

Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday February 12, 2014, 5:30pm
Downtown Library Conference Room

FINAL

Present: Bob Deering, Lisa Weissler, Lauren Heine, Darryl Wetherall, Crissy McNally, Ben Haight, Duff Mitchell, Steve Behnke, Amy Skilbred

Lauren Heine kept the minutes.

I. Steve Behnke called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm

II. AGENDA CHANGES: None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of January 8, 2014

B. Minutes of January 25, 2014

- a. Minutes were approved with a request to correct the spelling of Bob's last name to Deering

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joe Lassiter

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Elections

Voting for the following positions resulted in unanimous agreement:

Lisa Weissler, Chair

Steve Behnke, Vice Chair

Lauren Heine, Secretary

B. Work Plan for 2014

- Projects – Steve Behnke moved and Amy Skilbred seconded to adopt the slate of projects recommended at annual retreat and listed in the Minutes from the Annual Retreat on January 25 2013.
- Committees – Amy Skilbred moved and Duff Mitchell seconded the following committee assignments. All subcommittee meetings are open to all members but the following individuals agreed to serve on specific subcommittees.
 - i. Solid Waste Chaired by Bob Deering; includes Kate Bevengi, Amy Skilbred, Duff Mitchell and Darryl Wetherall
 - ii. Energy – Chaired by Duff Mitchell and includes Bob Deering and Steve Behnke
 - iii. Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee – Chaired by Lisa Weissler and includes Jenni Lefing, Lauren Heine and Duff Mitchell (light)

C. Annual Report –due June 2013

Steve Behnke volunteered to take the lead on the 2014 report and no motions were made.

D. Letter regarding 2014 Marine Passenger Fees

Marine Fee Passenger Proposal comments are due Feb 15. There are about 5 Million dollars available for different purposes. Construction on the docks begins in Fall 2015.

A status update was provided by Steve Behnke followed by discussion. Three options were presented with respect to commenting on the Marine Passenger Fee proposals: 1. Do nothing 2. Support the original proposal or 3 craft alternative proposals. Discussion focused on whether or not it makes sense to propose to propose a feasibility analysis. The cruise ship berth project is different from terminal stage project. Terminal stage allows for connections to ships. It is unclear if the current berth project would enhance or inhibit the ability to connect in the future. Design Option 16B is the option currently chosen for redoing the docks. Ben Haight described the current plan. The general idea is that there are marine passenger fees and the docks do not support electrification of the ships. It was learned that electrification occurs on the port side of the ship. In Juneau, boats dock stern to stern which means that one boat could not be electrified. In Los Angeles, electrification of cruise ships is mandatory. There is a design issue with the docks.

There was unanimous agreement that the boats should be electrified. The public does not know very much about electrification and that the current design does not support electrification. Amy proposed that we draft a letter stating that the ships should be electrified and that the current design would not allow for all ships docked to be electrified. Amy proposed that the Commission recommends that shore to ship energy is something that should be done and that it is supported by both the Climate Action Plan and the Comprehensive Plan. She also recommended that funds should be used to do a CBJ concept design and cost analysis, an AEL&P cost analysis. Marine expenditure is 18% of Juneau's greenhouse gases.

There was discussion that the drivers for this includes not only carbon reduction but also improvements in air quality. It was discussed that other options for providing power to cruise ships beyond electrification could also be explored.

Steve Behnke moved and Lauren Heine seconded that JCOS prepares a letter to express support for electrification and reducing emissions from cruise ships based on concerns that the current design does not include the option for electrification and that funding should be allocated for a CBJ concept design and cost analysis and an AEL&P cost analysis. After some discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Further discussion ensued and there was consensus that JCOS should submit a letter with a strong recommendation for electrification of cruise ships. The draft letter included in the meeting documents was revised during the remainder of the meeting. Steve Behnke moved and Bob Deering seconded approval of the finalized letter. The letter was approved unanimously with Duff Mitchell recusing himself. The final letter is to be submitted to Kim Kiefer by Chairperson Lisa Weissler.

E. Web Page Update - none

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. City Liaison Report - none

B. Items up for Assembly Action-none

C. Committee Reports -

i. Solid Waste - no reports

ii. Energy – work on letter

ii. Comprehensive Plan Update – no reports

D. Lisa Weissler reported that Kirsten Walker with McDowell Group is working on the CBJ Economic Development Plan and Lisa Weissler is going to meet with her at 2pm Thursday Feb 20 at Rookery. Lisa will invite her to speak at a future meeting of JCOS.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM