

MINUTES - FINAL

Juneau Commission on Sustainability

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Large Meeting Room, Downtown Library 12pm-1pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Duff Mitchell (Chair), Steve Behnke, Lisa Daugherty, Anjuli Grantham, Jim Powell, Gretchen Keiser (Phone), Mike Levine (Planning Commission Liaison), Alicia Hughes-Skandijs (Assembly liaison), Tim Felstead (Staff liaison)

II. AGENDA CHANGES

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION NEEDED: Jim Powell to send through minutes

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mike Hekkers attended. Duff Mitchell noted that a suggestion from Mike Hekkers regarding water bottle refilling stations and reducing single use water bottles was being looked at by CLIA.

Mike Hekkers would like JCOS to take a formal position on impacts of cruise ship tour passengers. Duff Mitchell noted that JCOS is advisory and should maybe wait until invited to comment before doing so but refreshing the Assembly Tourism Task Force on previous, relevant recommendations to the Assembly would be worthwhile.

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Sustainability Awards (a 'certification' idea came up at the recycling discussion) – Jim

Jim Powell reviewed the Sustainability Award concept. There would be a committee that would review applications e.g. 3 JCOS, 1 Public, and 1 Assembly. Could present at Innovation Summit or on Earthday. Steve Behnke was supportive of concept but wondered if it should be limited to one award instead of a number of awards in multiple categories. Mike Levine liked the idea of multiple categories (individual, project, company, youth, education. Gretchen Keiser suggested that government be added under eligibility.

Anjuli Grantham felt the multiple awards could encourage partnerships between award recipients. Alicia Skandis-Hughes asked who the award would be presented by. Jim Powell responded it would be presented by the Assembly.

2. CIP recommendations - Tim

Tim Felstead asked the Commission to start thinking about CIP recommendations. He summarized the CIP process and past JCOS practice of providing comments.

ACTION NEEDED: Tim F to add CIP to worksession topics for end of month.

3. Summary of plastics/recycling worksession with Wade Bryson and Stuart Ashton (CBJ Recycleworks)

Tim Felstead and Lisa Daugherty summarized the worksession on recycling and plastics. Stuart Ashton from CBJ Recycleworks and Wade Bryson from Assembly attended. Landfill capacity/lifetime is a separate issue from plastics. Plastics only make up a small % by weight. Education on waste reduction in general would also provide benefits for the plastics issues and could influence more people. Jim Powell stated that Juneau should aim higher for waste diversion and reduction targets. Mike Levine stated the most effective solution would be to make recycling and composting mandatory. Current waste costs is not factoring in the significant increase in costs that would be necessary once current landfill is full. If these future costs were factored in then composting today would be much more competitive.

Education campaign would be a good first step. This is already identified in the Solid Waste Management Plan but CBJ Staff resource is limited.

4. Summary of tour of Princess Cruise ship – Duff

Duff Mitchell described the report he had written summarizing a field trip on a Princess Cruise ship. It was helpful to put dock electrification and other cruise ship sustainability issues/operations in to context.

Steve Behnke would like to put this on the JCOS website. The solid waste contribution would also be interesting to fully understand. How much do they leave in Juneau?

Duff Mitchell suggested that the dock electrification backgrounder JCOS produced for the Assembly last year be sent to the Tourism Task Force. Duff Mitchell stated that Victoria was looking at requiring all ships to connect to shore power as part of addressing tourism impacts.

Steve Behnke stated that we should be learning from how other communities are addressing the tourism and sustainability issues. Where synergies exist we should work or partner with them.

5. Heat\$mart progress – Steve

Steve Behnke announced that HeatSmart had made an offer to an advisor/consultant. They have money and will launch on December 7 and Renewable Juneau heat pump workshop.

ACTION NEEDED: Steve Behnke to send information on Renewable Juneau event to Tim Felstead and Christine Woll.

6. Assembly priorities JCOS recommendations?

Steve Behnke said he would draft a JCOS recommendation for review at the next regular meeting.

7. Availability of CBJ land for community gardens – CBJ process – John S/Lisa

Nothing to report on this.

8. Climate change impacts report and indicators – Jim

Jim Powell still working on this. In light of recent high precipitation event, and with them may be being more prevalent in future it may be worth JCOS recommending new CIP

ACTION NEEDED: Tim Felstead to check on where the \$5000 grant from CBJ is.

9. Sustainability sessions ideas to Christine

This was a reminder. All ideas/contacts to Christine please.

10. FTA grants (Valley Transit/Low No)

Duff Mitchell has spoken with Mike Vigue regarding sending out letters to those who supported successful Low No applications. There have been some issues with procurement and design of first bus. Duff would like more information on CBJ on this.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- Items for Assembly Action - Noting
- Committee Reports
 - Outreach – Nothing additional
 - JRES Implementation, Including CBJ Energy Management – Nothing additional
 - Indicators/ Climate change impacts report – nothing additional
 - Food security – nothing additional

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT