

DRAFT MINUTES

Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, June 12, 2013, 5:30pm
City Hall Conference Room 224
155 S. Seward St., Juneau, AK 99801

Present: Steve Behnke, Kate Bevegni, Bob Deering, Jenni Lefing, Duff Mitchell, Amy Skilbred, Kate Troll, Lisa Wissler. Jenni Lefing kept the minutes.

Others Present: Beth McKibben, Staff Liaison

I. CALL TO ORDER

Kate Troll called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm.

II. AGENDA CHANGES

Under committee reports, transit will be added.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of May 15, 2013 approved

Welcome to Amy Skilbred, newest member of JCOS.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. 2013 4th of July Parade Entry

- JCOS's 4th of July Parade entry has been approved.
- Darryl and Duff spearheaded this effort last year and this year, and have a list of electric vehicles in Juneau.
- Amy Skilbred noted that she also has an electric vehicle, a blue volt.
- Duff noted that last year Juneau hydropower paid the parade entry fee and they probably will this year.
- Banner- Darryl has from last year
- Beth will touch base with Darryl about coordinating this year's efforts.

B. Letters of Support for EVPP

- A draft Resolution of the Juneau Commission on Sustainability of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, titled "*Resolution Expressing Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS) Support for the Advancement of Electric Vehicles and Supporting Infrastructure*" was passed out to JCOS members.
 - This resolution was drafted as a result of conversations with the Juneau Economic Development Council (JEDC) Electric Vehicles workgroup, of which Duff is a member. This work group ties into the energy plan and they are interested in exploring what can be done to support these efforts in Juneau. They thought a resolution declaring JCOS support for electric vehicles would help to promote the cause, including grants.

- Beth noted that she was unsure if JCOS can do a resolution, but JCOS could write a letter and ask CBJ do a resolution.
- Steve made a motion that this draft resolution be put into a letter by Duff from JCOS to the city assembly to make a resolution, on letterhead. Kate will sign it and it will be sent in.

C. Review of Scope of Work for JCAP

- At last meeting, it was discussed that the City Manager's office is inviting JCOS to develop a Scope of Work for funding a CBJ Energy Plan, as recommended in the Juneau Climate Action Plan. We talked about using the JCAP RFP as a model to work on a scope of work to send to the manager's office for funding for the energy plan.
- Section 2: Project Information- from the JCAP RFP was passed out to JCOS, to look at as a model in developing the energy plan Scope of Work.

D. Web Page Update:

The website is live, and Beth is collecting edits. Pat has not yet put the final edits to the website that Lisa, Jenni and Kate B. requested.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. City Liaison Report

- Nothing new to report.
- Bob asked about accessing city utility bills and Beth has been looking into this. Bob called AEL&P and was not able to get CBJ records and thought that any resident should be able to freely access this info. It was noted that if we were requesting this information as JCOS members, we should be able to get the information, but Bob wanted to know why all citizen couldn't access it.
- Kate noted that we need data for energy plan- so that's a legitimate excuse.

B. Items up for Assembly Action (from email from Jerry Nankervis):

Budget was passed and Wednesday Finance committee should go back to less meetings.

- Three harbor board appointments
- JCOS appointments
- City is looking at updating FEMA maps, looking at noise ordinance

C. Committee Reports

i. Energy

- Amy asked if JCOS was going to update 2011 Energy Plan. She noted a lot of data has been gathered, including out Thane, city and federal and state buildings in Juneau, including all school district buildings.

- Amy set up an easy “cookbook,” to update this energy use annually. Beth is going to have people in the office update it every other year (its in the excel sheet).
- A discussion took place on whether the JCOS Energy Committee should keep gathering data, now that CBJ has requested a Scope of Work for funding an Energy Plan. Duff stated that the committee decided to keep on gathering data as well as develop a Scope of Work.
- It was noted that AELP has an energy plan- but need a community plan.
- Electric Vehicle cluster group (through JEDC): Department of Energy may release a grant nationwide for green cities, and ECOtality received a grant to put in chargers across states- where Nissan Leafs are built. Fred Meyer’s is one of the partners in this. and will sell to you at cost if buy 10 of them. (\$21,000 for 10). It was noted that new parking garage is “plumbed” for electric vehicles.

ii. Education and Outreach

- Facebook- there has been an increase in Facebook likes.
- We will make more of effort to link to local events, ask questions.
- Bob and Kate B. are interested in representing JCOS on the CBJ Green Team.

iii. Solid Waste: Unsure of what is going on after the recycling contract- but Kate B. get an update, and will ask Arrow Refuse to come to a meeting.

iv. Transit

- Rob Steedle asked a representative from the JCOS to be part of the Study Advisory Group for the CBJ Transit Development Plan, which includes representatives from DOT, federal buildings, and UAS. Steve agreed to represent JCOS on this group.
 - He attended a meeting yesterday, where a summary of preliminary findings was shared, that included maps and ridership info. including demographics or riders.
 - In comparison to other towns of this size, Juneau is considered to have a good transit system and for low cost.
 - They are looking at fine tuning bus services, such as more services to UAS, Costco, Lemon Creek
 - Steve stated that JOCS could suggest other things for them to look at in the sturdy.
- The following ideas were suggested for the advisory group to look at:
 - Fleet upgrades

- Overcrowding on busses
- Bike/Bus combinations
- Expansion of busy system especially in the most densely populated areas, where people have to walk 1-2 miles to the bus.
- Steve will draft a letter with these recommendations from JCOS for the advisory group to include in the study.
- Everyone is encouraged to go to the Juneau Capital Transit website to take the survey.
- Mid October is the next big meeting- with presentation of findings- right now they are in the data collection stage.

Future JCOS Meetings

June 26 is next work session date. Focus will be on the requested Scope of Work on a CBJ Energy Plan.

July 17 work session:

July 18 next JCOS Meeting, and the following items will be reviewed:
Scope of Work (Energy Plan)
Letter to Transit Study Advisory Group

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm