

Agenda Solid Waste Subcommittee

Juneau Commission on Sustainability

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Minutes

Zoom Webinar

- I. **CALL TO ORDER.** Nick Waldo, Chair called meeting to order at 12:04pm.
- II. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
- III. **ROLL CALL.** Nick Waldo and Marian Call of the SW Committee provided a quorum. Also in attendance were: Gretchen Keiser and Duff Mitchell (JCOS members); Cer Scott, Brandi Tolsma, and Amy Erfling (Tlingit-Haida Environmental Programs staff); and Ashley Heimbigner (CBJ Grants Specialist).
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- V. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** Amy Erfling introduced herself as new to JCOS meetings.
- VI. **AGENDA TOPICS**

1. **Sustainability Session planning (Marian Call and Nick Waldo).** Ms Call briefed attendees on the planning for the upcoming Sustainability Session, entitled “Composting in Juneau” to be held at the Mendenhall Valley Library, November 2, 2023. 7-8pm.

It was clarified that Darren Synder, Coop Extension, had been invited as a panel member but is not available. There was some discussion about including a person on backyard composting, but the group concluded that the focus is on composting at scale in Juneau. Ms. Keiser indicated that she could field backyard composting Qs during the Q&A segment, if needed.

Ms. Call outlined the session, although there was some discussion about how much time individual panel members would have to present initial comments. Mr. Waldo will moderate the panel session, while Ms. Call handles event production. The SW committee will identify a handful of Questions to initiate the panel discussion at the beginning of the Q&A segment to prompt public participants’ Qs.

Ms. Call will complete the event poster and looks to other JCOS members to distribute posters (Ms. Keiser (Valley), Mr Waldo (Douglas), and Mr. Mitchell (business community). She will also send the poster to all JCOS members to spread the word via email.

2. **Discussion of proposed assembly recommendation bullets (Nick Waldo)**

The Committee discussed potential recommendations focused on existing Assembly Goal 5A “Develop a zero waste and waste reduction plan”. Mr. Waldo presented some rough draft language which the committee reworded to use language that 1) builds on the existing E&PW zero waste pathway outline, 2) uses “action” instead of “plan”, and 3) is short and sweet text.

Ms. Keiser suggested that the second draft recommendation regarding the goal of “adopt of vision for the next landfill” be reworded to frame it as options for replacement of the existing landfill when it’s full. She indicated that JCOS has in the past included some recommendations that focus Assembly attention on long-term sustainability issues, in addition to more discrete, action-oriented, near-term goals.

Mr Waldo will capture the committee’s discussion and submit draft recommendations to JCOS Chair Keiser for her drafting of an Assembly letter for the Nov 1st full JCOS meeting.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS. Ms. Heimbigner noted that E&PW will send a request to JCOS Chair Keiser shortly seeking input on the annual Legislative Priorities list.

VIII. COMMITTEE/LIAISON COMMENTS & QUESTIONS. No comments offered.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

Sustainability Session	Nov. 2, 2023 7pm at Valley Library
Solid Waste Subcommittee	Nov. 14, 2023 12 PM @ZOOM

VIII. ADJOURNMENT. The SW Committee meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Submitted by,
Gretchen Keiser