Minutes
Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, March 12, 2014, 5:30pm
City Hall, Conference Room 224

I. CALL TO ORDER
Kate Troll, Lisa Weissler, Lauren Heine, Steve Behnke, Jenni Lefing, Bob Deering, Duff Mitchell, Darryl Wetherall, Kate Bevengi (by telephone)

II. Chrissy McNally – Staff Liaison
Lisa Weissler called the meeting to order at 5:35
Lauren Heine kept the minutes

II. AGENDA CHANGES

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. Minutes of February 12, 2014 were approved

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
A. Catherine Wilkins, CBJ Engineering – EV Charging Stations
B. Joe Lassiter

Catherine Wilkins provided an update on status of EV Charging Stations: Juneau Community Foundation applied for a grant. City of Juneau co-signed and will put in 25K; 25K in matching funds were provided by JCF; The grant is managed by JCF but is administered by Juneau Economic Foundation. The goal is to purchase charging stations for electric vehicles and to make Juneau one of the most EV dense places per capita. Identified priority locations. Eight of the top ten are City locations. Getting cost estimates now. It appears that funds are sufficient to install only one. Priority places include parking garages; new Valley library, Eaglecrest, and Savikko Park. Savikko Park is very exposed and so looked at Douglas Library too. Recommendation is to install one in Marine Parking garage and see if others can be added as funds permit. Two people can charge at each station. Question was raised that if Eaglecrest is planning to install an EV charging station. Duff shared that some city experience shows that cost can be $4000-5000 each but it can range a lot. There have been discussions with malls, businesses, Fred Meyer and more. Other places considered are Eagle Beach and NOAA. With respect to NOAA, there are laws controlling whether federal government can sell or give away power.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. CBJ Economic Development Plan (Lisa)

Lisa met with Kirsten Walker from the McDowell Group. They are being proactive with engaging organizations that may have an interest in the plan. Suggested that we have Kirsten or another member of the planning team come to a Sustainability Commission workgroup meeting. Can be helpful to have a free form session to get creative ideas. **Plan is to invite her/them to the April 9 meeting**. Lisa recommended that JCOS members review and consider the three questions provided by the McDowell Group.

- What economic development opportunities do you believe exist in Juneau? What measures can be taken to capitalize on those opportunities?

- What economic development barriers does Juneau face? What can be done to break down those barriers?
- How can we best measure economic progress in Juneau? As a community, what should our goals be for Juneau's economy in 10 years?

B. Airport Sustainability Plan (Bob)

The JNU airport has a request for proposal from City Procurement Office for a master/sustainability plan. Had a meeting today for contractors. Primarily they are looking at pending infrastructure work -- new development, re-development and operations. It is a unique airport with 3 different runways operating including float planes and helicopters. There is a sensitive environment around it and neighborhoods that are affected by sound. Sustainability is currently and active initiative for airports around the country. The goal is an initiative that is balanced (social, environmental and economic). Don't want to do anything that would trigger the need for an environmental impact statement (EIS). Will be repaving the airport this summer (landing on the taxi run). Delta Airlines wlll be flying into Juneau this summer too. There is a long waiting list for hangars (not owned by airport). Want to build a large shed for snow removal equipment. Wants to get away from heating oil. New part of airport is heated with heat pump. There was some discussion about tapping into the wastewater treatment plant for shared energy source. Airport is a separate enterprise fund like Eaglecrest and harbors. They plan to execute the contract by May and some of it needs to be approved by FAA. Sustainability goals are to be developed by July 2014. There will be lots of public scrutiny and interest. Not aware of any other meetings. Bob will be the liaison for the Airport Sustainability Plan. Must be adopted by the Assembly by 2016.

JCOS members recommended that the City be reminded to consider sustainability elements as per the City Comprehensive Plan and in future the Comprehensive Energy Plan in all rfps.

C. Earth Day (Jenni/Duff)

Mendenhall Glacier is hosting Earth Day this year on Saturday April 19 2014. Jenni said that she would rsvp for JCOS. The theme is 50 year celebration of the Wilderness Act. Duff suggested a handout on EV charging stations. Duff or Amy could potentially bring their electric vehicles for a static display. Discussed repurposing banner from 4th of July. Duff is interested in hosting a static display at Earth Day and representing JCOS. Jenni will rsvp accordingly.

D. Web Page Update

The City of Sitka is saving $1000/unit/year using Dyson hand dryers. Suggestion that should put an article about this onto the website. Duff will get information to Jenni who will put it on the Facebook page.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. City Liaison Report

Chrissy provided updates on city activities. See City Liaison Report in meeting package.

B. Items up for Assembly Action

Kate Troll thanked JCOS for the letter regarding installation of additional shore power for cruise ships. Request was not added but it raised good discussion. Issue is lack of

additional power by AEL&P. It was noted that there is precedent for reimbursement using marine passenger fees for activities in the future. Question about who is doing energy efficiency checkoffs for schools in Juneau. Easy thing to add. Transit Plan is recommended for adoption. Short term recommendations will increase costs because they include buses running both earlier and later. Selected a hearing officer for Bicknell rezone. Moving ahead on a cell tower ordinance that will address view sheds.

C. Committee Reports

i. Solid Waste (**work session Thursday March 13 noon, 4th floor conference room**)

Work session tomorrow. City solid waste manager will be there. A lot of things moving forward on recycling. Opportunity for Manager to tell us how to make him more effective. Steve requested opportunity to talk about long term ideal picture, in addition to discussion of incremental improvements.

ii. Energy

Rfp went out.

iii. Comprehensive Plan Update

No activity to report.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by Lisa, seconded by Steve.