

Minutes
Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, May 5, 2021
Zoom Conference
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

12:01 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: Alicia Hughes-Skandijs. General public present: Patricia Spence.

II. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. March 3, 2021- Regular meeting

Steve made a motion to approve the minutes.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Ground Source Heat Pumps/Fire Stations (Katie Koester)

Katie shared that the life cycle analysis was better for heat pumps vs oil broilers. They want to go forward with ground-source heat pumps, which have redundancy and reduced maintenance. There are cost challenges however: They have funding to build for one fire station but want to have a portion of the design and work done for both fire stations at the same time to save on costs. Gretchen asked if CIP funding for the year has been decided and Katie said they are looking to fund the heat pump project by transferring funds from the centennial hall renovation in the amount of approximately \$500,000. Steve made a motion for JCOS to support the PW director's recommendation for ground source heat pumps for the fire stations and to request additional funding, which Anjuli seconded. Beth mentioned that energy savings should be tracked on new systems and to perhaps have it included in the scheduled maintenance of the pumps.

b. Federal RAISE Grant (Steven Benhke)

Gretchen and Steve presented a memo about opportunities for dock electrification through a new Biden program. Eric and Steve did a presentation to the Docks and Harbors Board, who voted to seek funding. JCOS offered assistance for putting together the grant application as relates to climate action. Up to \$25 million is available with no match required, but it was noted that any match is better than none to bolster a grant application. Anjuli asked about marine passenger head tax, but Eric said a future match does not count--it needs to be money in the bank. Gretchen suggested asking AELP for a portion of the match Duff said the info session about the grant said it required a 20% match unless a community was "impoverished." He also said the money doesn't need to be had by the project until the completion date, (possibly September 2027), so head tax money might be an option. Funding spending is 2024-2029, so there is time to plan. The Energy Committee will help Eric on portions of the application to connect the dots on JCAIP, JRES, and sustainability goals, at Eric's request. Anjui speculated if Norwegian Cruise Line's \$2 million dollar no-strings-attached donation to the city might be available. Duff made a motion for the Energy Committee to work with the Chair to support Docks and Harbors with the grant application, and Steve seconded.

c. Juneau Energy Data (Steve Behnke)

JCOS is asking for funding for a consultant on energy usage. The Energy Committee keeps running into dead ends in trying to obtain information, most recently through a Tier-2 community disclosure of fuel storage. The committee will complete the memo request for funding.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. There will be a Sustainability Session on May 27 at noon. The topic is h Solid Waste 101 and will be presented by Lori Sowa, CBJ Public Works engineer.
- b. Anjuli will Chair the May 19 work session.
- c. Beth said the email list to disperse event notices from Tim Felstead's days is lost. Please send her contacts so she can work on building a new list.

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

VIII. Next meetings

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

Monthly regular meeting Wednesday June 2, 12 PM ZOOM

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Duff made a motion to adjourn at 1:00 pm.

Submitted by Lisa Daugherty, Secretary