

# Minutes

## CBJ Commission on Sustainability

Wednesday, March 5, 2008, 5:00 pm

Downtown Library, Large Conference Room

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Sarah Lewis at 5:05 PM

Present: Sandy Boyce, Sarah Lewis, Dan Miller, Sally Schlichting, Eva Varadi-Bornstein, Jonathan Kamler, Dan Miller, Catherine Fritz, Rick Wolk

Absent: Bob Doll

City Liaison: Maria Gladziszewski

Public: Greg Brown, Teri Camry

### II. AGENDA CHANGES

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of February 6, 2008 meeting. APPROVED

B. Minutes of February 20, 2008 meeting. APPROVED

### IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

A. Greg Brown is currently researching feasibility of a bio-mass facility that would convert wood and paper waste into heat and possibly electricity. The current study is for Prince of Wales Island where there is still sufficient wood waste from logging and milling operations. Currently there is approximately 18,000 long tons of wood chips that could be converted into briquettes. He stated that even in Juneau a Bio-Mass facility that used waste paper, cardboard and wood scraps could be viable. The bio mass facility basically converts the scrap wood or paper product into briquettes that can be used in a variety of ways. He stated that the payback could be in just 2-3 years. Rick Wolk said there is an exportation potential for this type of product. Mr. Brown provided examples of infrastructure financing possibilities through investors and said a facility for Juneau could be built for approximately \$3 million.

### V. ACTION ITEMS

#### A. ICLEI Project

Discussion advanced on the need to conduct a baseline carbon footprint using the process that ICLEI currently has in place. Since CBJ has already joined ICLEI this seems like it will be the most expeditious process. The JCOS agreed to forward ICLEI to the Energy subcommittee to determine what it will take to do a baseline emissions inventory and forecast. Also what will be involved in this baseline.

B. Letter of thanks to City Manager for helping create a CBJ committee focused on sustainable city operations.

It was agreed that separate emails to the city manager would be more appropriate, instead of a single letter endorsed by the JCOS.

C. KTOO program on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

This program was ultimately canceled and rescheduled for June 9.

D. Items referred for action from subcommittees.

1. My Turn (outreach subcommittee) By Sally. JCOS approved of content and recommended publishing.
2. Earth Day participation, April 19<sup>th</sup>. (outreach subcommittee) JCOS agreed attending would have community value.
3. Blogspot policy proposal (outreach subcommittee) Sally, Catherine and Sandy all believed the Blogspot should be posted initially without editing to see how the content and discussion progress.

#### VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. presentation by Rorie Watt on parking garage and transit center. POSTPONED

B. Items up for Assembly action

JCOS discussed CIP projects that did not include energy efficient design, heating and insulation systems. Catherine informed us that on the airport expansion a ground source heat pump will be used and R-52 ceiling insulation will be required. Good Job!

C. subcommittee reports

Earlier Eva stated she would like to see the JCOS start work on a list of sustainability indicators, as she believed it should be one of the key components for the JCOS to function. Dan agreed and suggested that the subcommittees work on a list at the subcommittee level and can bring to the JCOS items to include on a master list.

#### VII. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Next regular meeting scheduled for March 26th, 2008, 5:00 PM, at the Downtown Library,

large conference room.

B. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm