

# Minutes

Juneau Commission on Sustainability

Wednesday, June 3, 2009 Mendenhall Library, Conference Room

- I. CALL TO ORDER at 5:25pm by Temp Chair, Gayle Wood. In attendance: Rick Wolk, Alida Bus, Eva Bornstein, Bob Doll, Catherine Fritz, Bob Bellagh, Beth McKibben (staff), Bill Leighty (public)
- II. Agenda was reviewed; no changes made.
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Minutes of May 15, 2009 (drafted by Catherine Fritz) approved as drafted.

## IV. ACTION ITEM

A. Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets. Bob Doll provided an overview of the Greenhouse Gas targets issue and provided the proposed content (intended as back-up material) for a resolution for CBJ Assembly adoption (document dated 5/28/09). The document was reviewed with comments on several items; it was suggested that removing transportation from the report might be re-worded to state that transportation related GHG will be addressed at a later time. The draft document will be reviewed in further detail at the Energy Committee meeting on June 24, 2009. The revised document will then come back to the JCOS for final review and adoption at the next JCOS meeting.

Bob recommended that an award system with incentives (possibly monetary) be developed along with the GHG targets to encourage participation. Bob also suggested that energy analysis be part of the planning and funding requests for all CBJ capital projects. Bob met with the City Manager and Mayor to discuss this draft resolution and related issues, including the need for funding the development of a Climate Action Plan and the six strategies for the Federal Stimulus funding block grant. City Manager, Kim Kiefer, will be drafting the six strategies and it is undetermined how the Climate Action Plan will be staffed, but capital project funding is likely to be available for this.

This plan will require ongoing public information, publicity, and dialog to get public buy-in and generate interest to everyone to participate and contribute to GHG reduction. It was suggested that the public information, publicity, awards program, etc. be conceptualized by the Public Info/Outreach Committee and brought back to the JCOS. Rick offered to work with the Outreach Committee on this.

B. Annual Report (written summary to CBJ Human Resources Comm) is due June 24, 2009. Alida distributed a draft that she and Bob D. developed, and encouraged JCOS members to review and edit tomorrow; they will finalize the draft and submit it by the deadline.

C. Non-motorized Transportation Plan. Beth provided an overview of the schedule for adoption of the non-motorized plan. Public hearing with the Assembly will be June 13. CDD staff liaison is Ben Lyman. The GHG Committee will review and bring a draft letter to the next JCOS meeting.

## V. INFORMATION ITEMS

### A. Focus Area Updates

- 1) Energy/GHG committee report. Items addressed earlier in the agenda.
- 2) Food Security Committee: Bob Bellagh reported that he has been working on defining the term “Food Security.” He has been researching what other communities are doing; what definitions and concepts are being used globally. These are broad and diverse, and involve social justice, energy consumption (fossil fuels), and climate change issues, to name a few. Within the US, “Community Food Security” promotes self-reliance, empowerment of individuals, stable agricultural economic base, responds to low income needs, uses reliable transportation systems, etc. within the region. The committee will be addressing these concepts more at their next meeting and focusing their direction. Bob noted that his ‘Googling’ appears to indicate that there are a lot of grant resources available under the general topic of food security.

Bob D. asked that the committee review the Comprehensive Plan and identify specific areas to work on since that is part of the JCOS charge from the Assembly. There was also discussion about the emergency services aspect of Food Security. Sarah noted that the committee is identifying the “connectivity” of Food Security to other groups and interests in the community and region.

#### 3) Outreach Committee:

- a. Farmers’ Market planning is underway. Eva distributed posters for members to post in offices. Market will be held August 29 at JACC. Registration has begun. JEDC is administering the funds and paying the bills. They are donating their time toward this effort.
- b. JCOS attended UAS Community Day on Sat, May 23. Alida reported that the kids’ activity with planting seeds was successful.

### B. CBJ Items

- 1) Beth McKibben CBJ update. Beth distributed a journal article about sustainable communities.
- 2) Beth reported that Juneau traffic counts are reduced from 2007 figures, per information from AK DOT. It was also suggested that the Commission gather data from AK DMV regarding number of registered vehicles to see if there has been a change in recent years.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT at 7:00pm.