

Draft Minutes
Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, March 3, 2010, 5:15 pm
Downtown Library, Large Conference Room

I. Call to Order at 5:15pm Members in attendance: Sandy Boyce, Nicole Grewe, Gayle Wood, Eva Bornstein, Alida Bus (left meeting at 6:35), Catherine Fritz, Sarah Lewis, Sean Lynch. Staff present: Beth McKibben. Public present: Doug Dobyns

II. Agenda was reviewed.

III. Minutes of February 10, 2010 approved unanimously with the following corrections: 1. Sarah Lewis was in attendance at the meeting; 2. under Action Items, Outreach: "Sarah requested that the minutes clarify that there are Subcommittee procedures that have previously been approved by JCOS. It was requested that these be forwarded for the next meeting."

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Doug Dobyns reported on a Feb 2010 conference he attended in Seattle called "9th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth." Doug shared the following:

- Information about environmental justice and new policies with the EPA. There is an effort among several important federal agencies to "break down silos" and cooperate in a more inter-agency manner. (triumphant between EPA, DOT, HUD) EPA staff emphasized the importance of local participation – EPA is a resource for local government.
- Washington State has set a 25% carbon emissions reduction goal. UK targets are much higher (up to 80% by 2050). Doug distributed information about how UK is proceeding. Some countries are developing very high targets for developing renewable resources.
- Investing in energy solutions, and factoring all aspects of the idea. Global economics are a real part of today's problems and solutions. Requires new ways of thinking, for example pre-cycling and re-cycling rather than finding new sources.
- Using biomimicry to understand problems and identify solutions.
- Alaska is challenged to grasp many sustainable concepts. For example, there are 87 places in Washington State to buy bio-diesel; there's 1 in Alaska.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Sandy announced his resignation from JCOS. Beth will contact the Clerk's office to begin the process of replacing his position. The JCOS thanked Sandy for his service, including his year as Chair.
- B. City Liaison Report: Beth mentioned that the agenda development should occur a few days earlier. Sean proposed that agenda items reach him by end of Friday prior to the meeting. There was discussion about how to use the sustainability funds that were identified at last meeting. Beth will find out how JCOS can request and use funds.
- C. Assembly Issues: Bob reported that the Assembly was reluctant to require mandatory garbage pickup and that the solid waste issue will be revisited on April 22 (Earth Day!). Juneau has 22,000 tons of trash per year; 2,000 tons of recycling is done. Discussion ensued about the various details of mandatory trash pick up and curbside recycling. It was agreed to have JCOS consider its position prior to the next Assembly discussion. Bob offered to provide additional information to the JCOS prior to the Assembly action.
- D. Committee Reports: Gayle reported that Energy/GHG met with Kim Kiefer to discuss Climate Action Plan and getting the scope of an RFP developed. Beth offered some ideas for the RFP that she will forward to Gayle.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. LEED Juneau Ordinance: Bob discussed the proposed LEED standard with Rorie Watt. Beth indicated that the version that was distributed at the meeting may not be the most recent version. Discussion followed about deleting all of the private sector provisions. Catherine distributed a draft of how goals toward sustainability could be achieved without an ordinance, using a system of sustainability goals applied to specific projects. Sarah suggested that JCOS may want to endorse specific types of LEED credits that would be most applicable to Juneau's public buildings. It was agreed that Sarah would bring the list of specific criteria to the next meeting.
- B. Closing Report and Reauthorizing Resolution: No discussion due to limited time.
- C. Subcommittee Rosters: Will continue this discussion at the next meeting.
 - Energy/Greenhouse Gas: Alida, Bob, Gayle
 - Food: Sarah, Sean
 - Outreach/Education: Alida, Catherine,
 - Entrepreneurialism:
 - Solid Waste & Recycling:

VII. ADJOURNMENT at 8:00pm.

Minutes drafted by Catherine Fritz