there been any new members appointed to your commission?
   
   ☐ Yes    ☒ No
3. If yes, please attach a resume for any new professional members (archaeologist, historian, architectural historian or architect), and a short statement of occupation and expertise for any new non-professional members.

3. Are there any vacancies on the commission?

☐ Yes  ☒ No

5. If yes, list the positions that are vacant noting duration and efforts to fill them.

6. Please provide us with the dates of commission meetings.
   January 16; February 19; May 11; May 20; and July 16, 2020

7. Please attach copies of your meeting minutes for the year.

☒ Attached  ☐ Not Attached

8. Please list any CLG or historic preservation related training sessions or workshops attended by commission members and staff.

C. SURVEY AND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES:

1. Has your CLG conducted any local surveys in the past year? If you answer yes please complete questions 2-4.

☐ Yes  ☒ No

2. Please summarize the survey activity, including the number and types of surveys conducted and the total amount of acreage covered. If you provide this information in an attachment please note below.

   We focused our energy on developing templates and plans to complete a survey of Cordova's historic buildings. Thanks to support from the National Park Service, we were able to engage the professional services of True North Sustainable Development Solutions, LCC. We assisted their staff in research and reviewed and, in July 2020, approved a final document titled "Historic Buildings Survey Plan and Historic Buildings Roster for the Cordova Historic Preservation Commission."

3. How many historic properties were recorded and reported to the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS)?

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4. Please provide, in an attached document, a summary of the results of each survey conducted, including type of resources recorded, the number of new sites or structures recorded, the number of properties investigated during the survey, and the number of volunteers and property owners involved.

5. Do local government staff and non-staff researchers use the local cultural resources inventory?

☐ Yes   ☒ No

6. If yes, please provide an estimate of how often and by which users your inventory is used.

D. PRESERVATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES:

1. Are you currently working on writing or updating your local preservation plan?

☐ Yes   ☒ No

2. If yes, please provide us with a brief summary of your progress writing or updating your local preservation plan.

Now that the plans for completing a building inventory survey are done, we will refocus our attention in 2021 to review and update our local preservation plan.

3. If you have an adopted preservation plan how are you implementing the plan’s goals and objectives?

Our work to develop a building survey template and plan certainly address our plan's goals and objectives.

E. NATIONAL REGISTER PROGRAM PARTICIPATION:

1. Has your commission evaluated any properties for listing in the National Register of Historic Places in the past year? If you answer yes please complete questions 2-5.

☐ Yes   ☒ No

2. Please provide a list of names and locations of historic properties evaluated.
3. Please list the dates of public hearings or regularly scheduled meetings at which the public had the opportunity to comment on the nomination(s).

4. Please explain how the commission arranged for review of the nomination by a qualified historian, archaeologist, architect or historical architect if not represented on the commission.

F. PROTECTION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES:

1. Does your commission or staff review local projects for impacts on cultural resources?
   - ☒ Yes   ■ No

2. If yes, how many local projects were reviewed in the past year?

3. Please provide a summary or list of the types of local projects reviewed that impacted or had the potential to impact historic properties.

4. Has your CLG participated in any Section 106 consultations?

5. If yes, what were the projects and did you participate, through consultation, in the development of Memorandums of Agreements or Programmatic Agreements, to resolve any adverse effects to historic resources within your community?

G. PUBLIC PRESERVATION EDUCATION PROJECTS:

1. Has your CLG conducted any public education projects addressing historic preservation in the past year?
   - ■ Yes   - ☒ No

4. If yes, please list them.
H. HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT ACTIVITIES:

1. Did your CLG apply for and receive any CLG Historic Preservation Fund grants in the past year?
   - [X] Yes  [ ] No

2. If yes, please provide a list of grants applied for and received.
   
   HPG - CLG #20003 - Cordova: St. George's Roof

3. Please list and briefly describe of other (non-CLG Historic Preservation Fund) preservation grants applied for and received.

I. OTHER PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES:

1. Please summarize any other local events, projects or achievements involving historic resources in the community.

J. UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION:

1. Please provide us with the following contact information so we can insure our records are up to date:

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For clarification or more information about the annual report requirements, please contact Summer Rickman, CLG Coordinator at the Alaska Office of History and Archaeology at (907) 269-8717 or summer.rickman@alaska.gov. Annual reports can be mailed to the Office of History & Archaeology, 550 W 7th Ave Suite 1310, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3565 or emailed to summer.rickman@alaska.gov.