

DRAFT Minutes
Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, February 3, 2021
Zoom Conference
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

12:00 pm, by Chair Gretchen Keiser. Commissioners present: Gretchen Keiser, Lisa Daugherty, Steve Behnke, Anjuli Grantham, David Teal, Duff Mitchell, Jim Powell. CBJ liaison present: Beth McKibben. Assembly liaison present: Alicia Hughes-Skandijis. Planning Commission liaison present: Eric Peterson. General public present: Gabe Donohoe and Zach Gianotti.

II. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. January 6, 2021- Regular meeting

Attachment was incomplete. Deferred approval to the next meeting so the entire draft can be seen.

b. January 23, 2021 -Retreat

Minutes approved.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Vote to confirm new officers - see retreat minutes

Duff made a motion for Gretchen to be chair, Anjuli to be vice chair, and Lisa to be secretary. Steve seconded.

b. JCOS 2021 Priorities (Gretchen) - see attached draft

Everyone agreed that the draft looked good. One suggested change was to include the language "explore and secure financing." Duff made a motion to approve the draft with permission for Gretchen to make the fine tune adjustments. Steve seconded.

c. Solid Waste - progress update (Lisa)

Lisa said she would make a last round of edits then will resend a draft to the solid waste subcommittee next week. The latest version is 4 pages with many appendices, as opposed to the 13 pages of the prior draft. The goal is to have a draft submitted for approval at the March meeting.

d. EV Background for 2/17 Work session with E&PW Dept. (Steve)

Steve shared that they invited Katie Kuster and Lori Sowa from E&PW to a work session on Feb 17, and that the invitation was accepted. Steve will send out a background piece from two years ago that called on CBJ to be an active partner in making public EV charging stations. Juneau has a triangle of public, private, and NGO organizations working together to make charging infrastructure available in the community. He would like to see incentives for businesses and landlords to offer charging stations.

e. EVs in the US Update (Duff's Nov 2020 presentation)

Duff gave a sped-up version of a powerpoint presentation he recently gave to (??) a different group. The gist was that gas and diesel engines are on the outs and EVs are soon going to be the norm nation-wide. In 2013 Juneau had zero registered EVs and in 2020 there were 418. Overall, Alaska will be behind the curve considering 40% of registered vehicles are SUVs and trucks, and those types of vehicles aren't readily on the market/affordable yet. Juneau is still in the "early adopters" phase of Product Adoption Curve. Families could save an estimated \$1,000 year on transportation when running an EV vs a fossil fuel vehicle. If all registered vehicles were EVs, Juneau could see a 26% reduction in GHG emissions. The point: EVs could have large, beneficial economic and environmental impacts.

f. JCOS Meeting & Work Session Day/Time (Beth)

The poll Beth sent out was a tie but didn't have responses from everyone. The group is all over the map on when they could/couldn't attend. It was decided that the issue will be revisited after the two new members are appointed.

g. Outreach: "Sustainable Lunch" (Anjuli)

Anjuli pitched having the new version of Sustainability Sessions be Zoom sessions at noon. A 30-minute presentation would be given followed by a Q&A. Topics suggested included Air Quality, EVs, and Solid Waste.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- Beth didn't find out much about what JCOS or CBJ can do to leverage federal funding. She knows that CBJ has a lobbyist but there is no

dedicated staff who seek out and apply for grants. The group noted that it would be helpful to at least have an avenue to get CBJ to endorse/give letters of support for grant applications when nonprofits are seeking funding.

- Steve and Gretchen are working with Katie at E&PW and Assembly member Michelle Hale to look at the 2021 sustainability goals and identify 2-3 concrete tasks to pursue this year. Clean energy financing was one idea.[Lisa's phone died at 1:15 anything else to fill in?]

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned 1:27 pm.

Submitted by Lisa Daugherty, Secretary