

CBJ Commission on Sustainability, Energy/GHG Committee Meeting
July 14, 2008 5:15 AEL&P Conference Room

In Attendance: Sally Schlichting, Sarah Lewis, Gayle Wood, Bob Coghill. Absent: Rick Wolk and Jonathan Kamler

Other attendees: Catherine Fritz and Bob Doll, SDAT Committee, JCOS; Alida Bus, CBJ Intern conducting the community-wide GHG Inventory; AnneMarie Ellison, Joe Parrish, SAGA

Meeting Minutes

Meeting convened at 5:20 pm

1. Presentation of the Energy Efficient Lifestyle Solutions (EELS) program by AnneMarie Ellison, SAGA.

Anne Marie Ellison presented the EELs program, and put in a plug for additional volunteers, as well as partners in funding the program. The program is expected to see an increase in demand from members in need in the community as fall approaches. Joe Parrish expressed that they have an interest in possibly developing alternative energy teams that would help to develop alternative energy resources at small scales for homes. Sally stated that the committee would consider ways for the Commission's goals can bridge with SAGA's efforts. In the meantime, the Commission will help to promote the EELs program by providing a link and post on the sustainablejuneau blog.

2. SDAT project update by Catherine Fritz and Bob Doll

Fritz provided an overview of the SDAT grant proposal, including initial estimates of CBJ staff time required for the project. Discussion on this item followed.

Doll provided a summary of the initial feedback he has received from the Mayor and City Manager's Office. Both are concerned with the volume of staff time that may be required as part of the SDAT process. Manager's office inquired about feedback from other SDAT communities on the process and its effectiveness.

Doll suggested that the SDAT committee provide feedback to the Lessons Learned Commission and tie the SDAT proposal to recommendations from that Commission. Issues of timing were discussed in relation to the outcomes of the Commission and whether the SDAT proposal should wait until the outcomes are available.

Doll also suggested that eventually making a formal proposal to the Committee of the Whole could be worthwhile.

Wood recommended that the SDAT could be more saleable if it is tied to a borough-wide energy strategy, for example by focusing on the energy chapter recommendations of the Comp Plan.

Both Doll and Wood emphasized that the Chamber of Commerce must be on board.

3. Proposal to fold SDAT committee into Energy/GHG

Schlichting proposed that the SDAT committee be folded into the Energy/GHG committee, since SDAT has been added to the list of tasks under the Commission's Energy/GHG-related goal. The proposal was agreed to by the committee as long as the SDAT project remains focused on energy related issues and doesn't shift to some other aspect of sustainability.

4. Review and assign SDAT tasks

The committee decided to postpone transmitting estimated CBJ staff resource needs until interaction with other parties, including the Lessons Learned Commission, has occurred.

Schlichting will present the proposed SDAT project concept to the Lessons Learned Commission at their next meeting, July 16, 5pm.

Wood will pursue possibility of in-kind contribution by AELP to the SDAT Project.

Fritz and Schlichting will continue to proceed with meeting with potential Steering Committee members, including AIA (Fritz), UAS (Schlichting) and JEDC (Schlichting).

NOTE: SDAT grant application deadline is mid-November.

5. Agenda Items for Next Meeting (August 11)

1. Greenhouse Gas Inventory Update- Alida Bus
2. SDAT Project Update- including lessons learned feedback
3. Policies, measures, incentives to make energy efficiency improvements; a survey of what other communities have done in this area

An alternative venue will be needed for the September meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.