

JCOS Draft Minutes - September 19, 2012 Meeting

I. Call to Order: 5:40 by Chair Nancy Waterman

Present: Mary Becker, Steve Behnke, Ben Haight, Duff Mitchel, Kate Troll, Nancy Waterman, Lisa Weissler, Darrell Wetherhall. Staff: Laura Boyce. Steve kept minutes.

3 members of public: Alec Mesdag, AEL&P Energy Services Specialist, Joe and Janet Lassiter.

II. Agenda Changes

Added item re meeting schedules

Revised item C. i. b to include Energy Plan

III. Approval of Minutes.

Minutes of June 6, 2012 were approved.

IV. Public Participation

JCOS members and public introduced themselves

V. Action Items

A. Outreach

i. Facebook/Web page development

We went around the table to get members views:

Wide agreement that existing JCOS website needs to be improved-- it is difficult to use and many items that should be included are not available.

Our site needs to be simple, easy to build and use, and have regular updates.

Website provides opportunity (and forces us) to clearly state our purpose

Climate Action Plan recommends development of a website with specific items.

Comp. Plan and other CBJ policies and plans relating to sustainability should be incorporated.

Many different individuals, groups and businesses in Juneau are "doing sustainability". Our site can point to them.

Should consider website and Facebook together.

Facebook provides a way to push information out to people interested -- as new information is included on website.

Kate: "Let's get on with it"

We agreed to get a Working group on website development underway right away, to include Jenni, Duff, Kate, Lisa. This group will develop the outline/structure of site, and seek technical assistance from CBJ staff. Other members of JCOS will assist in providing content and links.

Question was raised about use of e-mail in sharing information among workgroup members. Beth will look into this and advise us.

ii. Schedule EV awards. Nancy proposes giving 4th of July parade award, possibly at Oct. Assembly meeting. Mary Becker recommends checking with mayor.

VI. Information Items

A. City Liason Report.
i. There are still 2 vacancies on the Commission.
ii. Meeting Schedule. Nancy reminded us of upcoming meeting schedules and asked if we thought these were still working. --
Regular meeting: 1st Wed. of the month; Work Sessions: 3rd Wed. 5:30-7:00 PM. Nancy will not be able to attend October or November meetings.

B. Items up for Assembly Action. Mary noted that after the election there will be changes in committee assignments, possibly including her position on JCOS. This will take effect soon after October 15.

C. Committee Reports
i. Climate Action Plan
a. CIP Process. Nancy described August 22 workgroup meeting with Rich Ritter, CBJ Engineering Department. The 14 energy audits completed on CBJ buildings provides a useful starting point if we want to make recommendations for the CBJ CIP list. Critical dates for input include April 5, May 1 (Public meeting), and June 15 (Assembly). JCOS could pick one or more projects to advocate for in the CIP process. It could make recommendations like any other member of public, or could try to work with Departments. We agreed that JCOS should make this a work item for our January meeting.

b. Biomass/ Juneau Energy Plan. Steve noted that the issue of biomass heating is likely to be an ongoing one, as groups advocate for biomass for large CBJ projects. He'd like us to consider whether we want to play a role in getting more public discussion about biomass and other heating alternatives. Duff pointed out that this would logically fall into the Energy Plan recommended in the Climate Action Plan. This needs further discussion.

ii. Education/Outreach. Nancy and Kate participated in a short interview last Tuesday on KTOO Juneau Afternoon, as part of a Tuesday series on sustainability. One of the issues noted by the interviewer was difficulty in getting information about JCOS from our website.

iii. Initiatives. No activity. Lisa said that fleshing out the JCOS website would require work on defining sustainability.

VII. Adjournment: 7:00 pm