

Draft Minutes  
Juneau Commission on Sustainability  
September 7, 2011 5:15pm  
Downtown Library Large Meeting Room

Members present: Chair Alida Bus, Eva Bornstein, Greg McEwen, Steve Benke, Nancy Waterman, Lisa Weissler, Assemblymember Karen Crane, and Planning Commissioner Nicole Grewe

Also present: Staff Liaison Beth McKibben, Amy Skilbred and Zoe Morrison of Sheinberg Associates, Kate Troll, and Darrel Wetherall.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Alida Bus called the meeting to order at 5:20p.m. A quorum was present.

II. AGENDA CHANGES - None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of August 2011 - The minutes of the August 3, 2011 meeting were distributed and approved by unanimous consent.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Update on Climate Action Plan:

Consultants Amy Skilbred and Zoe Morrison from Sheinberg and Associates updated the commission on the Climate Action Plan. There will be a meeting for the general public on the Climate Action Plan held on September 28, 2011 from 5:30 to 7:30p.m. in the Assembly Chambers. The Climate Action Plan will be submitted to the Assembly Committee of the Whole at its October 10, 2011 meeting at 6pm in the Assembly Chambers.

B. Energy Awareness Month - October is Energy Awareness Month. The commission was in agreement to support a resolution on Energy Awareness.

C. Work on Sustainability Indicators - Discussion took place on our current indicators, Nancy and Lisa will be updating the indicators table.

Some of the items discussed are listed below. These include those currently on the table of indicators and possible additions to the table of indicators.

- 2.2.IA2 City wastewater and water systems - need to review ongoing performance and obtain data on the projects that are already available and then show the related information in the Climate Action Plan. Include participation/review of the materials that are to be coming out as a result of the water study currently being considered for funding by the Assembly in conjunction with the A.J. Mine study.
- 2.1.IA10 *Support the individual and commercial production of foods locally with careful evaluation of environmental impacts.* Try to see if this could be tracked through commercial fishing and hunting licenses and products locally sold.
- Affordable Housing- the subcommittee worksession on September 21 will be discussing this issue.
- Local Businesses and local people being put to work rather than using sources from outside of Juneau.

Finally, discussion took place on the need to determine how many or which of the indicators actually have measurable data and work towards eliminating those that do not.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. City Liaison Report

i. Regional Sustainability Grant - Beth McKibben talked about the regional sustainability grant. There will be a Fall Forum at UAS November 10-13, 2011.

B. Items up for Assembly Action - None at this time.

C. Committee Reports

- i. GHG/Climate Action Plan - Steve, Nancy, and Lisa will be meeting with Zoe.
- ii. Outreach Liaison – Food Festival Report - the festival was held August 27, 2011 at the Juneau Arts & Culture Center and approximately 1,000 people attended. JCOS table had enough coverage. There was discussion about a possible date for next year but also the possibility of NOT holding a food festival next year and that was soundly defeated. There was discussion on targeting recruitment for future festivals such as asking persons who raise their own chickens, also targeting commercial fishermen to sell their products.
- iii. Food Liaison - see above.

VII. ADJOURNMENT - 7:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Greg P. McEwen