

City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ)
Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS)
Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2015
CBJ City Hall, Conference Room 224

I. Meeting called to order at 5:48 P.M.

Present: Steve Behnke (JCOS Chair), Beth McKibben (CBJ Liaison), Tim Felstead (CBJ Liaison), Kate Troll (CBJ Assembly Liaison), Ben Haight (Planning Commission), Kate Bevegni, Duff Mitchell, Sarah Truitt, Clint Gundelfinger

Visitors: Innes Hood (Stantec)

II. Agenda Changes – None

III. Minutes of the August 12, 2015 meeting approved as amended.

IV. Public Participation - None

V. Action Items

A. Energy Plan Review – JCOS participated in a teleconference with Innes Hood to provide information regarding case studies, existing local initiatives, and key Juneau players for the following eight Priority Strategy categories: Energy efficiency measures for all buildings; Use of electricity by cruise ships; Energy efficiency best practices for the CBJ organization; District heating for downtown core, and other suitable areas, preferably using renewable energy; Reduce dependence of transportation system on fossil fuels; Reduce space heating dependency on fossil fuels; Land use regulations supporting energy efficient compact, mixed-use developments; Support electrification of mining operations using renewable energy.

B. Airport Sustainability Master Plan – Kate Bevegni reported that she went to the most recent meeting with a focus on airport requirements and functionality. Some highlights of the meeting include discussions regarding: a steady increase of air traffic and passengers over time; building expansion; maintenance infrastructure expansion; Federal guidance on sustainability plan aspects; need to establish a sustainability budget to effect operational savings; ranking of draft initiatives/tactics with the highest ranking to go forward first; training for staff to become certified energy managers; need for feedback on initiatives/tactics and scoring. Duff Mitchell posed a question for thought and future inquiry regarding the situation whereby renewable and sustainability issues seem to rank very low and what that might mean for the overall plan.

C. Re-establish Subcommittees – Members designated as follows:

Outreach: Kate Bevegni, Duff Mitchell, Amy Skilbred, Clint Gundelfinger

Energy: Darrell Wetherall, Steve Behnke, Clint Gundelfinger, (Duff Mitchell)

Solid Waste: Kate Bevegni, Greg Smith

Green Team Liaison: Kate Bevegni

Other JCOS commissioners not present will be able to join sub-committees also.

D. Appoint Additional Airport Liaison – It was unanimously decided to put this request out to the rest of the Commission to see if anyone is interested.

E. Response to CBJ Regarding Electric Buses – Duff Mitchell proposed a motion to allow Steve Behnke and Tim Felstead to reword the response letter to effect greater emphasis regarding keeping JCOS informed of activities that fall within the JCOS advisory arena. Clint Gundelfinger seconded the motion.

F. Web Page Update – Pushed to next meeting.

VI. Information Items

A. City Liaison Report - Pushed to next meeting.

B. Items up for Assembly Action – Pushed to next meeting.

C. Committee Reports

i. Solid Waste /Bio-solids – No new information; see above Action Item regarding Re-establishment of Sub-committees.

ii. Energy – See above Action Item regarding the Energy Plan and regarding Re-establishment of Sub-committees

iii. Outreach/Accountability – No new information; see above Action Item regarding Re-establishment of Sub-committees.

iv. Green Team – No new information; see above Action Item regarding Re-establishment of Sub-committees.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:12? P.M.