

## Minutes

Juneau Commission on Sustainability  
Wednesday, January 6, 2010  
Downtown Library, Large Conference Room

Sandy called the meeting to order at 5:22pm with the following in attendance: Sandy Boyce, Gayle Wood, Catherine Fritz, Sean Lynch, Sarah Lewis, Alida Bus, Eva Varadi Bornstein. Staff: Beth McKibben. Public present: Debbie Germaine and Katy Lumba attending public meeting for general information.

I. Minutes of December 02, 2009 were approved without objection.

II. No public present to discuss non-agenda items.

### III. INFORMATION ITEMS

City Liaison Report, Beth McKibben had nothing new to report. Catherine asked if the CBJ Green Operations committee had met recently. Beth explained that drafting the survey to CBJ employees is still underway; expects it to go out in early Spring. She also suggested that the new CBJ Solid Waste Manager is available to assist CBJ departments with improving recycling.

Sean reminded Beth that the JCOS would like to schedule the new Solid Waste Manager to meet with the JCOS.

### IV. OLD BUSINESS

Sandy reported that he drafted a letter supporting the idea of energy conservation and presented it to the Mayor. Discussion then followed about the CBJ policies and projects to conserve energy. Mayor is very supportive of JCOS work and need to improve sustainable practices.

### V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Energy/GHG subcommittee: Gayle reported that the upcoming meeting schedule for the committee is: Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 24. The committee discussed the Dec 22 memo from Rorie Watt to Merrill Sanford, PWFC Chair, and what position the JCOS should take (if any) regarding specific projects and the use of funds. Beth agreed to find out what funds are available for energy conservation projects and bring info to the next meeting. It was agreed that the Assembly should be applauded for prioritizing funding for conservation, and they should be encouraged to fund more.

2) Food Subcommittee has not met recently. Sandy reported that he met with the Mayor to discuss vertical farming. Sandy will follow up with additional info regarding this. Sarah has set schedule for this committee's meetings for the second Wednesday of each month at the downtown library at 5:15pm, except that the next meeting will be Feb 3. Sarah also noted that she has spoken with Darren Snyder about developing neighborhood food cooperatives which would include community gardens.

3) Outreach: Catherine and Eva will set up a meeting date to plan for Spring events (eg Earth Day and Gardening Events).

## VI. ACTION ITEMS

1) Alida Bus was unanimously elected new Vice-Chair. Sean Lynch took over as Chair (as agreed to last meeting), and took over leadership for remainder of meeting. Catherine Fritz agreed to continue to serve as Secretary.

2) Discussion on JCOS sunset (sunset is scheduled for July 2010): Alida agreed to review last year's report and draft additional information into the sunset report. She will distribute to all to begin review. Gayle suggested that an item be added as to why the JCOS should continue – what we want to accomplish, etc. It was proposed that we dedicate a JCOS meeting to spend 2-3 hrs. discussing goals, priorities, organizing committees, etc.

It was agreed to move the February meeting to Feb 10 at 5:15 in the downtown library to review the ordinance that formed the JCOS and set goals. Committees were asked to set goals ahead of the Feb 10 meeting. Beth will find out what happens with sunset, if a new ordinance is drafted, existing one amended, resolution, etc. It was also asked if it is possible to renew the ordinance prior to the sunset date in a simple way. Beth distributed the establishing ordinance and Sean asked that everyone review it to suggest potential changes. Sean will collect ideas for the agenda.

It was agreed to forgo an annual report in July, and instead use the Sunset Report.

VII. FUTURE MEETINGS: It was agreed to invite CBJ Solid Waste staff and Jim Powell's grad class to the March meeting.

An informal question and answer period about the JCOS followed with the public persons present.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:35pm

Minutes drafted by Catherine Fritz