

Final Minutes

Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, August 10th, 2016, 5:30pm
Large Conference Room, Downtown Library.

Present: Steve Behnke (Chair), Duff Mitchell (Vice-Chair), Clint Gundelfinger, Percy Frisby (Planning Commission Liaison), Kate Troll (Assembly Liaison), Zane Jones, Tim Felstead (Staff Liaison), Darrell Wetherall.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Called to order at 1738

II. AGENDA CHANGES -

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 13, 2016 – Due to shortage of time minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Justin Parrish (candidate for State House) attended to understand work of JCOS and introduce himself.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Chicken update – Update on Chicken Zoning Law amendment was discussed by Darrel Wetherall (chair of Chicken subcommittee). Number of chickens are unknown at the moment

B. Energy Plan

i. Assembly COW – Energy Plan was presented by SB, TF and Inness Hood from Stantec.

KT gave comments on the plan. Energy Plan has to be put in the context of CBJ not owning their utility and have a limited influence on how the utility is run. This means plan can only be aspirational but should try and capture where the community wants to go. Suggests plan try and be specific as possible on suggested CBJ actions though.

PF thought plan was a good document. Suggested AEL&P and CBJ work closer to deliver the communities aspirations. The economic case for shift energy source and use will be the biggest influence though. Energy infrastructure is expensive and it all comes down to what the ratepayer will tolerate.

SB sees the proposed actions as a list of what next steps are needed to be a more complete proposal and give specific actions. It provides some future direction for CBJ but needs some Staff time for CBJ to follow through on this. JCOS can only be cheerleaders since they don't have the resources to deliver on the proposed priority strategies.

ii. Public session – City Manager helping organize public session with AEL&P. This is the start of a series of planned Sustainability Sessions to inform public of key aspects and projects related to the Draft Energy Plan. Other talks planned are for Juneau Hydropower projects, Biomass (possibly Forrest Service).

ACTION: SB and TF to follow up with City Manager and continue outreach.

- iii. Comments closing date – Not discussed.
- C. Planning for other initiatives/committees (see committees below)
- D. Website

Informational items were not discussed as meeting ended early.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Green Team
- B. City Liaison Report – FTA grant unsuccessful
- C. Items up for Assembly Action
- D. Committee/Initiative Reports
 - i. Energy
 - ii. Food
 - iii. Outreach including Sustainability Sessions
 - iv. Solid waste

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned and 1849