

DRAFT Minutes

Juneau Commission on Sustainability

Wednesday, August 4, 2010, Mendenhall Library Conference Room

I. Meeting was called to order by Sean Lynch at 5:42pm. Other members in attendance were Steve Behnke, Eva Bornstein, Gayle Wood, Nathan Arentsen, Catherine Fritz. CBJ staff present were Nicole Steger and Eric Feldt.

II. Sean asked Jim Penor to speak about Juneau's waste management first on the agenda.

III. Solid Waste management presentation by Jim Penor, CBJ Waste Management Coordinator: Jim summarized his background and Juneau's challenges. He explained that Juneau has a lot of complex issues to address. CBJ is working with Arrow Refuse to improve services. Recycling is a separate issue than trash pick up and the land fill. Jim talked about setting up drop boxes at several locations in the city to increase the voluntary recycling locations. However, there's a concern that drop boxes would be used by some people as garbage dumpsters since Juneau does not require garbage pick up. Also, the existing facility is barely adequate for current quantities of recycling, so any increase in recycling will likely make the existing facility unworkable. 2,000 tons/yr are recycled each year; this is about 8% of the residential waste. Jim's goal is to increase to 5,000 tons/yr but he reiterated that this will likely require a larger facility. Jim noted that there is recycling information at www.juneau.org, waste management section of the web site.

Catherine made a motion that Chair Sean Lynch draft a letter to the City Manager and Assembly thanking them for creating the solid waste coordinator position and sharing Jim's expertise with the Commission tonight. The JCOS further supports efforts to increase the recycling programs in Juneau in the near future, including the expansion of facilities if necessary. The motion was approved without objection. Sean agreed to draft a letter for review at the next meeting.

IV. Minutes of July 14, 2010 were approved without objection. Sean asked Eric to verify that the final letters approved from last meeting

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. City Liaison Report: No report

B. Items up for Assembly Action: No report

C. Committee Reports

i. GHG: No report

ii. Outreach: Eva reported that the Weekly Farmers Market is going really well. The markets have been extended through Sept 18, 2010. Aug 28 is the big Local Food Festival event; JCOS contribution has been to organize speakers for the mini-seminars.

iii. Food Security: No report

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. 350 Event. Delayed until next meeting.

B. Sustainable Housing and Communities Regional Planning Grant. Eva provided background on this grant application, and made clear that she was representing the JEDC on this item. A coalition of groups is requested to bring together a 20yr vision for sustainability in the region. Juneau qualifies as a region. Funds are provided to form the 20 yr. Sustainability Plan. JEDC has chosen to focus on developing a low income plan and an economic development plan because theses don't currently exist in Juneau. Other plans such as transportation have been done, but need to be combined into the full 20 yr plan. The JCOS would be brought in to work on the Climate Action plan that would also be a part of the Sustainability Plan. The CBJ Community Development Department has agreed to be a partner in this effort. A 20% match is required for the grant. JEDC has worked with CBJ to propose the JCOS funds for the Climate Action

Plan as part of the required match. Moved by Catherine; second by Gayle and approved without objection, a motion to join the grant partnership and have Chair Sean Lynch execute the agreement.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. Rich Anderson, public member was in attendance to observe.

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm. Next meeting is scheduled for Sept 1 at 5:15. Catherine and Gayle noted that they will not be able to attend.