

Minutes

Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, January 2, 2019
Downtown Library, Large Conference Room
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

Present: Steve Behnke, Gretchen Keiser, Christine Woll, Duff Mitchell, John Smith, Lura Leahu, Jim Powell (on phone) Jim Rehfeldt (on phone), Beth McKibben, Michelle Hale

II. AGENDA CHANGES

The Commission added Blueprint Downtown to the Action / Discussion Items section of the agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Due to Staff Liaison on vacation, we will hold approval of minutes until the January 19th retreat.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update on Airport Request for Exemption in Meeting LEED Standards

There was nothing to report. The Commission is waiting for them to talk to the City Manager, and to come back to us.

JCOS MPF proposal-Energy Committee

Discussion ensued of the January 2, 2019, draft letter and Dock Electrification Fact Sheet developed by Energy Committee. Duff Mitchell said that he has a potential financial interest (though quite distant) in the issue and asked that he be recused from deliberations. Gretchen suggested adding the date. A Question came up of whether cruise lines pay sales tax on electricity purchases, to which the answer is yes. Jim Powell moved to approve the letter and fact sheet, as amended, and Gretchen seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, with Duff Mitchell abstaining from the vote.

Outreach Regarding Future Sustainability Sessions

Cruise ship emissions public presentations. Christine said that she and DEC are still discussing dates for a public session on cruise ship emissions monitoring— probably February. Duff has also been talking to Brian W. about use of dried waste solids.

JCOS website

Draft improvements to the site made by Christine and others last fall have not been implemented due to loss of capacity by CDD staff. Everyone agrees the existing website

is outdated, uninteresting, and not useful. Also, we really should be providing easy access to JCOS minutes, etc. online. The Sustainable Juneau Facebook page is being updated by Christine, Tim, and Beth, so information items can be shared with them for inclusion there.

Blueprint Juneau

Christine reported that she's on Steering Committee, will be participating in three walking tours in January, including one related to sustainability on Saturday, January 19, 2019. These are leading up to a final public visioning session on January 24, 2019, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Consultants are reviewing various existing plans. A number of issues related to the Juneau Renewable Energy Strategy and Climate Action Plan are being considered in the Blueprint process.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

Duff noted the upcoming JCOS planning retreat, the morning of Saturday, January 19, 2019. Members are encouraged to share their top three priorities for action in 2019, before the meeting, to get a head start in priority setting. Nominations for officers will also be made at the retreat.

Jim Powell reported that he has an upper division class on sustainability, with eight students. They will be doing class projects between now and May, and he'd welcome suggestions for projects, data collection, etc. They are equivalent to a term paper — 40 hours of work, etc.

Steve reported that the collaborative heat pump "accelerator" project is ongoing, that he and Gretchen are participating in the steering committee, and that a proposal for CBJ funding for a demonstration project is under development.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.
Minutes Submitted by Steve Behnke