

DRAFT MINUTES

Juneau Commission on Sustainability
March 2, 2011
Downtown Library Large Conference Room

Present: Steve Behnke, Alida Bus, Sarah Lewis, Nicole Grewe, Sean Lynch, Eva Bornstein, Karen Crane, Nancy Waterman, Gayle Wood, Scott Jackson kept the minutes. Others present: Beth McKibben, Dan Miller, Bill Leighty, Darren Snyder.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Alida Bus, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:27 p.m.

2. AGENDA CHANGES

Steve Behnke added a recommendation to draft a letter to *City Council* that the AJ Mine energy use is JCOS topic of concern and power source should be renewable hydropower.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved without changes or objections

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dan Miller with Bicknell Inc. presented to JCOS on the Energy Rebate program. Per his presentation, the cumulative savings for his clients in 2008-2010 was \$186,054.73 and the 2010 savings alone was \$112,481.76. Mr. Miller states the program will be ending and requests JCOS write a letter encouraging City Council be in support of continued funding. Alida offered to write proposal to City.

Darren Snyder presented to JCOS his concern that Juneau and the State of Alaska are in a state of food insecurity. He is developing scenarios and risk analysis to highlight the situation and would like JCOS to acknowledge Juneau is not food secure. If shipping and air cargo are disrupted Juneau could go hungry. Sarah asked Darren how the issue should be addressed. The AEL&P model of food security was mentioned. Sarah offered to draft a recommendation on how to address food security.

Bill Leighty presented to JCOS his endorsement of Steve Behnke's recommendation that AJ Mine be required to use hydropower as energy source. He added that excess hydropower could be stored by converting it to anhydrous ammonia and storing it.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. City Liaison Report

- a. Beth offered to email the Sustainability Indicator Subcommittee meeting format to CBJ Clerk. Nathan has resigned his JCOS position.

B. Items up for Assembly Action

- a. AJ Mine – GHG subcommittee will look at energy needs, the source needs to be renewable. Sarah moves that GHG subcommittee draft a report.

C. Committee Reports

- a. GHG/Climate Action Plan - Zoe Morrison working with Amy Skilbred stated the Juneau CAP web site is up and complete with plan information and survey questionnaire. She proposes smaller focus groups are formed to further develop the plan.
- b. Outreach Liaison - Alida stated one option for the Earth Day fair might include a table at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center. A table has been setup in the past and people could learn plant seeds in cartons to take home.
- c. Food Liaison - Sarah stated a slow food workshop will be held Thursday 6-8:30 pm

6. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Work on Sustainability Indicators - Sean Lynch reported that two education indicators, readiness for first grade and readiness for college, meet all five points in determining a sustainability indicator. He is looking into adult volunteerism, availability of adult education, and library/internet access as indicators.

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:07pm