

City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ)
Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS)
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2015
Downtown Library Large Conference Room

I. Meeting called to order at 5:43 P.M.

Present: Steve Behnke (Chair), Tim Felstead (CBJ Liaison), Ben Haight (Planning Commission), Amy Skilbred, Duff Mitchell, Darrell Wetherall, John Smith, Greg Smith, Clint Gundelfinger

Visitors: Sarah Bronstein (Sheinberg Associates), Craig Riley (AECOM), Jon Isaacs (AECOM), Elizabeth Appleby (AECOM)

II. Agenda Changes – none.

III. Minutes of the February 10, 2015 meeting approved.

IV. Public Participation - none.

V. Action Items

A. Airport Sustainability Master Plan - AECOM and Sheinberg Associates are gathering public input for the Juneau Airport Sustainability Master Plan. The team has worked with airport stakeholders to identify sustainability focus areas, and is now assembling a sustainability baseline of existing conditions. The Project team is seeking input to help generate ideas for potential sustainability initiatives and goals that the Juneau Airport could pursue within the chosen focus areas. Sarah Bronstein (Sheinberg Associates), Craig Riley (AECOM), Jon Isaacs (AECOM), Elizabeth Appleby (AECOM) delivered a presentation and participated in a discussion with the JCOS regarding the Airport Sustainability Master Plan. The presentation 1) defined the Sustainability Master Plan, 2) provided a briefing on the airport's operations and economic impacts and current sustainability infrastructure and practices, 3) outlined the planning process, and 4) divided the plan into four Sustainability Focus Areas: Economic, Operational, Environmental, and Social (EONS). The entire group discussed the different aspects of the presentation. Amy Skilbred inquired about State funding, helicopter contribution to the airport traffic/use, and noted that there was nothing that addressed land use in the EONS focus areas, specifically the airport and associated area footprint. Steve Behnke included effects to fish, wildlife, and habitat to the footprint impacts. AECOM stated that these issues would be evaluated through a sustainability filter. Ben Haight discussed the expanse of the geothermal system which was designed to support future building development. Duff Mitchell, Amy Skilbred, and Clint Gundelfinger discussed the economics of energy use increases from an economies of scale perspective. Mr. Mitchell and Ms. Skilbred also discussed the need to relate any results to localized energy scenarios and not generalized averages to reflect Juneau's unique energy source situation (mostly hydroelectric power augmented by liquid fuels) so as not to be misrepresentative. Steve Behnke and Tim Felstead inquired as to the time frame available to provide feedback. AECOM replied that since the end of the project was expected to be early to mid 2016 any feedback should be submitted within the next few months.

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B. Web Page Update - nothing new.

VI. Information Items

A. City Liaison Report - no result regarding the decision to allow the CBJ Assembly and CBJ Staff liaisons to sit on the commission as non-voting members.

B. Items up for Assembly Action - None discussed.

C. Committee Reports

i. Solid Waste /Bio-solids - nothing new.

ii. Energy - regarding the RFP, the City has selected Stantec and USKH and they will be discussing the scope of work during a meeting with the JCOS Energy Committee.

iii. Outreach/Accountability - Duff Mitchell reiterated (from a previous meeting) that there would be an Earth Day exposition on April 18, 2015, at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center area. Greg Smith inquired as to what additional/other groups were involved with the Earth Day exposition to which Mr. Mitchell replied that involvement would also include Juneau schools and Native Groups. Darrell Wetherall announced that Andy Hirsh is applying for a grant to get Netstar to host an exhibition on engineering, sustainability, etc. and is looking for letters to bolster the application; it was decided that Mr. Wetherall would draft a letter on behalf of the JCOS to this end.

iv. Green Team – continuing with CBJ staff discussions regarding the CAP and other aspects of sustainability. Gave a presentation/meeting to the Docks and Harbors Board.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 P.M.