

DRAFT Minutes
Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, July 14, 2010, 5:15
Downtown Library Conference Room

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman Sean Lynch at 5:22 p.m. Other members present: Sarah Lewis, Bob Doll, Alida Bus, Eva Bornstein, Nicole Grewe, and Gayle Wood. Staff: Beth McKibben. Other public: Jim Powell, Julia Debsis, Nathan Arentsen, and Rich Anderson.

- II. **AGENDA** was reviewed and accepted.

- III. **MINUTES** of June 2, 2010 were approved as read.

- IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Jim Powell presented the report completed by him and seven of his students. The final report is titled “Toward a Climate Action Plan, City and Borough of Juneau Green House Gas and Conservation Efforts” dated May 15, 2010. The intent of this report was to provide more detail than was possible during the GHG inventory, along with updating energy use estimates for sub-sectors identified in the GHG inventory, as well as conservation efforts currently underway. The study identified three scenarios, in degrees of robustness. He believes we can reach currently stated GHG goals through 2020 as long as we monitor, set targets and educate; including training for CBJ employees. He noted that while sustainability concepts are laced within the Comprehensive Plan, it is all the same, a land use plan. He advocates for an overarching CBJ Sustainability Plan to integrating all existing CBJ plans. The study found that local innovation is occurring, and also suggested that the community benefits from hydro should be leveraged using incentives to promote more conversions to electricity from fossil fuels in the commercial sector. He also pointed out Alaska Brewery’s use of biofuels as another way to reduce GHG’s.

Rich Anderson introduced himself. He works with the Food Security Committee and with Darren Snyder. He mentioned a church group that is working on a community garden on North Douglas property and mentioned a B Street property also being developed. The Cooperative Extension Service is working with both groups to help develop organizational structures for these community gardens.

- V. **INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - A. **City Liaison Report.** Beth reported she will probably be on vacation during the first two weeks of August, and meeting planning will need to be done prior to her leaving. She reported that the LEED ordinance will be

on the Public Works Committee agenda next Monday. She commented that two applicants had been received for the open positions, one from Alida. The next meeting will be August 4th, at the Valley Library Conference Room.

B. Items up for Assembly Action. Bob reported that \$9 million will be allocated to dock renovations, with ultimate expenditures of \$40 million. He also reported that a parking ordinance is pending Assembly action. He's concerned that the current plan is to add as many parking spaces as possible without considering sustainability implications.

C. Committee Reports

- i. **Energy/GHG:** Gayle reviewed the letter outlining recommendations for concepts to be included in the RFP for the Climate Action Plan. Minor edits were recommended.
- ii. **Outreach:** Eva commented on the weekly Farmers' Market. About seven vendors are participating, including a Haines church that is bringing produce, a vendor with artisan bread, a couple plant vendors and a couple composting tables. Three tents are now needed and the market time has been extended another two hours. August 28th is the Food Festival. The initial planning meeting will occur next week. Alida is taking the lead.
- iii. **Food Security:** Sarah reported on the community kitchen concept being developed with the Cooperative Extension Service (CES). She also mentioned the Slow Foods Group and how Capital Park is also organizing for a community garden, and will also work with the CES.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. RFP for Climate Action Plan

MOTION: Moved by Bob Doll to authorize Sean Lynch to finalize the proposed letter, along with recommended edits. Sean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. Docks and Harbors cruise ship dock renovations

MOTION: Moved by Bob Doll that the letter outlining recommended dock modifications pertaining to potential dock services be forwarded with one minor modification. The motion was seconded by Nicole and was unanimously approved.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Douglas Harbor dredging. This discussion item was postponed.

B. Solid Waste management. Bob reported that the CBJ Assembly has authorized the city manager to apply with the Regulator Commission of Alaska for a Certificate of Necessity and Public Convenience to collect refuse. With the certificate, CBJ wants to enter into a contract with Arrow Refuse, such that CBJ can direct the options for waste disposal. He explained that CBJ has no control over how trash is processed. Ultimately, waste will either be shipped out of town, or will be burned. Bob asks that the COS be prepared to weigh in on the options. The COS membership concluded that no present action should be taken, but that the issue will continue to be monitored.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT at 7:20 p.m.