

MINUTES
Juneau Commission on
Sustainability
Wednesday, January 5, 2022, 12:00
p.m. (Noon)
Zoom

- I. **Call to Order:** Vice Chair Grantham called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Present: Chair Keiser, Members Anjuli Grantham, David Teal, Duff Mitchell, Danielle Meeker, Steve Behnke, Jim Powell. Absent: Member Colin Peacock.

A quorum was present.

Staff & Others Present: Staff Liaison Beth McKibben.

- II. **Agenda Changes:** Three members asked for items to be added to VI. Information Items portion of the agenda: Mr. Powell (*Juneau Climate Impacts* Report status), Ms. Grantham (JCOS-AARP sustainability series), and Mr. Mitchell (Downtown Business Assn. meeting report). Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved as amended.

III. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. December 1, 2021

Ms. Keiser noted two corrections needed on pages 2 and 3 of the minutes.

- b. December 15, 2021

MOTION by Mr. Mitchell to approve the December 1, 2021 minutes with the corrections noted, and the December 15, 2021 minutes. Mr. Behnke seconded. ***Hearing no objection, the minutes were approved with corrections as noted by unanimous consent.***

- IV. **Public Participation:** none.

V. **Action/Discussion Items**

- a. **JCOS Input on Dock Electrification Study draft report.** Mr. Behnke reported that he had communicated with Docks & Harbors (D&H) Engineer Erich Schaal about the D&H process for review of public comments received by January 17th deadline and whether JCOS would be treated differently than other public commenters. Mr. Schaal was not clear about the process going forward.

Working from draft JCOS comments that JCOS members had, Mr. Behnke explained that the approach being taken on JCOS comments is: 1) to summarize issues JCOS has with the assumptions, analysis, and conclusions in the draft study, and 2) to recommend a path forward so under Phase 1) a revised report in

the near future that is useful for a 2022 RAISE grant application and Phase 2) CBJ obtains a more complete analysis of Juneau's power supply, demand, and rates later by independent professionals.

Several JCOS members made suggestions on how to strengthen or clarify the recommendations under Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the draft JCOS comments: JCOS should be fully involved as a partner in the report revisions, add a timeline to Phase 1, add language about data needed for a benefit/cost analysis required in a RAISE grant application, and recommendations about JCOS's role in a 2022 grant application with a reference to JCOS's charter that includes the duty to research/apply for grants. There was considerable discussion about what should be JCOS's role going forward on the study report revisions and on a 2022 RAISE grant application, given the general dissatisfaction with the draft study and the 2021 RAISE grant application.

Mr. Behnke thanked fellow JCOS members for their input on the draft JCOS comments. He indicated that he would continue to work with the JCOS Energy Committee and Chair Keiser to finalize the comments by the January 17th deadline for submittal.

Vice Chair Grantham turned over the chairperson role to Chair Keiser.

MOTION. Ms. Grantham moved a resolution that would indicate that:

- 1) JCOS serve as the lead author on the 2022 RAISE grant application; and
- 2) JCOS request of the Assembly that JCOS have formal input and review of revisions to the *Juneau Dock Electrification* study report.

Mr. Powell seconded the motion. After discussion about the wording of the resolution, the motion was approved without objection.

Chair Keiser returned the chairperson role to Vice Chair Grantham.

MOTION. Mr. Mitchell moved that JCOS authorize the JCOS Energy Committee to finalize JCOS comments on the Juneau Dock Electrification Study draft report and encourage JCOS members to provide input to the Energy Committee chair.

Mr. Powell seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion was approved.

VI. Information Items

a. Juneau Climate Impacts Report status. Mr. Powell indicated that the final draft has been distributed to the 23 authors. After that concludes, it will take about two weeks for formatting. It should come to CBJ thereafter.

b. JCOS-AARP Alaska Sustainability Series. Ms. Grantham updated the Commission on the upcoming webinar series being coordinated with AARP Alaska. The schedule looks like:

March 9th – Introduction to Sustainability

March 23rd – Buildings

April 6th – Transportation
April 20th – Food & Waste
May 4th – community resilience

c. **Downtown Business Association update.** Mr. Mitchell informed the Commission that he is now on the DBA board. He ran for election advocating for a downtown bus circulator and sustainability. At a recent Board meeting, he presented JCOS's recommendations on the use of 2022 marine passenger fees recently provided to City Mgr Watt.

d. **January 15th JCOS Retreat.** Ms. Keiser briefly discussed the agenda for upcoming retreat. Mr. Behnke requested that JCOS members submit their top 3 suggestions for 2022 priorities ahead of time to Ms. McKibben, who encouraged members to consider existing CBJ plans (Comp Plan, JRES, JCAIP, etc.) when making suggestions. Mr. Mitchell encouraged use of the Assembly's draft 2022 goals.

V. Return to Discussion/Actions Items

MOTION. Mr. Behnke moved that the JCOS Chair formally request participation in a federal DOT debriefing on CBJ's 2021 Dock Electrification RAISE grant application being arranged by CBJ D&H.

Ms. Keiser seconded. Hearing no objections, the motion was approved.

VI. Commissioner Comments.

None

VIII Next Meetings.

JCOS Annual Retreat January 15, 2022 @ 8:30 am -12pm Zoom
Monthly Regular Meeting – February 2, 2022 @ 12pm Zoom
Monthly Work Session – February 16, 2022 @ 12pm Zoom

IX. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Submitted by Gretchen Keiser, acting as Secretary.