

Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, August 03, 2011, 5:15pm
Downtown Library, Large Conference Room

I. Chair Alida Bus called the meeting to order at 5:15pm. Also in attendance: Lisa Weissler, Steve Behnke, Nancy Waterman, Eva Bornstein, Karen Crane, and Beth McKibben.

II. Agenda Changes.

'Education indicators' was removed from the agenda due to Sean's absence.

III. Minutes of July 6, 2011 meeting were corrected and approved.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public members attended the meeting.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Work on Sustainability Indicators

- a. Review of July 20, 2011 meeting minutes and discussion about approach.
 - i. The group's recommendation is, "The JCOS should amend its approach to developing sustainability indicators, by ensuring that indicators are driven by the 2008 CBJ Comprehensive Plan. We recommend that we start by developing indicators that tie to the specific sustainability policies in Chapter 2. Once we have experience in developing and using these "core" indicators, we can expand our efforts to other sustainability-related policies in the Comp Plan."
 - ii. The next work session on Indicators will be Wednesday, August 17th at 5:30 at the downtown library conference room.
2. Safety indicators update: Nancy explained her thinking on the topic, highlighting personal injury, water quality, and bus ridership
3. Energy indicators update: Steve reported that the energy indicators are fairly specific and will likely be drawn largely from the Climate Action Plan
4. Community indicators update: Sarah Lewis brainstormed on this topic; her ideas will be rolled into the group's work sessions tied to the comp plan

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- B. City liason report – Karen and Steve shared their thought on Zoe & Amy's report to the Committee of the Whole (8/1/11) on the Climate Action Plan. Karen stated it will be necessary to go through the recommended implementing actions with a fine tooth comb before final adoption of the plan. It seemed to be well received, and there was front page Empire article on it:

<http://juneauempire.com/local/2011-08-01/assembly-reviews-climate-action->

[plan](#). Beth shared her conversation with Kim Keifer after the Assembly meeting that it would lighten up the report to include survey stats embedded in text, “Did you know” boxes in the margins, and quotes throughout. This would improve the readability of the Climate Action Plan.

- C. Items up for Assembly Action – Karen reported that the city received four responses to the RFP on recycling. The language on the RFP was general enough to generate some good creative solutions.
- D. Committee Reports
 - a. Energy/GHG/Climate Action Plan subcommittee – Steve will be the new chair of the committee with Lisa Weissler and Nancy Waterman. We’ll encourage new members to work with this group, as they have a heavy load dealing with the Climate Action Plan (CAP). They’ll meet again in mid-Sept before the next public meeting on the CAP.
 - b. Outreach Liaison – Alida reported that she a guest on KTOO’s Focus on Community with Adrien Lopez, discussing the Sustainability Commission. Eva reported that the Food Festival will be August 27th at the JACC, and we’re recruiting vendors online at: <http://jedc.org/foodfestival.php>. Alida is helping Jose Espinosa with USA Green Stories arrange interviews at the festival to feature Juneau as a sustainable community (<http://www.usagreenstories.com/>). Commission members brainstormed community leaders doing green projects to be featured. Alida mentioned the idea of tying this Fall’s public meeting on the Climate Action Plan with 350.org’s global climate action day (<http://www.350.org/>). The theme for the Sept. 24th event this year is Transportation.
 - c. Food Liaison – there was no report.

The next JCOS meeting will be September 7th at 5:15pm at the downtown library large fish bowl conference room.

VII. Adjournment at 6:35pm