

Minutes
CBJ Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, November 1, 2007, 5:00 pm
CDD Conference Room (4th floor Marine View)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Gayle Wood at 5:08 PM

Present: Linda Kruger, Dan Miller, Carol Anderson, Jonathan Kamler, Catherine Fritz, Sally Schlichting, Gayle Wood, Sarah Lewis

Absent: Sandy Boyce, Bob Doll, Rick Wolk

Staff: Maria Gladziszewski

Public: Ben Lyman (CDD), Bill Leighty, Bob Bellaugh, Anthony DiStephano, Aaron Brakel

II. AGENDA CHANGES

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of October 25, 2007, meeting distributed by Ms. Lewis. COS members to review and revisit at November 15 meeting.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Anthony DiStephano: with Independent Biofuels, an alternative fuels consultation firm. Interest in biofuels, alternative energy sources, and ecotourism. Is planning to start a biodiesel cooperative in Juneau.
- B. Aaron Brakel: Concerned with the effects of cruise ship emissions on Juneau's air quality, especially the larger vessels. Also feels that an energy audit for Juneau should include cruise ship energy use. Encourages the COS to pursue requiring conservation/clean air measures for these vessels and the associated tour busses.
- C. Bob Bellagh: In interest in Peak Oil and preparing for the possible/eventual need for Juneau to exist without outside resources, such as food. Wants this issue to be introduced to the larger Juneau community.
- D. Ben Lyman: Emphasized the need for the COS to get involved with local decisions and projects. Offered an upcoming opportunity to do so (See section VI Information Items, below).

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Chapter 2, Comp Plan Review

1. Introductory Section: Several changes recommended by COS. Mr. Lyman will revise this section and send to COS for review.
 - a) COS requested definitions of “governmental system” and “balanced economy.” Concern that these could be construed in different ways by different groups.
2. Indicators:
 - a) Ms. Anderson feels it is premature to create actual indicators without first working with CBJ and the public.
 - b) COS agreed that the first step is to create indicator categories. two options offered by COS members:
 - i) Maslow’s Pyramid of Need
 - ii) Social, Environmental, Economic
 - c) COS agreed that the second step will be to compile the actual indicators. Indicators to be drawn from following sources:
 - i) Current draft of Chapter 2
 - ii) “Potential Sustainability Goals” drafted by CDD staff
 - iii) Examples from other cities
 - iv) COS members
 - v) Public input
 - d) Critical criteria for indicator selection will be validity and measurability.
3. No action taken at this time, revisions to chapter will be reviewed at future meetings. Indicators to be compiled and selected at future meetings.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Sharing reviews of interesting readings or websites

1. Examples of indicators offered to the group by Ms. Schlichting and Ms. Lewis.
2. Planning Commission meeting, November 13, 7PM, Assembly Chambers.
 - a) Comp Plan Chapter 6 (Energy) will be presented and reviewed. AEL&P will make a presentation.
 - b) A new Chapter 6 will be drafted within the week. If COS members wish to make comments on the chapter, please send to Mr. Lyman prior

B. SDAT Committee Report

1. Ms. Fritz will post minutes from the recent meeting, through Ms. Gladziszewski. The committee plans to meet again in December and bring possible SDAT topics to the full COS for review.

C. Updates: Progress on Energy Audit

1. Bill Leighty has been contacting local energy interests, with introductory letter from Ms. Wood. When information is gathered, he promotes the idea of “scenario play” to determine effects on Juneau.

D. Discussion of retreat agenda

1. Retreat still planned for November 17, 10 AM to 4 PM in the Assembly Chambers. See minutes from October 25 meeting for discussion.

VII. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

A. Comp Plan Accountability:

1. Concern that several sections of the previous Comp Plan had no process for accountability; to ensure the plan was followed. Land use issues are overseen by the CDD, but purchases, such as busses and other capital purchases, have no Comp Plan focused oversight.
2. It was discussed that the COS could become this oversight/leadership entity.

B. Review of Chapter 6, Energy

1. Mr. Miller recommended that all COS members review this chapter, either to make recommendations to the Planning Commission (See Section VI.A.2, above) or to understand better how it relates to the Sustainability chapter, and COS work.

C. Location and day of COS Meetings

1. The CDD Conference Room will soon be too small for the COS members and the interested public. To allow more space and to possibly offer better recording capability (for minutes), it is recommended that we look at alternative meeting locations and days.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Next regular meeting scheduled for November 15, 2007, 5:00 PM, in the CDD Conference Room.
- B. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.