

Minutes

Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, March 4, 2020
Downtown Library, Large Conference Room
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER: @ 12:02 by Chair Gretchen Keiser.** Commissioners present: Duff Mitchell, Christine Woll, Anjuli Grantham, Lisa Daugherty, Jim Powell, and Steve Behnke. CBJ liaison: Tim Felstead. Assembly liaison: Alicia Hughes-Skandijs.

I. **AGENDA CHANGES: Approved without changes**

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- The meeting minutes for February 5, 2020, meeting were approved.

II. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** No member of general public spoke to JCOS.

III. **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. **JCOS comments to City Manager on use of MPFs in 2020.**

a. Notes

Steve and Gretchen highlight that the City Manager released his recommendations on use of Marine Passenger Fees in 2020. Duff reminds that we submitted comments regarding dock electrification, and that this is included. Tim says the CIP that includes some MPFs are headed to finance committee. Gretchen mentions the included Juneau Cruise Passenger Survey, and suggests adding questions about cruise ship passenger's willingness to participate in green initiatives.

Gretchen brings up process if something came up before a meeting deadline, such as submitting comments on the City Manager's proposal. Duff suggests what has been done before, in terms of a last minute public announcement and meetings – that CBJ staff can quickly notice the public if an item needs action.

Gretchen mentions that the City Manager's recommendation includes an item about a circulator to bring people to the valley.

b. Action requested

Gretchen to reach out to people putting the survey together to see if JCOS can provide input/questions regarding green initiatives.

2. **Sustainability awards - next steps to respond to Assembly HRC input Feb 3**

a. Notes

Christine talks about status of the sustainability awards and suggests a work session. Jim says he will work on a new draft. Gretchen suggests drafting an application form. Gretchen says that Alicia Hughes-Skandijs and Michelle Bonnet-Hale said they would be happy to look at a new draft or application.

b. Action requested

Jim to work on new draft; Christine and Gretchen to coordinate on work session.

3. Sustainability sessions ideas to Christine

a. Notes

Anjuli suggests doing a “Juneau trash and recycling 101” as part of education on solid waste. Solid waste group acknowledges that they still haven’t figure out what they need to know and what to focus on.

Lisa mentions that an ad-hoc group of community members interested in food security in Juneau are putting together a talk about local food production in the community on April 1.

Duff asks about giving updates on Alaska heat smart and heat pumps. It is suggested that we do a sustainability session on an “JRES update”, inclusive of a variety of topics. JCAIP is also mentioned as something that may need a public “update”.

b. Action requested

Lisa to forward on information to Christine for advertising the Juneau food production event.

Energy committee to work with Christine on a JRES update sustainability session in April.

4. Solid waste/waste reduction - next steps (Lisa)

a. Notes

Lisa acknowledges that the group still doesn’t know exactly where it is headed. Steve thinks that there is a need to better understand what was going on; that no one knows what is going on with recycling; and no one seems to be in charge. Tim spoke to Lori Sowa - she was not able to come today but has promised to get engaged.

It is suggested that the perhaps the way the committee should go is to figure out what questions we need to know. Questions such as: How is the community dealing with solid waste? What contracts do the city have regarding solid waste? Jim mentions that the private sector is involved as well. Steve suggests there is a specific piece of it that we as JCOS should want to know, such as what are the emissions implications of our current practices?

John mentions that Lisa will be visiting the schools regarding composting; he suggests that maybe Steve and Duff could come in as well. Gretchen suggests that John reach out to the whole committee and we can figure out who best to engage in that.

b. Action requested

Lisa to re-circulate her list of priorities to the commission.

Tim to re-send Stuart's Ashton's answers to questions that were asked.

5. \$5,000 Funding to UAS for Climate Impacts study (Tim)

a. Notes

This has been sent to CBJ Finance for check to be sent to UAS.

6. USFS planning for Men Glacier Rec Area. (Duff)

a. Notes

Duff mentions that the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area is going through an Environmental Assessment (EA) process related to Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area Master Plan. Duff reminds JCOS that JCOS submitted a letter regarding the master plan. Now there are scoping comments for the EA due sometime in March. Steve mentions that nothing that was in the letter from JCOS ended up in the version of the 2019 Glacier Plan that is on the website; that there has been no updated plan since they gave the plan out at a meeting and solicited comments. –. Steve suggests that we just stick to the same letter for providing comments, to re-iterate those recommendations.

b. Action taken

JCOS approved Steve Behnke drafting a cover letter of old letter previously sent by the Manager.

c. Action requested

Steve to draft letter.

7. Support letters for CBJ LoNo and FTA grant applications (Duff)

a. Notes

Denise Guzio is working on the application. JCOS would be happy to provide another Letter of Support.

Duff Mitchell had been exploring options to use the Alaska Energy Authority VW settlement fund to support the purchase of an electric school bus. The technology is not available yet.

8. Dock electrification

a. Notes

RFP from CBJ had been issued. Duff Mitchell had provided some input on the RFP but not as an official response from JCOS.

b. Action Taken

None

c. Action requested.

Gretchen will attend the pre-proposal meeting on March 31st.

9. JCOS priorities with Assembly PW&F. (Gretchen)

a. Notes

Gretchen summarized what she had discussed with PWFC on how JCOS has followed the Assemblies lead on priorities.

b. Action taken

None

c. Action requested

Tim Felstead to add JCOS priorities to website

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

- Items for Assembly Action

None discussed

- Committee Reports

No additional updates

V. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

VIII.ADJOURNMENT: After 1 P.M.

**Submitted,
Christine Woll, Secretary for Meeting
Tim Felstead, Staff liaison**