

DRAFT MINUTES

Juneau Commission on Sustainability

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Downtown Library Large Conference Room

Present: Steve Behnke, Alida Bus, Eva Bornstein, Sarah Lewis, Gayle Wood, Beth McKibben, Nancy Waterman, Beth McKibben. Guests, Amy Skilbred, Bart Watson. Steve kept the minutes.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Alida Bus, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:25 pm. She had to leave at 6:30, and turned the Chair over to Eva Bornstein.

2. AGENDA CHANGES

Action items were moved to the first part of the meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 2 minutes were approved as amended.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bart Watson introduced himself, indicating interest in Juneau energy issues, and discussing some of the issues raised in discussions about the GHG draft.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. City Liason Report

Beth handed out copies of the updated CBJ Boards, Committees & Commissions Information Pamphlet (Feb. 2011).

The Commission's Annual Report is due to the City Clerk's office by May 18. Steve will have draft to members for review before our May 4 meeting.

B. Items up for Assembly Action. None reported.

C. Committee Reports

a. GHG/Climate Action Plan. The Committee is continuing to review drafts of the Climate Action Plan and GHG update. It met with Amy and Zoe on March 24, and will be meeting next on April 11 (11:00 am, AEL&P Conference Room). The contractors have conducted two "expert" workgroups and are aiming for mid-May for a public meeting to discuss findings and progress on the Plan.

b. Outreach Liason. Eva reported that the Earth Day Fair, at the Glacier Visitor Center, is coming up Saturday, April 23. We have a poster about the JCOS, and in past have done seed planting activities. 3 volunteers are needed. Nancy can help part-time, but is manning another booth at the event.

c. Food Liason. Sarah reports there has been no progress concerning emergency preparedness since last months discussion. She has been back in contact with statewide groups on food issues,. Community gardens for Capital School and Starr Hill are being discussed. The Slow Foods group had very successful dinner/workshops and is planning to do them quarterly, next in May.

D. Gayle Wood reports that she has a buyer for her house and will be retiring and leaving town. She expects to resign and July 6 will probably be her last meeting. This means we will have 2 vacancies that need to be filled. She also reminded the group that she has served as a liason with the CBJ Green Team, as well as chair of the GHG Committee, and that we should be thinking of replacements.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Letter to CBJ AJ Mine Advisory Committee. Draft letter was discussed, amended, and approved unanimously. Alida will sign and scan it back to Beth. Beth had talked to Rory Watt about it, and it will be included in the packet for the next meeting of the AJ Committee, April 21.

B. GHG/ Climate Action Plan. Amy Skilbred handed out, and introduced, the Draft section on Green House Gases for the Climate Action Plan. Committee members reviewed and discussed it, suggesting some modifications. Further edits and suggestions can be e-mailed to her.

C. Sustainability Indicators. Eva brought copies of JEDC's 2010 Juneau and Southeast Alaska Economic Indicators.

Sean sent word that he has not been able to make progress on the Education indicators since the last work session, but is planning to combine efforts with the upcoming work session on Safety Indicators. This work session will be held April 20, 5:30 pm, in the library.

Nancy presented preliminary ideas on Safety Indicators, focusing on three areas: Crime, Accidents, and Feeling of Safety, drawn from City police, JEDC, FBI, and DOT data sources. She found that there is no data easily available on pedestrian or biking accidents. We also discussed the concept of "Community Safety", noting that there seems to be heightened awareness of vulnerability to natural disasters, which also has connections to the food security issues raised last month by Darren Snyder of the Cooperative Extension Service.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7:05 p.m.