

Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS)
Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 12:00 p.m. (Noon) Zoom

A. Call to Order

Chair Keiser called the meeting to order at noon.

B. Land Acknowledgement

C. Roll Call

Present: Jessica Barker, Steve Behnke, Marian Call, Gretchen Keiser, Danielle Meeker, Jim Powell, David Teal, Nick Waldo

Absent: Duff Mitchell

A quorum was present.

Staff & Others Present: CBJ Assembly Liaison Maria Gladzizewski, CBJ Staff Liaison Denise Koch, CBJ Utility Superintendent Brian McGuire, CBJ Tourism Manager Alexandra Pierce, Zach Gianotti (ADEC), Stuart Ashton (CBJ), Bill Leighty, Royal Caribbean Group—Wendy Lindskoog, Nick Rose, Silvia Garrigo; Lori Sowa (AEL&P)

Chair Keiser thanked Danielle Meeker for her three years of service.

D. AGENDA

Approved with the addition of C-PACE as item 5.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 5 and October 19 meetings (with slight editing) were approved without objection.

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

G. AGENDA TOPICS

1. Environmental, Social and Governance Report

Royal Caribbean Group (RCG) personnel summarized a report that provided company background. The report and a video are available on the RCG website.

Highlights:

- a. All 64 ships owned by RCG have been mobilized, 10 of which operate in Alaska. Four of those are ready for shore power connection and RCG has a schedule to retrofit other ships as shore power becomes available.
- b. RCG's goal is to go beyond compliance with four pillars of good stewardship: GHG reduction, waste reduction, sustainable food sourcing and sustainable destination activities.
- c. No waste is unloaded in Juneau.
- d. Questions and comments can be directed to Wendy Lindskoog and may be coordinated by Ms. Pierce.

2. Legislative Priorities

Mr. Benke briefed the commission on a morning meeting with Senator Murkowski, in which she mentioned the possibility of directing federal spending toward a demonstration project making Juneau a model of EV adoption by all federal agencies. After discussion of whether that project was sufficiently solid to merit mention in JCOS comments regarding CBJ capital projects, Mr. Benke moved that the draft comments included in the packet be approved as written, with the caveat that a follow-up letter may be drafted when, and if, developments warranted additional input to the CBJ. There was no objection.

3. Climate-Sustainability Work Plan

Chair Keiser preferred to delay sending the plan to the assembly in order to add a table summarizing components of the plan. The plan will be on the December 7 JCOS agenda. Because the document will not be completed before the assembly retreat in early December, there was general support for drafting a letter to the assembly that provides a short list of recommendations for discussion at the Assembly's Dec 11 retreat. The letter of recommendations would also let the assembly know that the pending document can be expected near year-end.

4. EPA Local Government Advisory Committee

Chair Keiser congratulated Denise Koch on her nomination to this national organization.

5. C-PACE

Mr. Teal asked for a sense of the commission regarding completion of a paper recommending that the CBJ implement a property assessed clean energy program. The response was positive and an (incomplete) draft will be circulated to members.

H. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

I. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mr. Powell is ready to start on developing sustainability metrics and asked members to let him know if they want to help.

Chair Keiser asked all members to inform her of personal priorities in time for discussion at the retreat and to consider filling officer positions.

J. NEXT MEETINGS

November 16, 2022: special meeting at 12PM ZOOM

December 3, 2022: annual retreat 9-12 Marine View Building.

K. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by David Teal