

Juneau Commission on Sustainability
November 7, 12012
DRAFT Minutes
Large Conference Room, Downtown Library

Present: Steve Behnke, Kate Troll, Darrell Wetherall, Lisa Weissler, Bob Deering, Jenni Lefing. Ben Haight, Jenni Lefing kept the minutes.

Others present: Staff Liaison: Beth McKibben

Public: Joel Lassiter, Alex Masdag, Russell Stigall

I. CALL TO ORDER

Kate Troll called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm

JCOS members introduced themselves to the newest JCOS member (Bob Deering). *Lisa Weissler* is recently retired from the state, has been in Juneau many years; *Jenni Lefing* is the current secretary for JCOS, works for the Association of Alaska School Boards, and holds a Masters Degree in Sustainable Development; *Darrel Wetherall* grew up in Juneau and works for AEL&P; *Steve Behnke* has been on the on commission for a couple of years, is a past member of energy committee, and has been interested in sustainability/energy for a while; *Bob Deering* is currently, an engineer for the Coast Guard and energy efficiency issues are a main part of his job; *Kate Troll* is semi-retired, involved in writing projects, and has previous experiences in fisheries and coastal issues, and holds a Maters in Resource Management from Yale.

Welcome to Bob Deering!

II. AGENDA CHANGES: None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Minutes of October 3 were approved.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

V. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Outreach

i. Web Page Development:

- Discussion took place on the tab outlines that JCOS members sent in for: the About Tab, Climate Tab, Energy Tab, Local Food, Waste & Recycling, and Water.
- This included how we envision the process of the website proceeding, and the overall vision of the website:

- It was noted that we will need to check in with Pat, at CBJ to find out what the next steps should be. It was suggested that JCOS members have this conversation.
- The target audience for this website is Juneau citizens.
- It was asked whether we wanted to link information to other sites, or have information on the website-information that is nowhere else. This could depend on the topic. For example, the recycling section could have a compiled list from other resources.
- Alex noted that he is working on a resource list for AEL&P that is very similar to the energy outline. He said we could share this on the JCOS site, and will share what he has at the next meeting.
- Lisa will combine all the outlines, and make uniform for us to give feedback.
 - It was noted that more information is needed on the energy and water outlines.
- The About Tab: At the last meeting, we discussed it including an overview of JCOS. The current version is focused on what is sustainability.
- The Resources and Materials tabs will be put on hold at this time.
- If anyone has comments on the “What is Sustainability?” page, send to Lisa via Beth.
- Facebook will be the place that will have current information and be updated on a more often basis (we won’t have that ability with the website.)
- Lisa and Jenni will try to meet with Pat at CBJ in the near future to discuss the website.
- It was asked how we can get a message across in the website about buying green, how can we involve local businesses, and make a list of local businesses. It was decided that we could if there was a note that this does not mean an endorsement from JCOS, and if you want to be added to the list, let JCOS know).
- Share local highlights on the website and Facebook.
- Future Project Ideas:
 - Develop a place in Juneau that people can donate construction materials.
 - Community Composting

INFORMATION ITEMS

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A. City Liaison Report

- Bob Deering was appointed to JCOS by the assembly along with one another person (not present at this meeting).
- Jerry Nanke is the new city liaison to the commission.
- Work session usually the third wed of the month and in November is day before thanksgiving - Cancel work session
- Typically in January, JCOS has a work session retreat.

B. Items up for Assembly Action: None.

C. Committee Reports

i. Juneau Climate Action Plan (JCAP)

- a. CIP (Capital Improvement Planning) Process: Beth reported that Hal Hart, new Planning Director, is looking into it and seeing how we do it. Right now there is not a lot of room for input. JCOS is interested in ways there can be conservation in there, etc.
- b. It was requested that Beth follow-up on the request from JCOS that a CBJ staff person be designated to be responsible for JCAP.

ii. Education & Outreach

- a. Facebook- as of today 21 fans. Today's meeting was posted.
- b. Jenni will make Beth administrator for the Facebook page, and will post more often.

iii. Initiatives – It's a place that if you want to work on special projects. There is nothing to report at this time.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm