

Agenda

Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 5:30pm
Downtown Library Conference Room

Commission Members present: Kate Troll, Duff Mitchell, Steve Behnke, Kate Bevegni via phone, Jerry Nankervis, Amy Condra, Jenni Lefing. Jenni Lefing kept the minutes.

Others Present: Jim Penor, Solid Waste Coordinator CBJ and Beth McKibben, Staff Liaison.

Public: Joe Lassiter, Dan Brady

I. CALL TO ORDER

Kate Troll called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm
Welcome to Amy Condra, new JOCS member.

II. AGENDA CHANGES

- Move City Liaison Report up as the first action item in the agenda.
- Add under items up for assembly action- wastewater bill that is in legislature.
- Add minutes from January 26 retreat to the approval of minutes.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 2, 2013- Approved and Minutes of January 26, 2013 Retreat were Approved

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Elections for Commission Offices

- Jenni Lefing was nominated for Secretary, Kate Troll was nominated for Chair and Steve Behnke was nominated for Vice-Chair. All three were voted in by all of JCOS, and a motion was made by Duff to approve the election.

B. Jim Penor- Presentation Solid Waste

- Jim Penor, CBJ Solid Waste Coordinator, provided an update on Solid Waste in Juneau. He stated that the 2008 Solid Waste Strategy was replaced with an implementation plan that in 2009 and was approved.

Both plans have the below 12 recommendations:

1. **Recommendation # 1:** Continue to use WMI Landfill for disposal.
 - a. Jim noted that this is happening and the expected life of the landfill is 25 years
2. **Recommendation # 2:** Hire Solid Waste Coordinator.
 - a. Jim Penor was hired for this position.
3. **Recommendation # 3:** Adopt a policy on universal (mandatory) trash and recycling collection service for all generators.

4. **Recommendation # 4:** Transfer Arrow Refuse RCA certificate to CBJ. a.
 - a. Jim Penor stated this is not happening yet. Arrow said willing to sell certificate, but when a proposal was made, Arrow didn't respond.
5. **Recommendation # 5:** Form two – way, long – term contractual partnerships between the CBJ and Arrow Refuse and between the CBJ and Waste Management Inc. for a minimum period of 10 years.
 - a. Jim Penor stated: Right now waste management owns the landfill and Arrow owns the collection, and believes 10 years is too short for these contracts.
6. **Recommendation # 6:** Secure land for a multi – purpose materials recovery facility(MRF).
7. **Recommendation # 7:** Design and implement fully automated residential refuse collection with carts and variable rates.
8. **Recommendation # 8:** Design and construct MRF.
9. **Recommendation # 9:** Design and implement multi – faceted / multi – media series of promotion, education, and outreach activities that is regular and ongoing.
10. **Recommendation # 10:** Design and implement curbside, residential recycling collection service based on commingling materials.
 - a. Arrow Refuse is doing the current curbside comingling recycling, which started in June, and has about 3700 customers, which costs more than separated recycling and its costing them money.
 - b. Recycling gets sent to Woodenville, WA to get separated.
 - c. Since curbside was implemented, recycling hasn't increased that much, but costing money.
11. **Recommendation # 11:** Design and implement commercial / institutional recycling collection service based on commingling materials.
12. **Recommendation # 12:** Adopt minimum reuse / recycling standards for specified

- The current RFP for the Solid Waste Program, in which proposals are due Feb. 13, includes putting out drop box locations for recycling, collecting other plastics 3-7, that are not currently collected at the CBJ drop location, which only includes 1 and 2.
- Jenni noted that at the January retreat, members talked about how JOCS can be a resource to CBJ. One way is through reminding CJB staff that the Juneau Climate Action Plan has recommendations. It was asked whether these were looked at when developing latest RFP for solid waste management, as we are not sure how the city is using it. Jim stated that they did utilized JCAP, at least partially.
- Catalog Choice is rolling out next week with an article in paper, which lets people sign up to receive no catalogs. CBJ under contract with Catalog Choice.
- Kat noted that JCOS efforts include outreach and education, and asked Jim to look at JCOS as a resource.

C. Work Plan for 2013

1. At the January retreat, three priorities/committees were identified:
 - Outreach: public education, follow-up with assembly, launch of website
 - Energy

- Solid Waste: Follow-up with what did with Jim. RFP's for solid waste for coming back in a week. It was discussed that JCOS can give input on this. It was asked whether JCOS could look at RFP's and if we are able to give input as a commission. Steve will ask Jim if he wants to sit on the Solid Waste committee

A motion was put forward to approve the three priorities and it was approved. These three priorities were approved for 2013. At JCOS work sessions, it will be decided how to move forward with each committee.

Amy will also be part of the Outreach Committee and is now the Green Team Liaison.

D. **Annual Report** –due June 2013

Lisa and Jenni are working on a draft.

VI. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. **City Liaison Report:** Beth

i. **Photos for Web Page**

- Members that sent photos, if there is somewhere specific you want them to live on the website, let Beth know and she'll send to Pat [CBJ webmaster], to put where appropriate.
- If photos need to be credited, the credit should be embedded so stays in photo, within the next week, so can move webpage on to the next step.

ii. **Committee of the Whole Meeting with the Assembly**

- The next one is February 25 and there will be two in March. Subject [as discussed at the January retreat] for when JCOS attends, is presenting the website, and reminding CBJ who the JCOS is and what our role is.

iii. **Comprehensive Plan Update**

- Series of open houses, Feb. 9 and Feb. 13, and copies of plan is available on CD. The comprehensive plan was intended to be a two-year update. There is a chapter of sustainability that has no changes. The Planning Commission asked staff to update energy chapter, which was rewritten.
- Planning Commission will take final action on the plan on Feb. 26, and go on to assembly for final adoption.
- Duff noted that here are issues in [the plan] there that are under purview of the commission. If want to submit comments, now is the time to do it-individually.

B. **Capital Improvement Plan**

- A draft of the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) is going to the Public Works and Facilities committee for an early look. Beth can send a copy of the draft list. JCOS has talked about getting involved in this. At the March meeting, we can talk more about how to do this

C. **Items up for Assembly Action:**

- Jerry: CBJ is getting ready for budget and housing is a big issue.

- **Wastewater Regulations** with cruise ships is [a big issue with the legislature]. Kate noted that here are cruise ships that meet standards and those that don't. Its important for the assembly- to engage with DEC about where allowed to dump.
 - There might be a role for JCOS to inform the assembly and encourage them to be further informed with DEC about how this is all going to be monitored.

E. At JOCS's first meeting with the assembly, we want to talk about our projects, who we are, what kind of assets we have.

F. Committee Reports NONE

- i. Education & Outreach Liaison
- ii. Climate Action Plan
- iii. Initiatives

G. Feb 20 work session topic will be Energy Plan. Duff and Darrell will start us off on how to tackle this project.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT** 7:13 pm