

Draft Minutes

Juneau Commission on Sustainability

Wednesday, June 4, 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: Sarah Lewis, Eva Varadi Bornstein, Bob Doll, Catherine Fritz, Dave Hanna, Jonathan Kamler, Sally Schlichting, Rick Wolk, Gayle Wood

Absent: Sandy Boyce, Dan Miller

City Liaison: Maria Gladziszewski

Public: Mike Orford, Maren Thomas

II. AGENDA CHANGES

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of past meetings.
 - a. Minutes of March 5, 2008 meeting – approved
 - b. Minutes of March 19, 2008 meeting – approved
 - c. Minutes of April 2, 2008 meeting – approved
 - d. Minutes of April 23, 2008 meeting – approved
 - e. Minutes of May 7, 2008 meeting – approved
 - f. Minutes of May 21, 2008 – approval postponed

- B. Commission decided to rotate the secretarial position quarterly by going alphabetically through the membership, with the exception of the Chair.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Non-agenda items

Michael Orford presented five sustainability issues of concern to him:

1. Expand municipal transit system and move to the use of hybrid buses
2. Relocate work places closer to residential areas, for example, mover state/city offices to the Valley
3. Get incinerator for landfill
4. Mandate pursuit/use of renewable energy
5. Open channels as wide as possible with state for funding

Maria referred Mr. Orford to Ben Lyman, City Planning Department, to communicate his concerns.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Commission Focus Areas

1. Presentation of potential goals within each area
 - a) Food independence (Sandy Boyce)
 - b) Energy (conservation, technology, reduction of fossil fuel use) (Jonathan Kamler)
 - c) Develop business initiatives (Dave Hanna)
 - d) Sustainability in CBJ CIPs (Catherine Fritz)

The commission reviewed the list of goals developed for each category. Bob recommended that the focus areas, or goals, to pursue for the coming year should be ones that have the most impact for the community in the near term in order for the commission to show some early success. He spoke in favor of the CBJ CIP sustainability as one area that can show results. Maria spoke in favor of energy issues because they have momentum due to our energy crisis and with the city's green house gas analysis now underway. By general consensus, the commission felt that only small progress could be achieved in the area of food independence. However, the Local Grown – Local Made Food Festival is a project already underway in this area that will continue to be supported. Finally, in the area of business initiatives, it would be very difficult to change the city tax structure.

2. Selection of Focus Area(s) or Goal(s) to pursue as a commission.

A motion was made that the Commission will focus its attention on two primary topic areas for next year: Energy/Green House Gas (conservation, technology and reduction of fossil fuel use) and sustainability in CBJ CIPs. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made to dissolve the existing subcommittees and establish three subcommittees in their place:

1. Energy/Carbon Footprint – Chaired by Sally Schlichting
Members: Sarah Lewis, Eva Varadi Bornstein, Jonathan Kamler, Sally Schlichting, Rick Wolk, Gayle Wood
2. CBJ CIP – Chaired by Bob Doll
Members: Bob Doll, Catharine Fritz, Dave Hanna
3. Outreach – Chaired by Eva Varadi Bornstein
Members: Eva Varadi Bornstein, Dave Hanna, Sally Schlichting

Motion approved unanimously. As a next step, the committees will meet to develop a meeting schedule, goals and action plan. In addition, Dave Hannah will represent the commission and present our selection of goals to the CBJ Public Works and Facilities Committee at their June 16 meeting. The newly formed CBJ CIP committee will develop the presentation.

B. Parking Garage/Transit Center memo

A motion was made to adopt Parking Garage/ Transit Center memo and submit as addressed with edits as presented by Catherine. Motion approved unanimously. Discussion followed as to whether the letter needs to be forwarded with a signature from the Chair of the Commission. The Chair recused herself because of a conflict of interest. The vice chair was absent. Signatory duty was assigned to the acting secretary.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Items up for Assembly action

CBJ is conducting an update of the Transit Development Plan. Maria will forward to the Commission the date and time of the presentation before the planning commission.

B. Subcommittee reports

Energy/Carbon Footprint, Transportation, Waste/recycling, Built Environment, Outreach - postponed

C. Local Sustainability Partners - Liaison Reports

City Operations, UAS, US Green Building Council - postponed

D. Information Sharing

Dave requested that the Commission consider a summer start time of 5:30 PM instead of the current 5 PM. Discussion postponed to next meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.