

Minutes – FINAL
Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, February 5, 2020
Large Meeting Room, Downtown Library 12pm-1pm

PRESENT: Anjuli Grantham (Vice Chair), Lisa Daugherty, Duff Mitchell, Ed King, Steve Behnke, John Smith III, Alicia Skandis-Hughes (Assembly liaison), Tim Felstead (Staff liaison)

I. CALL TO ORDER - 1200

II. AGENDA CHANGES – Add Low No grant application

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. October minutes – check with Jim?
- b. January regular meeting – Approved subject to corrections to the spelling of Keiser (Steve Behnke, Lisa Daugherty 2nd. No objection)
- c. January retreat – Approved subject to corrections to the spelling of Keiser (Lisa Daugherty, Ed King 2nd, No objections)

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IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Vote to confirm new officers – see retreat minutes

No objections to new officers.

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- 2. Adopt JCOS 2020 Priorities – see retreat minutes (Tim/Duff)

The priorities noted in the Retreat Minutes were approved subject to adding more detail to waste work plan as more work is done by the sub-committee. Steve Behnke noted that the solid waste work should align with the stated Assembly priorities. (Duff, Steve 2nd. No objections)

- 3. Juneau's solid waste management (Lisa)

Lisa Daugherty presented on draft outline of what work JCOS might want to look at. Tim Felstead suggested that the Waste Sub-committee work with the appropriate CBJ Staff member to understand what their needs are and how JCOS can help. Education was generally seen as a component of implementation of the 2008 Solid Waste Strategy that could benefit from some JCOS input including awareness raising (e.g. Sustainability Sessions).

Steve Behnke noted that when Michelle Elfers was helping organize the program at detailed implementation plan was drafted but this seems to have stalled with changing CBJ personnel.

ACTION TAKEN: Schedule next worksession to look at solid waste.

ACTION NEEDED: The following were necessary to move ahead with work on solid waste

- i) All those on sub-committee familiarize themselves with the 2008 Solid Waste Strategy**
- ii) Tim Felstead to speak with Lori Sowa (CBJ Engineering) on how she could see JCOS assisting her new role – this could be research, education etc.**
- iii) Sub-committee to begin collecting examples from similar communities that are good examples.**

John Smith noted he was hoping to do some work with the School District but this would not be under the guise of JCOS.

4. Sustainability Awards (Duff can report on his/my 2/3/20 mtg with Assembly HRC).

Duff Mitchell reported on notes from Gretchen Keiser on presentation of Sustainability Award to Assembly Human Resources Committee. The HRC wanted JCOS to add more detail on the application process. It also asked JCOS to consider doing the recommendations 'in-house' rather than set up another committee. The Assembly would then just pick up the JCOS recommendations.

ACTION NEEDED: Outreach Committee including Jim Powell add more detail to the application process.

5. CBJ \$5K to UAS for Climate Impacts Analysis (Tim)

Tim Felstead reported that Jim Powell and UAS has submitted a satisfactory scope for this work and it had now been sent over by CBJ Engineering to CBJ Finance for processing.

6. Low No FTA Bus application

It was noted that the annual application for this Federal grant had opened. Applications need to be submitted to the State by early March. Duff Mitchell noted that the State applies a 10% fee for administering the grant. CBJ has to submit through the State since it is not a large enough entity to submit directly to the Federal Government (Anchorage is a large enough municipality).

ACTION TAKEN: JCOS should submit letter of support for the application line with last years. JCOS should assist in updating letters of support from other organizations.

ACTION NEEDED: Gretchen Keiser sign a revised letter from JCOS supporting the FTA grant application

Duff Mitchell work on updating the previous letters of support from other organizations.

7. Sustainability sessions ideas to Christine

The Commission was reminded to submit Session ideas to Christine.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- Items for Assembly Action

Tim Felstead informed JCOS that the Assembly was looking at regulating shared micromobility downtown. At this stage the intent is to prohibit rentals and operation of rented shared micromobility (bikes, e-bikes, e-scooters). This is being taken up by an Assembly Committee of the Whole.

- Committee Reports

- Outreach - None

- JRES Implementation, including CBJ Energy Management -

- Indicators/ Climate change impacts report – will offer assistance to City Manager on delivering Assembly priority on CBJ energy management.

- Waste - None

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Lisa Daugherty had been working with the local 4-H group on developing a vision for food security. This may come back to JCOS in the future.

Steve Behnke noted that there was an upcoming Southeast Alaska Garden Conference (March 20-22, 2020) @ Centennial Hall.

Lisa Daugherty stated that she will be attending some composting training by SWANA.

Duff Mitchell stated that he had learnt Congressman Don Young drives a Tesla.

Earth Day was coming up in April and JCOS may want to have some involvement. In the past JCOS has shared a stand with other organizations.

Duff Mitchell also noted that Alaska has a non-binding goal for all electricity (not all energy) to be 50% renewable by 2025. Ed King stated that the Susitna Dam project was crucial to delivering this. Steve Behnke noted that there was an organization that has an alternative approach using wind generation to pump water to higher elevations for use in a hydroelectric project.

VIII. Next meetings

Monthly Worksession
Monthly regular meeting

Wednesday Feb 25, 12PM, Downtown Library
Wednesday April 1, 12PM, Downtown Library

VIII.ADJOURNMENT