

DRAFT MINUTES

Juneau Commission on Sustainability

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Downtown Library Large Conference Room

Present: Steve Behnke, Karen Crane, Jenni Lefing, Sarah Lewis, Beth McKibben, Kate Troll, Nancy Waterman, Lisa Weissler. Guests, Amy Skilbred, Zoe Morrison, (Bart Watson?). Steve kept the minutes.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Sarah Lewis, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm.

2. AGENDA CHANGES

Added thanks to departing members.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of June, 2011 were approved as amended.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Greetings and introductions new members. New Members Jenni Lefing and Kate Troll were welcomed.

Thanks and goodbyes. Sarah Lewis announced she is resigning. This was also Gayle Wood's last meeting. Thanks to Gayle and Sarah for their years of service on the JCOS.

B. Climate Action Plan Update. Amy and Zoe discussed changes made to simplify and tighten Chapter 2 -- Juneau Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory, and reviewed the June 30 draft of Chapter 3, Reduction Targets. Amy is looking for comments, which can be e-mailed to her. In August the Assembly of the Whole is scheduled to hear a preview of the report. The project will be completed in January, 2012.

C. Work on Sustainability Indicators. We reviewed background on the indicators project. There has been considerable turn-over in membership since this project was started in January. Some progress has been made in 3 areas. Nancy has made considerable progress in identifying indicators related to Safety. Gayle has developed a list of Energy indicators. Education was handled by Sean, who has left Commission. Sarah committed to drafting some ideas relating to Community. There were a number of questions and discussion about the timeframe and value of the project. It has been difficult to accomplish committee work -- progress so far has depended largely on the work of a committed individual. The 3rd Wednesday of each month has been noticed for ongoing work, and the large conference room in library has been reserved. We agreed that we need to give the project focused attention at the July 20 meeting.

D. Willoughby District Plan -- JCOS comments on draft plan were adopted as amended.

E. Strategy for Sustainable Development. Lisa Weissler presented an outline of a proposal for a sustainable community planning initiative. We discussed how this might mesh with work being done by other groups, such as JEDC, and also how it fits with the Commissions duties as outlined in the Comp. Plan. This discussion led back to more talk about indicators. Sarah gave some historical perspective on shifts in the Commissions priorities over the five years it has existed. She noted that the group skipped over the issue of indicators initially because of difficulty in seeing how they would

be used, and focused on some concrete projects to get the organization moving. We discussed reviewing the policies outlined in the Comp Plan for guidance.

F. Liason to CBJ Green Team. Steve will replace Gayle as JCOS liason. Nancy will serve as backup.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. City Liason Report. The City is developing a broad RFP for waste and composting.

B. Items for Assembly Action. Karen noted the Auke Bay school renovation and heating system issue and the Waste RFP. Mention was also made of a 'walkability' grant. The next CIP cycle starts in October/November.

C. Committee Reports

i. GHG/Climate Action Plan. The GHG committee will continue to provide liason with the CAP in coming months. With Gayle's departure, Steve will serve as Chair of the GHG committee. Lisa volunteered to serve on the committee. Another member is needed. Karen would like to continue to be notified of committee meetings.

ii. Outreach. No report.

iii. Food Liason. With Sarah leaving we need to think about this committee's role. Sarah suggests that Darryl Snyder will keep us informed of any critical issues. He has made some progress in getting a food subcommittee on the local Emergency Planning group.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7:00 PM