

Juneau Commission on Sustainability
FINAL Minutes
July 9, 2014
Downtown Library Large Conference Room

I. Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm.

Present: Lisa Weissler (Chair), Steve Behnke, Bob Deering, Clint Gundelfinger, Jenni Leffing, Duff Mitchell, Darryl Wetherall, Beth McKibben (CBJ Staff Liaison). Newly appointed member Clint Gundelfinger introduced.

II. No agenda changes

III. No minutes available from May meeting.

IV. No public wishing to speak.

V. Action Items

A. Commission Actions.

Lisa introduced topic of how the JCOS can respond in more timely way to issues we care about — how to be more “nimble”. Discussed recent examples of Airport Sustainability Plan, Auke Bay planning effort, CIP. Given our monthly meeting schedule, and no staff, it’s difficult to keep up with issues. Mentioned 2008 standing committee procedures.

Bob D. : Our annual plan creates a structure for priorities for the Commission, but we want to be able to respond to things that come up that relate directly to sustainability.

Agreed that at the moment we can have liaisons to various planning efforts, who can share information but cannot speak for the JCOS unless the Commission as a whole weighs in.

B. Airport Sustainability Plan.

Bob D. presented background. URS, a national consulting firm has contract. Sheinberg Associates is a subcontractor. FAA is paying, and provides guidance. Will be a 2 year project, completed in spring 2016. Meeting planned for June 19 to begin narrowing down scope of work. Will include public involvement, forecasting trends out 20 years.

Bob suggests that we invite consultants to a work session, to do a presentation and get feedback.

B. Webpage Updates

Suggested additions: Powerpoint presentation on biosolids. 4th of July electric vehicles. New recycling business for building materials.

VI. Information Items

A. City Liaison.

Do we want to prepare questions for Kim Kiefer for future meeting?

Affordable Housing Commission is preparing a Housing Action Plan.

B. Items up for Assembly Action

Lisa W. presented JCOS annual report to the CBJ Assembly Committee of the Whole. Assembly members asked a few questions about electric vehicles, our comments on the new library, and whether we were participating in Eaglecrest planning efforts.

C. Committee Reports

i. Solid Waste

Committee members Duff M., Bob D, and Beth M. met with Samantha S.? (wastewater plant manager) and Kirk Duncan. Got an overview of plant operations. Juneau is shipping out a container per week of biosolids to Oregon, costing \$2.3 million per year. City has hired CH2M Hill to look at 3-4 options, including landfill, shipping, and incineration, and will be completing a draft report in the next couple of months. Kirk Duncan sees this as very important issue, both of costs and impacts, and would like to work with us.

Question for the group: will this review include question of GHG emissions as a factor?

ii. Energy

Electric vehicles increasing in Juneau. AEL&P has sold out of their introductory rate. 11 electric vehicles in the 4th of July parade entry.

Energy Plan. Discussion about various options for proceeding — city funding for plan? Grant possibilities?

JEDC continuing to facilitate discussions about Willoughby district energy plan.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.