

Minutes
CBJ Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, January 23, 2008, 5:00 pm
Downtown Library, Large Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Gayle Wood at 5:04 PM

Present: Sandy Boyce, Bob Doll, Catherine Fritz, Sarah Lewis, Dan Miller, Sally Schlichting, Gayle Wood, Rick Wolk, Eva Varadi-Bornstein

Absent: Carol Anderson, Jonathan Kamler

Staff: Maria Gladziszewski

Public: Anthony DiStephano, Teri Camery

II. AGENDA CHANGES

- A. Ms. Schlichting requested an addition to Information Items: Discussion of plastic bag use in Juneau.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of January 9, 2008 meeting unanimously approved with no changes.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Mr. DiStephano presented information about projected Federal automobile emissions standards that might apply to municipal fleets. The standards can apparently be met through the use of alternative fuels. Mr. DiStephano believes that municipalities receiving Federal funding will be required to use alternative fuels for a portion of their fuel consumption. He recommends that the CBJ work with the City Attorney to clarify the Federal requirements, and begin using biofuels in CBJ fleets and other vehicles as soon as possible. He believes biofuels will be available in bulk beginning summer of 2008. He will bring more information to the next COS meeting and will e-mail a link to Ms. Gladziszewski for distribution to the COS members.

V. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Comprehensive Plan Sustainability Chapter
 - 1. Sustainability Chapter Subcommittee version was distributed to the COS, extensive comments and revisions were made. Ms. Fritz to note of all changes and will send them to the Sustainability Chapter Subcommittee. A revised version will be reviewed and adopted at the next regular COS meeting.
- B. Comprehensive Plan Energy Chapter
 - 1. The Energy Subcommittee met and made extensive revisions to the chapter.
 - 2. Ms. Gladziszewski expressed concern about the extensive changes because there is now very little time to review the revised version at either the COS or Planning

Commission levels. Focused revisions and additions were expected, and could be addressed, though.

3. All COS members were asked to review the proposed Energy Chapter revisions and be prepared to accept or reject the revised version at the next COS meeting.

C. JCOS position on sales tax exemption for fuel

Postponed to next meeting.

D. Election of officers

Postponed to next meeting.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Administrative housekeeping

Postponed to next meeting.

B. Items up for Assembly action (including CIP moratorium, transit center, transit plan)

Postponed to next meeting.

C. Moderator needed for KTOO program

Postponed to next meeting.

D. Committee reports

Postponed to next meeting.

E. Plastic Bag Use

Postponed to next meeting.

VII. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Mr. Doll announced that the Assembly is in the biennial process of reviewing and approving the CBJ budget. He recommended that if the COS wished to request funds, it do so as soon as possible.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Next regular meeting scheduled for February 6, 2008, 5:00 PM, at the Downtown Library, large conference room.

- B. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.