

Minutes

Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, August 5, 2009, 5:15 pm
Valley Library, Large Conference Room

I. Meeting called to order by Chair Sandy Boyce at 5:22pm. Also in attendance: Sarah Lewis, Bob Doll, Gayle Wood, Dan Miller, Bob Bellagh, Eva Varadi-Bornstein. Staff present: Beth McKibben. Public present: Darren Snyder, Nancy Waterman (arrived at 6pm), Bill Leighty (arrived at 6pm).

II. Minutes of July 15, 2009 were reviewed and approved with unanimous consent.

III. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items: Co-Op Extension Agent Darren Snyder introduced himself and offered his expertise and the whole UA system to the topic of sustainability; it is part of their mission.

IV. City Liaison Report: Beth will talk with Eva after the meeting about advertising for the upcoming Farmers Market. No other liaison information at this time.

V. Non-Motorized Transportation Plan: Sean forwarded draft comments to the JCOS earlier today. Beth said that the NMTP is on the next agenda of the Affordable Housing Commission. Gayle read Sean's draft letter and Dan summarized the NMTP based on his knowledge of information presented at the Planning Commission. Bob moved and Sarah seconded that Sandy and Catherine edit Sean's draft to include an introduction similar to the JCOS draft Transit Plan letter of June 2008.

VI. Items up for Assembly action: Bob reported that two ballot measures are expected: one to renovate Gastineau School and a second to address potential taxes on cigarettes. It was suggested that someone from Engineering (possibly Rich Ritter) come to the JCOS to describe the energy performance goals and expectations of projects, including the Gastineau School Renovation project. The Commission is further interested in how the proposed project budget incorporates JCOS priorities. Discussion followed about what JCOS should do/say to about CIP projects, especially when information is going to a ballot.

As to the specific project of Gastineau Renovation, there was discussion about whether or not JCOS can be effective as this point, given that the dollar amount and scope have been set.

Bob moved that we invite Rich Ritter to next meeting to answer prepared questions about energy performance, the design process, etc. Approved unanimously. Questions will be drafted by Dan, who will forward them to Beth, who will distribute to all JCOS, who will return comments to Beth, who will distribute final questions to Sandy, who will forward to Rich Ritter. Beth will provide information about the Gastineau scope and budget to Dan.

VII. Focus Area Reports

1) Energy/GHG subcommittee: Gayle reported that they met last week; next meeting is Aug 26 at AELP Conference Room. Had brainstorming session on GHG measures. Bob reported that the targets have not yet been established, but he expects to be meeting with the City Manager soon.

There was brief discussion about the development of energy standards into the model codes (ICC). CBJ is getting close to adopting the 2006 codes. Once this is done, they will begin working on the 2009 codes that have proposed the energy chapter. Catherine will forward email draft to Bob and Gayle that will go to Bldg Official Deb Purves indicating JCOS interest in code development.

Catherine, Gayle, and Sarah have not yet met or reviewed materials noted in last meeting. Sarah will forward proposed ordinance for high performance CBJ bldgs. to Catherine and Gayle. They will compare this to Anchorage's ordinance and bring comments to next JCOS meeting.

2) Food Subcommittee. Bob reported that they have not met since June, but he has been involved working with the Glory Hole on their garden project. The Food Security is scheduled to meet next Wednesday, but this will probably be cancelled due to conflicts.

3) Outreach. Eva summarized progress on the Farmers Market, and progress toward meeting the conditions of the grant. We have been promoting the market thru multiple media. Will be on KTOO Juneau Afternoon on Aug 27 (same day as Focus on Community program). Catherine will develop some outreach materials

for the Farmers Market – a hand out of who we are and a banner/poster. Gayle offered to print hand out materials at AELP.

Gayle noted that there is an Energy Fair at Nugget Mall Oct 10, 2009 from 10a-4p. She suggested that JCOS have a table. It was referred to Outreach Committee. Dan suggested that the AK Housing Energy Improvements Program be promoted.

KTOO program with JCOS: Bob reported that we are scheduled for August 27 on KTOO. This is a one-time appearance to talk about the JCOS, sustainability, etc. He distributed a preliminary list of questions to be asked. Send comments on questions to Bob asap.

VIII. Continued Public Comments: Nancy thanked the commission for their work. Bill suggested that we look at GHG reductions that may have taken place due to less tourist activity this year.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept 2, 2009 at

ADJOURNMENT at 7pm.

Minutes drafted by Catherine Fritz