

Agenda

Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS)
Wednesday, March 6, 2013, 5:30pm
Downtown Library Conference Room

DRAFT Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Steve Behnke, Kate Bevegni via phone, Amy Condra, Jerry Nankervis, Ben Haight, Jenni Lefing, Duff Mitchell, Darrell Wetherall. Jenni Lefing kept the minutes.

Others present: Staff Liaison Beth Mckibben

Public: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

Steve Behnke called the meeting to order at 5:36pm.

II. AGENDA CHANGES

Elections was taken off of action items as this happened at the last JCOS meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of February 6, 2013 were approved with this change:
p.2 should say Kate not Kat.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: NONE

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Annual Report –due June 2013

- Lisa and Jenni are working on the annual report. They will have draft to share at April or May meeting.
- Steve is willing to help. Lisa has used last year's report that Steve was involved with as a model for the first draft.
- The annual report will be presented to Human Resources Committee in June.

B. CIP (Capital Improvements Program)

- Beth sent out the CBJ CIP list for the next six years.
- It was noted that perhaps now is a time to draft a letter to CBJ and let them know we are here and want to be part of the CIP process.
- Steve asked for a summary for how this [CIP] process works. Beth explained that the engineering department reaches out to various departments for projects, a list is compiled, and this year it was given to the Planning Commission for an early look. At their March 26 meeting they will review and it will then go through public facilities committee for full adoption.
- Jerry explained this list, is a CIP wish list for each department.
- JCOS interest in the list is the energy efficiency implications of [what is on this list.]

- Jenni noted that JCOS has talked about how we can play a role in CIP and Steve said we should go forward with what we can offer [to CBJ], and the first step is to find out what's going on with the projects.
- When JCOS presents at the April Committee of the Whole Meeting, this is an opportunity for them to be reacquainted with JCOS.
- We want to find ways to involve ourselves [JCOS] in CIP but perhaps not a letter to CBJ yet.
- Rich Ritter was here last year and explained the CIP process; perhaps we should invite him back.
- Jerry: It wouldn't hurt for [JCOS] to look at a project like the library- [which is] lot of money- to make sure it is aligned with the Comprehensive Plan.
- Kate pointed out that the Mendenhall Library project is interested in green buildings. She went to a couple of meetings with architects there, and got some feedback on sustainability. They are going in that direction, but not sure how much they are going down that route and if have the knowledge.
- Ben stated that the library project is just starting to move forward, a design team has been selected and they are in the process of submitting their fee proposals. Once this is settled- moving into preliminary design work, which will go into defining some criteria that we are interested in.
- Jerry: We don't have time to look at all projects- but maybe – we can look at advocating via the comprehensive plan- or have people come in to our meetings- to reiterate these things.
- Beth stated that in the past JCOS expressed interest in being part of CIP process and reviewing items and commenting on projects, looking at how the projects meet JCAP recommendations. But, timing is not necessarily right this year.
- Kate will follow-up on library project, and will email Nathan. She will keep us on track on what opportunities there are for JCOS involvement, and provide information at the next meeting.

C. Web Page Update:

- No Update Yet. Beth has sorted through photos.
- Lisa, Kate and Jenni will check to make sure that the draft from Pat is what we wanted, and then they will make the okay for the website to go live. The draft does not need to go before the rest of the commission before going live.
- Committee of the Whole will still present the website to the public.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. City Liaison Report

- Committee on the Whole with the Assembly April 29, 2013 6 pm. One person will talk.
- This is a chance to review JCAP and Energy Plan, our priorities for the year, website, how we can be a resource.
- At the JOCS April meeting, have Committee of the Whole Report on the agenda.

B. Items up for Assembly Action: Jerry Nankervis

- City had an energy audit on their buildings recently and city came out well. A list from Rory Watt showed that we have ~143 facilities that the city maintains, from a lift station for sewage to to fire hall.
- Right now it looks like there is a little over 2 million shortfall for FY 14. There's still a push in all departments for energy use, and cutting energy consumption where they can.
- At Diamond Park Pool, people have complained that it's cold right now. It was run at a higher temperature then it was designed for. Now, there are 200 gallons a day with a dehumidifier from the air, but its still within guidelines for that pool- so imagine it will reduce costs.
- Jerry asked what JCOS wants to know. Jenni said that what she'd like to know is what hot button issues are happening around sustainability that we should be aware of, that we might not know.
- Beth state that JCAP recommends that CBJ celebrate successes. For example, when Harborview and Glacier View Elementary schools got LEED status, that should have been shared by CBJ, as its important to share work that people are doing in the community
- Jerry- noted that this is better coming from CBJ, through Laurie Sica, not the assembly, and to use this talking point when you talk to Committee of the Whole.

C. Committee Reports

i. Education & Outreach Liaison

- In the past, an Earth Day celebration has happened out at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center. This year, due to budget concerns, this isn't possible. Instead, the coordinator is trying to hold an Earth Day event at the Nugget Mall. Jenni is finding out information and will share with JCOS.
- Amy Condra is leading an Earth Day event at the Federal Building and will contact the Nugget Mall coordinator. Jenni will send contact information.
- Outreach committee has not met yet.

ii. Energy

- The Feb. 20 work session was focused on the energy plan-next work session will be focused on this as well.
- Duff and Bob put together an Energy Plan scope document, which was sent out to JCOS.
 1. Energy Plan scope document includes: [Scope and Needs Statement, Executive Summary, Current Need and Demand for Energy, Expected Need and Demand for Energy- Future Scenarios, Alternative Energy technologies available for Juneau, Active conservation measures, Capital Heating District Willoughby, Prioritization for current and future efforts based on current Alternative analysis, Resources Available, Summary.]
 2. Discussion on the plan took place. It was noted that this is a draft, a starting point.

iii. Solid Waste: None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT