

EASTER GROUP dba SITKA OUTREACH
AND SUPPORT [SOS]: LIFELINE
ANNUAL MEETING - Part III

August 4, 2017

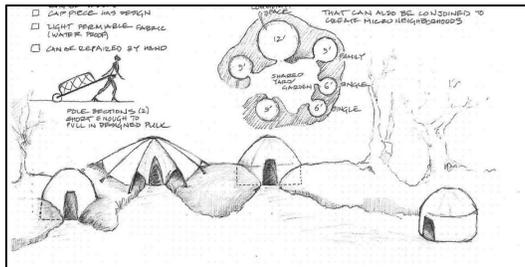
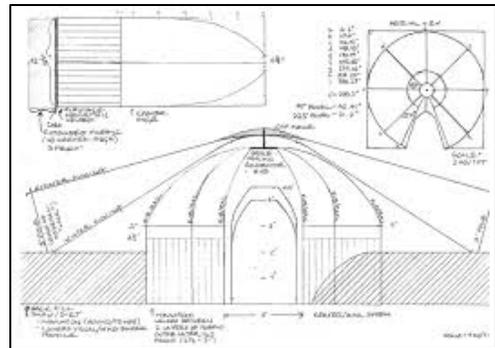
1. ROLL CALL, CALL TO ORDER

Present: Julia Smith, Julie and Loyd Platson, Gayle Young, Liz Marics, and Mary Wegner

2. **PUBLIC, GUEST INTRODUCTIONS:** Gayle joined us today to share that she is increasingly worried about our lack of a homeless shelter in Sitka. We discussed what some options could look like, and what our role may be in the process. Velella shelters might be one option, advocating for the City to set aside space for tents to be pitched, inviting Mike from the City's Planning and Zoning Department, etc.

Velella Shelters by Saunders McNeil: Awesome Foundation website text -
[\[http://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/projects/65049-the-velella-project\]](http://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/projects/65049-the-velella-project)

Velella is a shelter fashioned to engender a sense of security and pride in its dwellers and designed to resonate with everyone, regardless of housing circumstances. This shelter is designed to be surrounded by built land forms and grouped together to establish "micro-neighborhoods" that reinforce feelings of safety, home, whimsy, belonging and inclusiveness in both the inhabitants and the larger established community. Velella is intended to provide safe space and reinforce cohesiveness for individuals and families in the midst of crisis. It is deliberately designed to equalize social and economic imbalance, combat stigma and restore social dignity. The long term goal of this project is to advance Velella to production as an aesthetically pleasing, elegant, simple to install, durable shelter that has many applications.



3.



E BY-LAWS: We reviewed the proposed by-law changes.

Loyd moved and Julie seconded to approve the proposed by-laws. Motion passed unanimously.

Julia will follow-up on what is needed to add our new doing business as name - *Sitka Outreach and Support [SOS]: Lifeline*, and she will also check on the timeline for our biannual report that is to be filed with the State of Alaska.

- 4. 2017-18 Goals and Operating Plan:** We re-visited the 2017-18 Goals and Operating Plan in light of the information Gail brought to us today, and also made corrections/adjustments as needed.
- 5. Next Meeting:** Continuation of Annual Meeting - Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 1:00 pm at St. Peter's See House