

Juneau Commission on Sustainability
June 6, 2012
DRAFT Minutes
Large Conference Room, Downtown Library

Present: Steve Behnke, Eva Bornstein, Duff Mitchel, Kate Troll, Nancy Waterman, Lisa Weissler, Darrell Weterhall, and Jenni Lefing, Jenni Lefing kept the minutes.

Others present: Staff Liaison Beth McKibben

I. CALL TO ORDER

Nancy Waterman called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm

II. AGENDA CHANGES

- CBJ Engineering will not be at tonight's meeting. They will be asked to attend the August JCOS meeting.
- Summer work sessions are added as section E. under Information items.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of May 2, 2012 were approved.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

V. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Greening America's Capitals- Heather Marlow

1. Heather Marlow, with CBJ, discussed the Greening America's Capitals request for letters of interest, in which CBJ is planning on submitting a request for the Willoughby District area project.
 - The US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Policy is seeking letters of interest from state capital cities that want to develop in ways that use smart growth and green building.
2. If the proposal is successful, a design team will come to Juneau for three days to lead a neighborhood meeting process. This would entail looking at plans and goals and figuring out how to implement the Willoughby district plan into this.
3. Heather fielded questions from the commission. Through this, it was noted that the proposal doesn't cost anything to apply, that this proposal could lead to further funding for the Willoughby project, that it is in line with CBJ's Energy Plan and that the City Manager is on board with this proposal. It was also requested that information on how local professionals can be involved in this process be

provided at some point, and that CBJ reaches out to Senator Begich's office and Tlingit-Haida regarding this proposal.

4. Heather asked for JCOS's endorsement of the proposal.
5. Steve Behnke moved that JCOS strongly support CBJ applying for the Greening America's Capital proposal.
 - This motion was adopted unanimously.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Congratulations and thank you to Steve Behnke and Darrell Wetherall for being reappointed for their next terms on the Juneau Commission on Sustainability.

There will now be two openings on the commission.

B. City Liaison Report:

- Beth is working with Heather on Greening America's Capitals.
- Ben Lyman/ CDD has been meeting with capital transit folks to expand service on Riverside Drive.
- Annual Report- Nancy did a presentation at the Human Resources Committee on Monday June 4. Nancy was asked by the committee- "Is Juneau alone in working on sustainability?" She explained that many places were working on it, including Energy First in Fairbanks.

C. Items for Assembly Action: NONE (No assembly representative present)

Committee Reports

i. Climate Action Plan- no update. There will be more information at the Aug. 1 meeting.

ii. Education & Outreach

- a. Thanks to Kate and Nancy for being at UAS Community Day on Sat. May 19.
- b. It was asked that information from presentations such as Heather's one today be placed on the blog, so what is learned at meetings are not "dead-end," so what we here- don't dead-end.
- c. Outreach will also be talked about at the June work session.

iii. Initiatives

- a. Electric Vehicles- Darryl recently took a UAS class, and is interested in sharing information from it- such as how to have charging stations for vehicles.
- b. It was noted that Sam Ory visited Juneau a few years ago and said then that Juneau is prime for electric vehicles. It was suggested that electric vehicles be an initiative topic for JCOS.
- c. It was suggested to invite people who were in the UAS class to come to a JCOS work session. It was also noted that there are grant opportunities for funding electric vehicle support.

- i. It was suggested that JCOS submit an entry in the Fourth of July parade, for electric vehicles. A banner could be created.
- d. Duff noted that JCOS is welcome to use his company's Survey Monkey account if JCOS ever wanted to do a survey.

E. Summer Work Sessions

1. June 20 work session at 1 pm will be a joint session between JCOS and the Green Team. Rob Steedle, Deputy City Manager and Patrick McGonnegal, CBJ Wemaster will also be attending to answer questions. This is an opportunity to ask questions, and talk about support.
2. July 18 work session at 5:30 PM- will be focused on what is sustainability & What Next in regards to the Website/Blog
3. August 1 JCOS meeting

Eva Bornstein was presented with a certificate for her efforts on the Commission, including the Juneau Farmers Market.

VII. ADJOURMENT 6:30 pm