

Minutes

Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, September 2, 2009, 5:15 pm
Valley Library, Large Conference Room

- I. Meeting was called to order by Sandy Boyce at 5:25pm. Also in attendance Sarah Lewis, Gayle Wood, Eva Bornstein, Sean Lynch, Catherine Fritz, Rick Wolk, Alida Bus, and staff member Beth McKibben.
- II. Minutes of August 5, 2009 were unanimously approved.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. Judith Maier thanked the JCOS for their work. She presented the idea of advocating for a community composting program, and to use the middle and high school students to support this through hands-on learning. She discussed the concept that Gustavus uses for individuals to donate biomass and receive composted soil. Catherine suggested that this topic be referred to the Food Security Committee.
- b. Gary Sonnoberg: attending meeting out of general interest.
- c. Melissa Griffiths: Works as an organizer for Re-Power America campaign. Office is 416 Harris Street, Suite 324, phone 209-6798, Melissa.griffiths@climateprotect.org. Goals of Re-Power America include advocating for clean energy and creating jobs. Works with "blue-green alliance" to encourage clean energy as a job creator. They have proposed national legislation to cap carbon emissions. Melissa wants to encourage people to talk with Senators to encourage passage of legislation. She distributed a flyer that shows ways people can help.
- d. Chris Martin: recently moved to Juneau and attending meeting out of general interest. Has a degree in sustainable community issues. He was invited to attend the Food Security Committee.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Gastineau School Renovation Project: Rich Ritter, CBJ Chief Architect distributed written responses to questions provided by the JCOS prior to the meeting. He referred to the CBJ Energy Policy that is used to the extent feasible for the specific project. The budget has come from looking at recent renovation projects; there are no specific priorities for components or overall goals like energy conservation. Rich noted that the decisions about the scoping of the project and the use of policies/guidelines like LEED lie with the School Facilities Committee. The current mechanical system in the school is aged, and is a high priority for replacement. He also explained that the CBJ is developing a guideline that is a variation of LEED that is more suited to Juneau's specific conditions. JCOS requested that the consultant selection process include qualifications for sustainable, high performance design.

Gail asked if Energy Audits had been done on any CBJ buildings. Rich did not believe that there have been any, but agreed that they offer good information; he has not had time to conduct these.

- b. City Liaison Report: Gail asked that JCOS review the draft ordinance of the proposed LEED guideline that was referenced by Rich Ritter and was referred to in the federal stimulus grant for the JACC roof. Beth will follow up and forward the draft to JCOS.
- c. Energy/GHG Committee Report: Gayle noted that the GHG Reduction Targets will be on

the Public Works & Facilities Committee on Sept. 21, noon. Next meeting of the GHG/Energy committee will be last wed of Sept at AELP. Gayle was pleased to report that the City Manager has noted that one of her goals is to have GHG targets adopted by end of Sept, and another goal is to work with the City Ops group to complete a manual for "Greening the CBJ." Members of City Ops Group include Sarah and Beth, and Gayle is the JCOS liaison.

- d. Food Security Committee: Sarah announced that the next meeting is wed Sept 9, 5:15pm Valley Library conference room.
- e. Outreach Committee: Eva provided an overview of the Farmers Market, which was a huge success. Revenues were higher than anticipated. Attendance was estimated at 2,000. Several new vendors; the new seafood was well received. Eva extended thanks to JCOS members who assisted. She raised the question of the Market's future. It's very time consuming for little revenue, but a very exciting and welcomed by the community. It was agreed to have the Food Security Committee host a meeting with all of the stakeholders (tent: Oct 14th, 5:15pm at Valley Library conference room) to discuss the JCOS role in future Farmers Markets.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. Comments on the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan: The letter from JCOS has not been sent to the Assembly. Catherine will resend the draft to everyone, and Sandy will review, make final edits as necessary, print and sign, then deliver to Beth who will distribute the letter.

VII. ADJOURNMENT at 7:30pm.