Minutes
Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, February 10th, 2016, 5:30pm
Large Conference Room, Downtown Library.

Attendees: Steve Behnke, Duff Mitchell, Kate Bevegni, Darrell Wetherall, Clint Gundelfinger, Amy Skilbred, Percy Frisby (Planning Commission Liason), Tim Felstead (Staff Liaison), Michelle Elfers (CBJ Engineering)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 17.10
Percy Frisby, new JCOS Planning Commission liaison was introduced to the group.

II. AGENDA CHANGES

Kate mentioned that we no longer needed to discuss changing the regular meeting dates from their current schedule as discussed at the retreat.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from December 9th 2015 were approved.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. CBJ Engineering Update

Michelle Elfers from CBJ was present to update the Commission on waste work and to get ideas from JCOS on a downtown circulator. Michelle also wanted to keep in to touch on the CIP process.

i. Downtown circulator

The Commission discussed the merits of a downtown circulator, who it was for (locals, tourists, legistlature) and ideas on how it could work.

ii. Solid waste update

Michelle gave a biosolids update and said that funding had been approved for the dryer of $16 million which would give dried pellets of 8% moisture which would then go to the landfill to be mixed with the cover organic material which the landfill site has difficulty sourcing and is required to use. The biosolids can also be burnt but CBJ is not buying the burn part of the equipment. Kruger is manufacturing the equipment and it will be sited at the Mendenhall Valley Waste Water Treatment Plant. Diesel fuel oil will be used or potentially natural gas in the future to power the plant.

The City is purchasing drop boxes for recycling and they will be in place this spring. They are finalizing the contract with Skookum Recycling for scrap cars, now it costs $150 per car but before it was free (City will pay up to a certain amount per car as you pay a fee when you buy a car towards this). Ferrous metal prices have changed meaning prices have changed to get rid of junk cars.

Harborview are composting their food waste and the Municipal Composting Group are still meeting. It would be a good idea for food security/composting groups in town to link together.

There have been problems at the landfill with odor and Waste Management as dug 8 new wells to pull the gas out and flare it. The question was asked whether there are permitting requirements on odor. Waste Management are talking with SECON about trying to get gas to their plant for use as power. The landfill plan is still to go further upwards with waste on the current site and then go outwards towards Vanderbilt Hill. They can still do this at present under current permits.

iii. Energy Plan

There is $5,000 left in budget which is set aside for the consultant Innes to come up to Juneau and present the Energy Plan to the Assembly. There is a JCOS work session on the 4th Weds of the month on the Energy Plan (NB / THIS WAS CANCELLED).

B. Annual Retreat – Actions

JCOS discussed and took nominations for officers and agreed to the positions as discussed at the annual retreat.

Steve Behnke – Chair
Duff Mitchell – Vice Chair
Kate Bevegni/Greg Smith - Secretary

Clint offered to write Annual Report this year as he has been secretary for the past year. ***The report may be expanded to include how the JCAP is being implemented. The draft report needs to be done by the April 2016 meeting for finalization in May 2016. Steve***

Committees were discussed and Tim stated we can add members of the public to Committees to work on taking projects forward. It was suggested that JCOS link with the existing food security group to work on this topic. It was suggested by Duff that we try having initiatives instead of Committees to work on the priorities agreed by the group at the annual retreat. The solid waste committee was discussed. Michelle said the City staff are trying to push partnership ideas with companies on solid waste. She will continue to come to JCOS meetings and act as liaison and ask for JCOS support as needed. Percy Frisby is interested in waste and keeping in contact with Michelle.

Duff asked if JCOS would want to lead on organizing Earth Day, the group decided they didn't have the resources to lead but would like to participate in it again this year. ***Steve said he may know some people/group who could lead it and would ask them.***

C. Web Page Update – some broken links updated

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Green Team – not discussed
B. City Liaison Report

Following up on an Annual Retreat action Tim said that the Auke Bay boat condo development had had conditional use permit granted. Zoning changes will be put forward by CDD in response to Auke Bay Plan for higher density developments and

lesson to be learnt from this before Lemon Creek plan. **JCOS will not write comment letter as already too late to change decision unless at appeal**.

C. Items up for Assembly Action – not discussed
D. Committee Reports
    i. Solid Waste - discussed above
    ii. Energy - discussed above
    iii. Outreach/Accountability

Greg and Steve have set up meeting with Kim Kiefer to meet with JCOS representative to discuss our effectiveness. Greg is sending round list for outreach talk ideas to discuss at our next meeting.

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – at approximately 19.28