

Minutes
Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, December 1, 2021
Zoom Conference
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

12:06 pm, by Chair Gretchen Keiser. Commissioners present: Anjuli Grantham, Lisa Daugherty, Steve Behnke, Duff Mitchell, Jim Powel, Colin, Peacock. CBJ liaison present: Beth McKibben. Assembly liaison present: Carole Triem. Planning Commission liaison present: none. General public present: Zach Gianotti.

II. AGENDA CHANGES

Energy Committee report and RAISE Grant report under Information Items.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. November 3, 2021
- b. November 17, 2021

Steve, motioned to approve both sets of minutes with Gretchen's amendments on having "motion passed." added. Duff Seconded. Minutes adopted.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. JCOS input on Legislative Priorities (attached draft) - Gretchen

Steve commented that he whole-heartedly supports the idea. Having priorities designated makes securing funding and letters of support from CBJ staff easier when goals/priorities are clear. Beth suggested explicitly tying them into Assembly goals of Jan 2021. Duff agrees that it is important to be ready for future grant opportunities by having JCAIP, JRES, and clear priorities in place. Jim suggested adding an item for getting access to Federal land for local food production. It was determined that the land-use suggestion is too big of a topic to open up to add to the legislative priority at this point. Discussion on that

topic should be initiated at another time. Anjuli wondered why “energy efficiency” was prioritized over “electrification.” Gretchen explained that the former is inclusive of the latter. Duff suggested the language “beneficial electrification” be used. Steve motioned approving and sending the letter out. Duff seconded. Motion passed.

b. JCOS input on FY2023 CIP (attached) - Steve

In the past JCOS has reacted to a CIP list, but this year it is fortunate to be able to give feedback from the beginning. Steve summarized each of the items on the list. Lisa asked if it would be beneficial to pare the list down to fewer items. Others agreed that it might be helpful to have a short list of immediate requests and a longer list for the mid- to long-term items, since CIP thinks in terms of 6-year planning. Duff suggested adding a few words to emphasize expansion of eclectic buses and charging infrastructure, the term “beneficial electrification,” and food security. Duff suggested keeping the list long. Anjuli recommended taking off the numbers, which indicate ranking. She also suggested putting Energy Pathways, Vehicle Electrification, and Zero Waste at the top since they are topics JCOS has focused on elevating this part year. Duff motioned to thank Steve for his hard work and move the list forward to a final draft, with permission for Steve to make final edits. Anjuli seconded. Motion passed.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. JCOS input to Assembly on goal setting (attached)

Attached for viewing only. No discussion/action at this time.

b. JCOS retreat - potential dates January/early February

Beth will send out a poll so we can select dates for retreat.

c. RAISE Grant report

DOT and CBJ will be having a zoom meeting to discuss the application (which was not selected for funding), to discuss feedback and use lessons learned for next year. JCOS would like to be included.

d. Energy Committee report

Pathways modeling - a letter of interest has been submitted by CBJ to Dynamhex for potential grant funding.

PWFC - having a JCOS liaison should still be a goal as so much of the committee work deals with energy, life cycle costs, etc.

Duff said that Murkowski's office is going to give a letter of support for the Valley charging center (en-route charging capacity) and that they are going to reach out to Young and Sullivan to get congressional delegation support. JCOS will provide a letter of support for the FTA Grant application for the Valley Transit Center charging system.

VI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Gretchen will be traveling, so please look to Anjuli if her Zoom capabilities are compromised.

VII. NEXT MEETINGS

Monthly Work session/Subcommittee December 15, 2021 @ 12PM ZOOM
Monthly regular meeting January 5, 2022 @ 12PM ZOOM
Monthly Work session/Subcommittee January 19, 2022@ 12PM ZOOM

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned 1:17 pm.

Submitted by Lisa Daugherty, Secretary