

Minutes
Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, November 4, 2020
Zoom Conference
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

12:00 pm, by Chair Gretchen Keiser. Commissioners present: Gretchen Keiser, Lisa Daugherty, Steve Behnke, Anjuli Grantham, David Teal, and Duff Mitchell. CBJ liaison present: Beth McKibben. Assembly liaison: Alicia Hughes-Skandijs. Planning Commission liaison: Eric Peterson. General public present: Joel Hanson, Clay Good, Newsman Knight from KINY

Gretchen noted that since Christine Woll is no longer on the commission the group will need a new secretary. Lisa volunteered for November. Anjuli for December, and David for January. Gretchen said there are 2-3 applications in for the vacant JCOS position

II. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No member of the general public spoke to JCOS.

IV. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. **JCOS Letter to Assembly Retreat** - Gretchen suggested adding language mentioning that documents on solid waste and energy would be coming in the coming weeks so the Assembly would expect it. Anjuli suggested moving the last #2 “road map” up in the letter and also adding sustainability indicators to that last section. Gretchen said that should be coming from the UAS study. Steve said it might be premature to mention, and that maybe instead sustainability should be incorporated into CIP criteria. Solid waste should be mentioned in #2 as well. David suggested having a solid waste indicators dashboard as well as energy-related stuff. Steve said the letter

should be more “big picture.” Duff said dashboards are a good way to move forward on everything.

Steve made a motion to approve the letter, and Duff seconded. Gretchen can make adjustments and send out ASAP.

- b. **JCOS Letter on CIP** - Steve incorporated what the group had discussed at the work session. It wasn't clear who the letter should be talking to. Is it Alex at CDD? No one was certain, but Beth said she can forward it as needed. Beth suggested that making sustainability goals part of the CIO would allow for good ideas to originate with each department. Steve proposed getting feedback from departments so we can understand what departments think about our ideas so we can better service and be more effective. David suggested a template of check boxes for feedback. Steve said he would work on it and Gretchen and David said they could review it. David asked if JCOS directs CBJ to act internally or if actions are for the greater community. Beth said the Assembly can tell CBJ to take action on JCAP, but cannot really tell the community to do so. Duff said both are important. Steve said CBJ is not tracking energy management, so it makes action and progress difficult. Gretchen said CBJ's internal actions should be a model for the private sector.
- c. **Juneau's Solid Waste Picture - Outline** - Lisa asked for comments on the draft outline, specifically on the Solutions, Falling Short, and Improvements sections. Gretchen suggested the whole group send initial comments to Beth to forward to the subcommittee by next Thursday and that the subcommittee should run with it from there. The outline should capture the picture of where Juneau is, and the near- and long-term. Duff said more economics should be incorporated. The group went down the Google Doc rabbit whole of what constitutes a serial meeting vs subcommittee preparation work. Group tossed around idea of a work session for SW on Nov 18 or Dec 16. Lisa is unsure of Nov availability.
- d. **JCOS letter to Assembly/Manger - Energy Pathway** (accidentally skipped and came back to this after Information Items) - Steve proposed that JCOS sets in motion a process to identify pathways for JRES implementations. He suggested sending a letter to Assembly as a next step, saying that Alicia thought it would be helpful. He said a consultant was needed to dial things in. He cited Renewable Juneau's Community Vision Plan as an example and said there was a recent Evening at Egan talk about it, which was recorded.

Steve as commissioners to look at the doc Beth sent our shortly before the meeting so we can think about getting it to the Assembly soon.

Anjuli made a motion to forward the pathway to the Assembly and Rorie. Duff seconded for Steve to work with Gretchen to fine tune and send it.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

Gretchen is participating on behalf of JCOS, not CBJ, in a Climate Cohort, which is an information-sharing group of municipalities across the state. She is also part of the Alaska Ocean Observing Network, which does ocean acidification research working with municipalities. She also shared that Christine Woll said it might be worth having someone from JCOS be part of the Blueprint Juneau group. Beth said they are working on drafts and we could review their docs.

Steve brought up that we missed discussion item d, so the group circled back to that, pronto.

[IV, d. Interlude, then back to INFORMATION ITEMS]

Duff brought up the idea of a Clean Community Certification and asked commissioners to look at the doc Beth forwarded recently.

Anjuli gave a report on the Artworks Grant program. She was a recipient for a Juneau Climate Solutionists piece based on Project Drawdown. She will make posters and articles to feature 10 people on the JCOS website. She is taking suggestions of solutionists.

Duff said he is giving a hydropower presentation to the Docks and Harbors board.

VI.COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned 1:00

Submitted,
Lisa Daugherty, Secretary for Meeting