

Minutes – Special Meeting
Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Thursday, June 24, 2020
12pm-1pm
VIRTUAL MEETING ONLY

I. CALL TO ORDER - 12noon

Present: Gretchen Keiser (Chair), Anjuli Grantham, Steve Behnke, Duff Mitchell, Jim Powell, Tim Felstead (Staff Liaison), Lori Sowa (CBJ Engineering and Public Works)

II. AGENDA CHANGES

Duff Mitchell asked to add discussion of Food Security and CARES Act fundin.g

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

IV. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Letter of collaboration and support for USDA community compost and food waste reduction pilot projects grant
 - a. Notes

Tim Felstead summarized the contents of the draft letter of collaboration. Gretchen Keiser recommended some minor changes including moving discussion of Assembly priority regarding solid waste higher up in the letter.

Lori Sowa gave more details on the overall grant and what JCOS's role would be. JCOS will be asked to host one of more Sustainability Sessions regarding food waste diversion, composting, and use of compost for food growing. Additional grant money will go towards equipment purchase and subsidize collection fees with commercial food waste producers.

- b. Action taken.

Steve made a motion to approve the letter of collaboration for USDA grant as amended. No objection.

2. Discussion on use of CARES Act funding for Community
 - a. Notes

Duff Mitchel had been approached by Colin Peacock from Salt and Soil about community food security initiatives might obtain funding from the CARES Act distribution to CBJ.

It was recommended they speak with Jeff Rodgers (CBJ Finance Director) or one of the Committee Charis

Anjuli Grantham explained that the CARES Act funding is intended to address issues that are directly created by the COVID pandemic. They would have to frame any project or infrastructure ideas with that in mind.

Tim Felstead would contact the CBJ Staff member to find the correct way for Salt and Soil to connect with the Task Force.

b. Action taken

None

c. Action required

Tim Felstead to pass contact information for the Economic Stabilization Task Force to Colin Peacock.

VIII.ADJOURNMENT

12.38 pm

Submitted by Tim Felstead, Staff liaison