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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2401

A Resolution Creating the Juneau Commission on Sustainability, and Repealing Resolution 2376 Relating to the Juneau Energy Advisory Committee.

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau is committed to a sustainable future that meets today's needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs, and accepts its responsibility to:

- Support a stable, diverse, and equitable economy;
- Protect the quality of the air, water, land, and other natural resources;
- Conserve native vegetation, fish, wildlife habitat, and ecosystems;
- Minimize human impacts on local and worldwide ecosystems; and
- Minimize energy useage and the release of greenhouse gases.

WHEREAS, the CBJ Comprehensive Plan, Policy 2.1, declares that "it is the policy of the CBJ to build a sustainable local and global community which persists over generations and is sufficiently far-seeing, flexible, and wise to maintain its economic, social, ecological, and governmental support systems;" and

WHEREAS, communities throughout the nation, both large and small, have promoted sustainability through focus on such issues as reducing dependence on fossil fuels; promoting fuel-efficient technologies; investing in the local economy for the long term; adopting and enforcing land-use policies that reduce sprawl, promote infill, preserve open space, and create compact, walkable urban communities; promoting transportation options such as bicycle trails, commute trip reduction programs, incentives for car pooling and public transit; making energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting municipal facilities with energy efficient lighting, and urging employees to conserve energy and save money; practicing and promoting sustainable building practices; increasing the fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles and reducing the number of vehicles; increasing recycling rates in municipal operations and in the community; and educating the public, business, and government about sustainability;

WHEREAS, the Assembly finds that it is in the public interest to create a panel to research and advise the CBJ on community sustainability, including but not limited to the items listed above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. Creation. There is created a Juneau Commission on Sustainability.

Section 2. Composition. The Commission shall comprise nine members appointed by the Assembly, including one member of the Assembly and one Planning Commissioner. Commission membership shall reflect environmental, social, economic and governmental perspectives, unified by the common interest of sustainability. The Commission shall draw its members from government, business, academia, not-for-profits, and neighborhood associations.

Section 3. Duration. The commission shall have a duration of three years from its appointment.

Section 4. Public policy and purpose. A sustainable community seeks to advance the economic, social, environmental, and governmental well-being of the community without compromising the quality of life of future generations. The mission of the CBJ Commission on Sustainability is to promote the economic, social, environmental, and governmental well-being of Juneau and all its inhabitants, now and in the future.

Section 5. Powers and Duties.

1. To coordinate, propose, and promote sustainability initiatives among residents, businesses, government, and non-governmental agencies and educational organizations through education and outreach programs.
2. To make recommendations to the Juneau Assembly and CBJ Boards and Commissions on policies and programs that promote sustainability.
3. To determine, in cooperation with other CBJ Boards, staff, and the public, Juneau's current sustainability status by developing and monitoring a set of sustainability indicators.
4. To provide a biannual "Sustainability Assessment" based on said indicators. The Assessment shall be included in a report provided to the Assembly and the public.

5. To research and apply for grants or other funds or gifts from public or private agencies for the purpose of carrying out any of the provisions or purposes of this resolution.
6. To review and build on the work of the Juneau Energy Advisory Committee and the CBJ Scientific Panel on Climate Change.

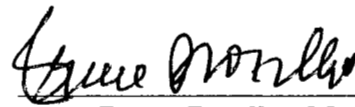
Section 6. Staff Liaison. The City Manager shall designate a staff liaison to the Commission.

Section 7. Procedure. The Commission shall operate pursuant to the CBJ Advisory Board Rules of Procedure, as such may be amended from time to time.

Section 8. Repeal. Resolution 2376 is repealed.

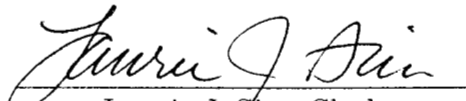
Section 9. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 14th day of May, 2007.



Bruce Botelho, Mayor

Attest:


Laurie J. Sica, Clerk