

Juneau Commission on Sustainability

April 20, 2010

DRAFT MINUTES

I. Called to order at 5:18pm

Present:

Members: Sean Lynch, Chair. Alida Bus, Vice Chair. Sara Lewis, Eva Varadi-Bornstein, Gayle Wood, Nicole Grewe, Rick Wolk, Bob Doll. Absent: Catherine Fritz, Sandy Boyce, Bob Bellugh.

CBJ Liaison: Beth McKibben

Guests: Marc Wheeler

II. Bob Doll moved approval of the agenda with no changes. Approved w/o objection.

III. Alida Bus moved approval of the minutes. Approved w/o objection.

IV. Public participation. Marc Wheeler expressed his hope that the Commission and other CBJ agencies would approve the keeping of chickens within the CBJ with as few restrictions as possible.

V. Information items:

- a. Liaison McKibben informed the Commission of a forthcoming edition of the Capital City Weekly which will be entitled "2010 Green Living Guide." She and Eva Varadi-Bornstein will consider any possible JCOS contributions.
- b. Bob Doll noted that the subject of solid waste would be before the Assembly more or less continually through October 2010. He also noted the interest expressed by the Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority in obtaining CBJ adherence to the Authority on the October ballot. He informed the Commission that the topic of keeping chickens will move through the Planning Commission to the Assembly, via proposed changes in the Table of Permissible Uses, in the next few weeks. Sarah Lewis informed the Commission of further revisions to the draft LEED ordinance that she would propose via the Engineering Department.
- c. Committee Reports:
  - i. Public Outreach. Eva Varadi-Bornstein reported on the committee's success in obtaining a grant of \$2,500.00 from the State of Alaska Division of Agriculture in support of the Farmer's Market. She also reported that the committee will sponsor a weekly presence at the Craft Fair, from June through August, featuring all kinds of locally-produced food. She also reported on the conduct of Earth Day activities at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitors Center.

- ii. Greenhouse Gas. Chair Gayle Wood reported that the committee had not met this month, the full JCOS using the committee's regular meeting date for today's meeting. She noted that the committee continues to encourage the CBJ to move forward with the Climate Action Plan. Alida Bus distributed for the Commission's information copies of recently approved legislation related to the Alaska Farm-to-School Program and the Omnibus Energy Bill.
- iii. Food Security. Sarah Lewis reported there was not a quorum at the last meeting. She was the only attending member and had an "information gathering" meeting with Marc Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler shared his desire for JCOS support in amending the Title 49 Table of Permissible Uses to allow up to 6 chickens by right in residential zoning districts RR through D-10. Sarah said she would be drafting a letter for JCOS action for the May regular meeting.

VI. Action Items.

- a. LEED letter. Bob Doll moved approval of the draft letter, with minor edits to be completed by Sarah Lewis, and signature by the Chair. Approved w/o objection.
  - b. Closing Report and Reauthorizing Resolution. Bob Doll moved approval of the draft documents, with minor edits by the Chair, and signature by the Chair and submission to the CBJ Clerk of a cover memo requesting standing commission status. Approved w/o objection.
  - c. Committee Rosters. Chair Lynch noted the membership of the following committees: GHG; Wood, Bus, Doll. Food Security; Lewis, Grewe
  - d. Outreach; Varadi-Bornstein.
  - e. Prospective Committees: Entrepreneurship; Wolk. Solid Waste; Doll.
- VII. Adjourned: 6:41pm.

Next meeting Wednesday, May 5, at 5:15 in the MENDENHALL MALL LIBRARY.

Submitted: Bob Doll, Acting.