Minutes
Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, August 8th, 2018
Downtown Library large conference room
5.30 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Duff Mitchell, Ed King, Jim Powell, Gretchen Keiser, John Smith (phone)

II. AGENDA CHANGES – EV proclamation

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Regular meeting – July 11, 2018 - Approved

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Keith Comstock to discuss CBJ EV policies
Alec Mesdag - AELP

V. ACTION/DISSCUSSION ITEMS

A. EV Ordinance – Duff

Duff Mitchell reviewed meeting with JCOS members, CBJ staff, Devon Kibby, and Loren Jones.

Duff had drafted a suggested JCOS recommendation. JCOS suggestion will be:

- provide improved and consistent rules on parking.
- continue to examine payment methods. Pay per use is preferred method but a mechanism to allow that should not cost more than the revenue generated.
- permitting for new installations should be stream lined.

Ed King asked how fees are set now. Is this an ordinance or up to Manager to decide. It is very easy to change prices if the Manager decides. Does not like a permit idea. If there is a permit then the money should be ring fenced for use on future EV infrastructure.

Jim Powell moved that proposed JCOS comments provided by Duff Mitchell be sent to CBJ as the JCOS position. Gretchen Second. No objection motion passed.

Keith Comstock suggested that a broader permit for EV ownership either in the Borough or at the State licensing level will be needed to make up for lost fuel tax revenue.

B. Delivery of the Renewable Energy Strategy
i. Electrification of space heating –

Alec Mesdag was following up on the E-lab Accelerator workshop on the issue of electrification of residential space heating. This is a component of JRES. Alec had drafted a potential approach which involved ‘Education, Incentives, and Policy changes’. Alec thinks it is inevitable that to transition to more electric space heating through use of heat pumps it is inevitable that there would be short term inequities for different groups in getting to the long term goal.

Gretchen asked when the outline would be available. Alec did not have a firm date.

Jim Powell mentioned that UAF part fund energy manager positions within Anchorage and Fairbanks North Star Borough.

Steve Behnke had sent an outline prior to the meeting that suggested that JCOS be a facilitator in the wider community discussion on how to move forward with conversion of space heating to electricity.

Gretchen Keiser made motion to allow Steve Behnkie to move forward on behalf of JCOS in accordance with the outline supplied. Jim Powell second. No objection motion passed.

Keith Comstock thinks limiting the scope of activities to just electric baseboard to heat pumps misses an opportunity to deal with wider reductions in GHG. Community should not be afraid of increasing electricity demand.

ii. Gretchen – CBJ internal energy management

Gretchen described a one page summary of the proposal. It is an aggressive schedule. Jim Powell suggested changing the acronym and provide more of a problem statement.

iii. JEDC renewable energy conversation – Thursday, August 9

Group reminded that this was happening and to attend if interested.

C. New meeting nights –

Tim to send out Doodle poll for availability in evenings and during lunch.

D. EV proclamation

Duff mentioned that an EV proclamation has been drafted in support of National Drive Electric Week. Was a Juneau event scheduled for Sept 8th.

E. Web Page Update

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Green Team - NA
B. City Liaison Report
C. Items up for Assembly Action
D. Committee Reports
    i. Solid Waste
    ii. Energy
    iii. Outreach/Accountability – Next future talks.
    iv. Food security

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

There was an Egan Lecture at UAS on Climate Change on Friday Sept 7th and Rise for Climate rally on Sept 8th.

Duff noted that the on-bill financing bill had been signed by the Governor.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT