

DRAFT MINUTES

Juneau Commission on Sustainability  
Wednesday, June 15, 2011  
Downtown Library Large Conference Room

Present: Eva Bornstein, Gayle Wood, Beth McKibben, Nancy Waterman, Karen Crane, Nicole Grewe(until 6:45PM), Lisa Weissler.

Guests: Heather Marlowe, CBJ Lands; Bob Deering, mechanical engineer and civilian working for USCG; Adrian Lopez, JEDC; Sally Schlichting, Env. Program Manager, ADEC Contaminated Sites Program

Nancy took the minutes.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Eva Bornstein, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

2. AGENDA CHANGES: None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 6, 2011 minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sally Schlichting provided a letter inviting JCOS and/or a CBJ staff person to participate in a Statewide Brownfields Study Group. Brownfield revitalization is focused on two primary elements: (1) providing for a public environmental benefit through the cleanup or management of contamination; and (2) the productive reuse or redevelopment of underused (often blighted) property and its existing infrastructure, through the elimination of a real or perceived environmental concern.

Sally expressed ideas for AK Department of Environmental Conservation working with AK Department of Commerce and Economic Development to put together a committee to do a State-wide teleconference, look at a Wisconsin model, engage many parties like Dale Pernula at CBJ Community Development Department, Juneau Economic Development Council, Southeast Conference, and the Ketchikan Gateway Borough to work on overcoming challenges which make brownfield redevelopment in Alaska difficult.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Work on Sustainability Indicators.

a. At the July 6 meeting, JCOS will review the Sustainability Indicators project, schedule, and topic assignments. The Education (Sean), Safety (Nancy) and Energy (Gayle) Indicator reports will be presented. It is a good time to refresh this project for new and existing commissioners.

B. Willoughby District Biomass.

Bob Deering provided data on community energy sources and loads: current and projected. Bob focused on hydroelectricity, and the potential for a regional biomass industry providing fuel with comparatively low emissions, local availability, relatively stable pricing, and providing regional jobs. The US Coast Guard is using biomass fuel in Sitka, Ketchikan and Kodiak. In Juneau, the Sealaska building is using biomass fuel. The potential demand from a Willoughby District district heating and/or co-generation system would provide increased demand which would make a southeast Alaska biomass mill

viable. (A 20,000 ton per year demand is necessary. The Sealaska building uses about 300 tons per year.)

Bob supports inclusion of district heating in the Willoughby District Plan. CBJ, State and Federal governments could benefit from a reduction in emissions and meeting energy efficiency goals with investment in this project.

JCOS agreed to draft a letter of support of the concept and including study of a district heating and/or co-generation system in the Willoughby District Plan (Lisa Weissler, Nancy Waterman). JCOS will review this letter at July 6 meeting.

Public comment on the Willoughby District Plan is due July 15, 2011.

C. Green Star for Juneau <http://www.greenstarinc.org/>  
JCOS members are encouraged to become familiar with this organization. This is planting the seed for the future. No action.

#### 5. INFORMATION ITEMS

##### A. City Liason Report

1. Commission vacancy. JCOS welcomed Commission Lisa Weissler. Two commissioners will be seated at the July 6 meeting. July 6 will be Commissioner Gayle Wood's final meeting.

B. Items up for Assembly Action. None.

##### C. Committee Reports

a. GHG/Climate Action Plan. There was small attendance; meaningful participation at May 25, 2011 Public Meeting. Future schedule information is not available.

##### b. Outreach Liason.

1. Table at Earth Day Fair, April 23, 2011 was successful.

2. Table at Community Day at UAS, May 21, 2011 was successful.

c. Food Liason. No report

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

7:10PM