

Juneau Commission on Sustainability

Wednesday, August 7, 201 **Minutes**

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Downtown Library, Large Conference Room

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER: @ 12:03.** Commissioners present: Duff Mitchell (Chair), Gretchen Keiser, Christine Woll, Lisa Daugherty, and Steve Behnke.
Assembly liaison present: Michelle Hale.
CBJ liaison: Tim Felstead.
Guest: Mike Tibbels.
Members of the public: Mike Hekkers.

- I. **AGENDA CHANGES:** Michelle wants to add October Energy Efficiency Day to the agenda. Duff wants to add proclamation of participation in national electric driver's week, Tim wants to add needing new vice chairman.

- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** No minutes for approval

- II. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Mike Hekkers would like to push getting communities along cruise line routes together, with CLIA and others, to push not distributing plastic water bottles for day trips. This could be facilitated by water re-filling stations in specific places.

III. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. HRC meeting feedback

Duff presented the annual report at HRC meeting and he reported it went well. Wade Bryson asked what the big accomplishments in recent year and Duff talked about the EV initiative, the JRES, and Electric bus momentum. He emphasized how JCOS is an advisory role, not decision-making body. Jim Rehfeld resigned prior to the HRC meeting, which allowed for 4 openings. Duff, John, and Iura were all re-appointed and Lisa Daugherty was added. In the HRC meeting, Rob Edwardson brought up that technically you should advertise an appointment that opens up, but they agreed to waive it given that it had been an advertised opening for the three other positions. The HRC thanked Jim and thanked the commission and asked Duff to bring back those thanks. Jim wants to continue to participate at meetings and the cruise ship tour.

2. Tour of princess ship

Mike Tibbels with CLIA, which represents all the major cruise lines, is inviting JCOS for a tour on a cruise ship. JCOS will get to interact with the environmental officer and engineer, and see the recycling room, waste water treatment, and shore-side power system. JCOS will get to visit the bridge and lunch will be offered. The tour will go 10am – 1pm. Gretchen asked if there are scrubbers on this ship, Mike says yes. Mike will need security information for passengers.

Future action requested: Duff will reach out to other commissioners and collect security information.

3. Arrangements for JCOS Sustainability Session

There is a composting sustainability session on Thursday, August 8 and the Mendenhall Library. Christine wants to know who will be in attendance so she can get some help. Duff will also be there.

4. Food sub-committee

Duff explains what sub-committees we have and what they are for. He explains that have had food committees before, and that the issue of the livestock ordinance will get passed along to the food committee. Lisa has been talking to Sustainable Southeast Partnership, and Jennifer Nu, about a community garden for commercial space, as an example, and there are other ideas like that. Lisa asks if other people outside of JCOS be on a committee, to which Duff responded yes.

Motion made: Gretchen Keiser made a motion is made to establish a new subcommittee, focused on food security. Steve Behnke 2nd.

Action taken: There are no objections and the motion passes.

5. CIP funding

Steve reports that Mike Vigue put together a memo on what the CIP money associated with the Juneau Renewable Energy Strategy (JRES) would be used for, which included \$45K for EV planning, \$50K for Engineering staff response to JRES/sustainability issues, and \$5K to UAS for climate impacts update. Steve put together a presentation on Heat\$mart, that goes to the Committee of the Whole on August 26. Gretchen asks what the dollar amount is, and Steve responds just under \$150,000. Steve explains a bit more about what Heat\$mart is. Michelle explains that if the Committee of the Whole puts together an ordinance, it could get to the assembly by September 19, which would make the money available in October. Duff asks whether this timeline would be impacted by the upcoming elections, and Michelle responds no. Steve explains that one of Mike's intention's is to put out a Request for Proposals for EV planning for the city, and that his memo said he would consult with us. It is suggested that we should get together with him.

Michelle suggested approaching the assembly members early about this, with Steve in the lead there.

Duff asks if we can see the position description that Mike is putting together, which Steve explains is focused on EV-related things, and maybe waste, but not JRES as a whole. Michelle re-iterates that Mike and CDD both say that JRES does not "belong" in anyone's department and suggests that we ask Mike what kind of assistance he wants. Steve says that as energy chair he thinks we should work with us, and Duff mentions that Juneau Electric Vehicle Association (JEVA) is an even better partner.

6. CBJ building codes

Duff thinks we should know more about whether we have code restrictions for EV or heat pumps that are disincentives, in order to recommend actions to make it more neutral or

actually incentivize heat pumps. Steve suggests this is appropriate for energy committee and agrees that now that the heat pump initiatives have been launched, there are other issues that should be looked at, including related to commercial buildings, and changes to the Alaska energy codes. It is suggested that we ask Jim to still be an official member of the energy committee.

7. Website

Christine provides an update on website work session that happened on July 24 and mentioned that several of the suggested updates had been passed along to CDD and had potentially already been updated.

8. October Efficiency Day Proclamation

Michelle states that there is a draft proclamation to recognize October 5 as energy efficiency day. She points out that the community's efforts when the avalanche took out Snettisham's power made a big difference in lowering our electric use. There is already a template that would need to be filled out. It is suggested that we use this as an opportunity to do some PR and outreach, and/or a sustainability session to highlight energy efficiency topics. .

Motion made: Steve Behnke made a motion to draft proclamation and request that it be brought to the public works and facilities meeting on August 26. Gretchen Keiser 2nd.

Action taken: No objections to the motion. Motion passes.

Future action requested: The proclamation needs to be ready by August 22. Duff will work on the document. Steve and Christine will confer on an energy efficiency sustainability session. JCOS can work with Lisa Phu on getting the proclamation in the media, and we can ask AELP to remind us about the energy efficiency numbers from the avalanche period.

9. Participation in National Electric Vehicle Drivers Week

Duff states that JEVA will be putting out a proclamation in support of participation in National Electric Vehicle Drivers Week. In 2018, JCOS supported the proclamation, and Duff says we can use the 2018 language for 2019.

Motion made: Steve Behnke made a motion to support JEVA's proclamation in support of participating in National Electric Vehicle Drivers Week. Gretchen Keiser 2nd

Action taken: Motion approved.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Items for Assembly Action

Michelle mentions that the issues to be included as ballot measures, which includes the New JAHG, the new city call, and the proposed bed tax, will be introduced as ordinances Aug 19 and that public testimony will be taken at the Sept 19 assembly meeting. She also says that there might be special sessions coming up regarding impacts related to state budget cuts, especially social service cuts.

2. Committee Reports

- a. Outreach: Christine mentions that she heard back from Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, and they are interested in doing a

sustainability session about their climate adaptation work. Michelle is interested in being involved. It is also discussed again that an energy efficiency sustainability session makes sense, and that Christine and Steve can discuss this.

- b. JRES Implementation, Including CBJ Energy Management: Steve mentions that had contacted Carl Uchitel from Docks and Harbors to ask about their plans for the dock electrification study. Carl indicated that due to staff limitations they didn't have a timeframe yet for putting together an RFP.
- c. Indicators: Gretchen mentions that Jim Powell is teaching a climate governance class. Steve wants to work with Jim on getting emissions info updated.

3. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

No commissioner comments.

VIII.ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned 1:25.

**Submitted,
Christine Woll, Secretary for Meeting**