

Minutes
Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, June 2, 2021
Zoom Conference
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

12:02 pm, by Chair Gretchen Keiser. Commissioners present: Gretchen Keiser, Lisa Daugherty, Steve Behnke, Anjuli Grantham, David Teal, Duff Mitchell, Danielle Meeker. CBJ liaison present: Beth McKibben. Assembly liaison present: none. General public present: Zach Gianotti, Denise Koch.

II. AGENDA CHANGES

Gretchen requested adding discussion on the Annual Report draft to the assembly as item V. b..

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. May 5, 2021- Regular meeting

Steve made a motion to approve the minutes.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) background info (Duff)

An IRP is used by most states. It's the only opportunity for public input and community values integration into utilities. As a state Alaska doesn't require it since most utilities are public or non-profit owned. An IRP in Juneau wouldn't be law but could be sent to the RCA. Gretchen asked if the city would hire a consultant. Duff said the first step would be a public meeting to have a discussion. The discussion phase would require cooperation from all parties, including AEPLP, and would shape what goes forward. AELP's RCA documents show they are not planning to expand capacity, but if CBJ's JRES and JCAIP are implemented Juneau will need more power. Steve asked who leads an IRP and what the difference is between AELP just presenting to the Assembly. Duff said the IRP would encourage them to address community concerns. The plan wouldn't necessarily have to be as detailed as IRPs elsewhere. Anjuli asked what the end product is. Duff said it would be a public-driven document that's an "IRP light": it would address supply and demand, have projections for 5, 10, 15 forward, and address reliability and prices for service. Steve asked how we can really know projected demand without having a clear plan on how JRES is going

to be implemented. He worried that an IRP won't be effective unless CBJ has specific projections and goals. Duff said the premise is that we are going to be 80% renewable so we need to work backward from there to make the IRP. Steve thought AELP won't be serious about supply until the public and CBJ are serious about demand.

b. Assembly Annual Report

Gretchen said she is drafting the Annual Report to the Assembly discussing JCOS's work over the past year. Beth will send the draft to commissioners. Gretchen requests feedback/edits via email and says that it should also be posted online for the public to see.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Recap - Sustainability Session - Solid Waste

There were 23 participants, including presenters at the Zoom meeting. Gretchen introduced, Lori Sowa from CBJ engineering presented, and Lisa fielded the Q&A. There were great questions. No sessions are currently scheduled.

b. Federal RAISE Grant Update

Docks and Harbors said yes to pursuing the grant. Eric Schall gave JCOS as schedule of the grant application. JCOS wants details from consultants on project and costs to integrate into the JCOS pieces. JCOS will collect letters of support, but is stalled by the lack of detail at this point.

Duff suggested that Gretchen forward her latest memo on the 28th to Docks and Harbors. There are still lots of holes in the application. Danielle asked about the dollar match CBJ would need to commit. Gretchen said it wouldn't be required until 2024 when finalizing the grant, if received. Duff suggested we might send a memo asking for more work on the draft, for a presentation form the consultants, and for a public review of the draft. He said \$220,000 was paid for a report and that it's more like a draft.

Motion: Duff made a motion to allow Gretchen to write a letter to the Committee of the Whole and for Steve to review it before submitting. The Public Works committee should be cc'd for situation awareness since they urged Docks and Harbors to apply for the grant. Anjuli seconded.

c. Assembly PWFC June 7thmeeting - Solid Waste

Lisa and Gretchen reported back on the latest Public Works Committee meeting. Katie Koester and Michelle Hale are opening up discussion on JCOS's recommendation. The Mayor asked if we should have a task force. Michelle is

swaying to no. They were interested in developing a Zero Waste plan so that federal funding could come into play for future projects. Michelle basically wants to start planning now so when the next CBJ budgeting cycle comes they know what their requests will be.

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

VIII. Next meetings

Monthly Work session/Subcommittee Wednesday May 19. 12PM ZOOM

Monthly regular meeting Wednesday June 16, 12 PM ZOOM

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Duff made a motion to adjourn at 1:14 pm; Steve seconded.

Submitted by Lisa Daugherty, Secretary