

**DRAFT Minutes**  
Juneau Commission on Sustainability  
Wednesday, June 2, 2010, 5:15 pm  
Valley Library Conference Room

**I. CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman Sean Lynch at 5:20pm. Others members in attendance: Sarah Lewis, Catherine Fritz, Bob Doll, Gayle Wood, Alida Bus, Eva Bornstein. Staff: Beth McKibben.

**II. AGENDA** was reviewed and accepted.

**III. MINUTES** of April, 2010 were approved as modified: The Committee Rosters will be:  
Greenhouse Gas Committee: Gayle Wood, Alida Bus, Bob Doll  
Food Security Committee: Sarah Lewis, Nicole Grewe, Sean Lynch  
Outreach: Eva Varadi-Bornstein, Catherine Fritz, Alida Bus

It was noted that the Commission has 3 vacancies currently; when these are filled, the committees will be expanded with new members.

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Guest Nathan Aronson was present. He works for Alaska Municipal League, has lived in Juneau on and off for 3 years. He has applied for a position on the Commission.

**V. INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. City Liaison Report: Beth indicated that Rick Wolk submitted his resignation letter. She reported that the Assembly resolution to give the Commission Standing Committee status was passed (this was forwarded to members via email). They also passed the Table of Permissible Uses, including allowing up to 6 female fowl in most neighborhoods. Catherine suggested that the Outreach Committee send out a PSA to thank the Planning Commission and Assembly for passing the increased chicken rule. Beth also noted that a pre-application for fresh flower peony farm on North Douglas was received by CDD. A letter from Dan Austin to the Commission about the electrical rate increase was received by Beth. She also said that a Advisory Conditional Use permit for Coastguard wind generators was approved, and that a report, "Economic Analysis of SE Alaska Envisioning Sustainable Economy with Thriving Communities" by US Forest Service, Alaska Region was received. Beth will distribute the electronic version of this to the JCOS members.

B. Assembly Liaison. Bob reported that there is a pending change in litter code to change the affected area of litter to include cigarette butts. He said that a \$133,000 appropriation for Nordic trail at Eaglecrest is being considered. Bob noted that the Human resources committee agendas are full, and our request for new members may not be until later this summer. Beth agreed to ask the Clerk if former applicants have been contacted about the current vacancies. Bob noted that the JCOS lost an opportunity to weigh in on the proposed AELP rate increase, due to the schedule of our meetings. There was discussion about whether or not the JCOS should advocate for a public meeting by the RCA in Juneau. It was agreed to not advocate for a meeting because the JCOS focus is about energy usage (which we would like to see reduced), not energy rates and because the Assembly has already acted. Bob is drafting letters about solid waste and dredging the Douglas Harbor for consideration by the JCOS. The draft ordinance will be heard by Public Works Committee on June 21st.

C. Committee Reports

**Outreach:** Eva reported that there have been several Outreach events recently to promote Farmers Market: UAS Community Day on Campus, Earth Day, Gardening

Conference. Weekly Farmers Market will begin June 12 and run 10 weeks. Annual Local Foods Festival will be August 28, 2010. JCOS is responsible for educational seminars at the Food Festival. Catherine is arranging for speakers. Members were encouraged to make suggestions.

**GHG Committee:** Gayle reported that she and Bob met a couple of weeks ago to develop ideas for the RFP for Climate Action Plan. Bob is working with Deputy City Manager Kim Kiefer to develop the RFP. JCOS is hoping to actively participate in the development of the Climate Action Plan with the selected consultant. Bob will request that a JCOS member be on the RFP Evaluation Committee. Next meeting is June 23rd at 5:15pm at AELP mtg room. It was also reported that Jim Powell's class project is complete; Beth will send the report electronically.

**Food Security:** Sarah reported that they are working on Community Gardens and Community Kitchens. She is working with Darren Snyder at Coop Ext Service. Reviewing Community Schools policies and DEC certified kitchens, to make a network of facilities that could be more available for community projects. Sarah attended the Parks & Rec Advisory Committee to discuss using part of Capitol School Park for a community garden. Sean added that land next to Fish & Game has been secured by Coop Ext Service to become a community garden. Next meeting is Wed. June 9 at 5:15pm Downtown Library conference room.

## **VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. AEL&P proposed rate increase: This was discussed under Assembly Liaison report. No action taken.

B. Docks and Harbors dock renovations. A draft letter, with attached drawing, dated June 2<sup>nd</sup> was presented and discussed. Suggested edits included: note that the utility connections will help reduce greenhouse gases, build dock structures that are energy and resource conscious, consider shore facilities such as toilet rooms and drinking fountains, expand the intent of the expanded dock to include all visiting ships (not just cruise ships) and serve residents. It was added that thoughtful planning for all relevant components be considered. It was agreed that Bob will send out the email draft so that specific edits can be suggested. The draft will be brought back to the next meeting for final review.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT at 7pm.**