

Minutes
Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, August 5, 2020
Downtown Library, Large Conference Room
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER: @ 12:03 by Chair Gretchen Keiser.** Commissioners present: Duff Mitchell, Jim Powell., Christine Woll, John Smith, Anjuli Grantham, Lisa Daughtery, and Steve Behnke. Assembly liaison present: Alicia Hughes-Skandjis. CBJ liaison: Beth McKibben. Guest: Devon Kibby and Clay Goode.

I. **AGENDA CHANGES:** Agenda is approved without changes

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The meeting minutes for March 4, 2020, meeting were approved with the following amendments: Lauree's last name needed to be included, and the adjournment time should be changed to "After 1pm".
2. The meeting minutes for July 1, 2020, meeting were approved.

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

III. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. CBJ Engineering & Public Works

- a. Notes

Katie Koester, who is the new Director of CBJ Engineering & Public Works, gave a presentation, introducing herself and talking about energy efficiency improvements at CBJ. Mentioned the bond package that was recently approved by the Assembly to be on the municipal election ballot in October, which includes energy efficiency maintenance and improvements. Potential projects include: Auke Bay Fire Station boiler, Downtown and Glacier Fire Station boiler replacement and mechanical controls, Treadwell Ice Arena modern controls upgrade, Modern control systems at Public Works, Savikko park road and lighting, public works streets and fleet, and the eagle valley center.

She discussed potential criteria to evaluate projects. Those included: Will the project result in increased energy efficiency? What are the life cycle costs and return on investment? Does it employ local workforce? Does it prevent financial loss or costly damage? Does it correct a health and safety problem? Can it be phased? Can it leverage outside funding? Will it benefit the community?

Duff asks about the question to preventing significant financial loss or costly damage and pose a clear danger to human health and safety. He suggests that there may be a way to make this a more positive sounding question. Katie responds that this is the standard language for all CIP projects.

Duff and John make the point that let's rely on things other than oil and not just be replacing with another oil boiler.

Gretchen suggests adding criteria about work place conditions and air quality.

Anjuli mentions that it may be a long-term cost savings to invest in heat pumps because they can be used as air conditioners when it gets hot in the future.

Duff requests some time for the committee to get back to CBJ on criteria. Katie said that there will be time, because there is still the question of whether it will pass or not.

Katie says really wants to work with JCOS on source control (inflow and infiltration). Issues like making sure the sewer system is properly connected to storm water. Also issues such as keeping fats, oils, and grease out of the drain. Also issues like organics and composting to provide an alternative to dumping organics down the drain.

Gretchen suggests a sustainability session or education about the issues. Duff suggests that oil actually has a big impact on our budget because commercial users do things like dump oil down the drain and that maybe education is not enough. Anjuli asked about landscaping techniques to address stormwater issues and about what areas are hot spots. Duff says that data is out there in terms of which places don't meet water quality standards.

b. Action requested

Gretchen suggests that this get kicked to Energy committee for more discussion on criteria.

2. Energy Efficiency Day

a. Notes

Steve reports that people have been talking about doing things for October around Energy Efficiency Day or month. Clay is planning it already and going to set up. Christine suggest that the ballot measure might make it exciting for people to talk about. Christine suggests that JCOS can participate in terms of brainstorming and getting the word out, if not actually sponsor if that is an issue for scheduling or administrative purposes. Duff suggests we record it for the website.

b. Action taken

The commission approves a motion to authorize Steve to update last year's proclamation for Energy Efficiency day.

c. Action requested

As the Energy chair, Steve will take on coordinating with REAP regarding speakers and ideas for sessions in October, and Christine can help with outreach.

3. Sustainability Awards

a. Notes

Jim says we are ready to move the proposal as written. Gretchen and Christine suggest making it a 3-person committee of JCOS. The group suggests a few more changes (see motion below).

b. Action taken

The commission approves a motion to approve the sustainability awards description, with the following changes: change it to a 3-person committee of only JCOS members; add rehabilitation to the supporting ecosystems section; and do some wordsmithing around transferability.

c. Action requested

Jim and Gretchen to figure out how to get back with HRC and then work with the city on the announcement and recruitment process.

4. Juneau's Solid Waste Situation

a. Notes

Lisa reports that the subgroup still hasn't done a lot. She says she still has questions about how to have a meeting. Beth clarifies the rules.

5. Energy efficiency school work from Jesse Keil.

a. Notes

Beth says that Senator Kiehl's office reached out to see if JCOS is interested in commenting on the proposed changes to the energy efficiency code for schools.

Steve suggests having an engineer at CBJ look at it.

b. Action requested

Beth to send out to JCOS for people to respond on their own to Senator Kiehl's office.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned 1:28

**Submitted,
Christine Woll, Secretary for Meeting**