

# **Draft Minutes**

**Juneau Commission on Sustainability**

**Wednesday, May 21, 2008, 5:00 pm**

**Downtown Library, Large Conference Room**

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Chair Sarah Lewis at: 5:10 PM

Present: Sarah Lewis, Sandy Boyce, Eva Varadi Bornstein, Catherine Fritz, Dave Hanna, Jonathan Kamler, Gayle Wood

Absent: Bob Doll, Dan Miller, Sally Schlichting, Rick Wolk

Staff: Maria Gladziszewski

Public: Dick Farnell

## **II. AGENDA CHANGES**

None

## **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Minutes of March 5, 2008 meeting – approval postponed
- B. Minutes of March 19, 2008 meeting – approval postponed
- C. Minutes of April 2, 2008 meeting – approval postponed
- D. Minutes of April 23, 2008 meeting – approval postponed
- E. Minutes of May 7, 2008 meeting – approval postponed

## **IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A. Dick Farnell was interested in knowing what the Commission is doing to secure Juneau's energy future. He feels that the state should have been more involved in regulatory oversight of Juneau's electric utility.

## **V. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Commission Goals (continuation of April 12 Retreat topic)

1. Final selection of goals
  - a) Food independence
  - b) Energy (conservation, technology, reduction of fossil fuel use)
  - c) Develop business initiatives
  - d) Sustainability in CBJ CIPs

Each of the four topic areas continued to have support among the commission members. Following discussion, the Commission decided to develop a preliminary list of goals and objectives for each of the four topic areas for the next meeting. The following Commission members volunteered to each take one of the areas and formulate one or more goals that can be accomplished within one year. Drafts will be sent to Maria by June 2 for distribution in advance of the next meeting.

Sandy Boyce - Food independence

Jonathan Kamler – Energy

Dave Hanna – Develop business initiatives

Catherine Fritz - Sustainability in CBJ CIPs

The commission will decide final goals at next meeting based on this input.

2. Maintenance Plan – postponed to next meeting
  - a) How to include goal check-ins at regular meetings
  - b) Subcommittee activities

## **B. SDAT Project**

1. Project description – The SDAT (Sustainable Design Assessment Team) committee has been working with AIA SDAT staff to develop a project for submission to the SDAT program. The proposal for consideration is a facilitated two day workshop to identify key energy issues that are linked to "serious negative social and economic consequences" for the Juneau community. Community partners such as JEDC and a diverse group of citizens will be invited to participate. The output of this workshop will be used in developing a recommendation and/or policy instruments to address the issues identified. The two day workshop would be held in late summer (suggestion of September 12-13, 2008), and the follow up analysis would be done in January or February. Funding for the phase one workshop would come from the Southeast AIA Chapter Blueprint for America funds (\$8000) plus a local match of \$4000 from an undetermined source. Phase two would require funding from a \$15,000 SDAT grant and \$5000 from CBJ.

The following are steps needed to further this project:

1. SDAT committee will draft application for approval by the Commission by the second meeting in June. Only phase one will be covered by this application. Phase two will be added by addendum.
2. SDAT committee will identify partners and community groups that need to participate and start making contacts.
3. SDAT committee will identify data that needs to be gathered from the community to use for developing key energy issues.

2. Commission approval – The Commission requested that the date for the two day workshop be postponed to early October. SDAT committee agreed to this change. A motion was made to approve the SDAT proposal as drafted for a two step SDAT project with details to be incorporated by the SDAT team and brought back to the Commission for consideration at the June 18<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

#### C. Proposed Biomass Project

1. Project description – By 2020 the US Coast Guard must have 20% of its energy consumption supplied by "benign renewable energy." A recent visit by an energy consultant for the Coast Guard identified biomass as a potential alternative energy source for its facility in Juneau. The Coast Guard requested that the Commission identify potential customers for a biomass facility in order to develop a large enough customer base to make biomass economically viable for a commercial facility.

##### 2. Request for project leader – deigned

The Commission felt that the Coast Guard should be referred to Greg Brown, because it was beyond the scope of the commission to develop customers for a private enterprise. However, we will offer our endorsement of the idea.

### VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

#### A. Items up for Assembly action

1. Parking garage – Draft letter to city manager presented for review, with discussion deferred to next meeting. The letter addresses the concerns of the JCOS with respect to the parking garage and the transit center from a sustainability perspective.

#### B. Subcommittee reports

Energy/Carbon Footprint, Transportation, Waste/recycling, Built Environment – no reports presented  
Outreach – Eva

The Food Festival/Farmers Market has partnered with the Juneau Arts and Humanities Council. JAHC will provide administrative and bookkeeping support. In return, all funds generated the by event will go to support the JAHC. The Cooperative Extension service has also signed on as a planning partner.

The table application for the event is now posted at [www.sustainablejuneau.bolqspot.com](http://www.sustainablejuneau.bolqspot.com). Table fees are set at \$10 for an individual table, 10% of the day's sales for a commercial table, and the donation of a door prize or service for a non-profit table. Informational or demonstration tables are free.

The following steps are needed to further this project:

1. Identify and contact commercial businesses involved with food production in Juneau to participate
2. Identify and invite non-profit organizations to participate
3. Continue to raise awareness of the event

#### C. Local Sustainability Partners - Liaison Reports

None

#### D. Information Sharing

Maria attended ICLEE meeting and reported that Juneau is on track in making adequate progress toward its energy audit in comparison to other attendees.

### VII. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

A. Review of Energy Event at Mall – If another conference is held, JCOS should team with JEDC for organizing. Businesses were happy with the volume of people that came by tables. Speakers were not well attended. If another conference is held, speakers should be in a more accessible location.

### VII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Meeting adjourned at OOPS ?