

DRAFT MINUTES

Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, October 2, 2013, 5:30pm
Juneau Public Library, Downtown

Present: Ben Haight, Steve Behnke, Kate Troll, Kate Bevegni, Duff Mitchell, Jerry Nankervis. Kate Bevegni kept the minutes.

Others Present: Beth McKibben, Staff Liaison, Rob Steedle, Deputy City Manager, Matt Dull and Morgan Dodge, Arrow Refuse, Matt Woolbright, Juneau Empire reporter.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. AGENDA CHANGES

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of September 4, 2013 approved.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A. Presentation from Arrow Refuse

Arrow Refuse reported

- 40% participation in Juneau, 3,000 household subscription customers out of 6800 households total.
- Arrow is trying to build up to recycling for commercial accounts but is still working on the pricing. They are talking to CBJ re working with them on a commercial scheme.
- Arrow has ordered 1,000 extra recycle carts last Sept 2012 and 700 more are arriving shortly.
- There are 6 recycling routes every other week at present.
- There are no barriers to doing recycling curbside next to solid waste on the same pickup day.
- Arrow is hoping for another 10-15% growth on recycling customers.
- They have not had issues with bears and recycling containers.
- The price of co-mingled recyclables has dropped over the past year from \$80 per ton to \$8.20 per ton now.
- Arrow is committed to maintaining a recycle service even at the current prices for recyclables; they stated the service is sustainable at the current cost levels.
- To increase recycling in Juneau they suggested a same day service would increase take up along with the introduction of drop off centers.
- There is some financial saving if you recycle rather than having the largest size domestic garbage can.
- Waste Management does all bailing of recyclables for Arrow Refuse currently.
- There has only been 10 yards of contaminated recyclables in one year, which is an excellent rate.
- To increase recycling drop boxes could be situated downtown, in Condo Associations and Schools.

- There is a lot of potential to remove more waste from the general waste stream.
- Condos are commercial contracts currently and hard to set up to recycle; all are single stream waste and paid for by condo dues. It would be best to separate cardboard/paper and aluminum first as these are the highest value products. Arrow would have to work out if extra labor for a separate co-mingled recycled bin would be worth the return.
- UAS student housing now have a co-mingled recycling bin that is collected once a week and taken to the drop off center and UAS pay the haul fee. This could work on other sites but it depends on the attitude of the generator, UAS works because of this. This success story could be added to the JCOS website.
- Kate Troll suggested a letter to Tourism Best Management Practices and asking their members to recycle.
- Most of the cruise ships recycle, Arrow only handle 2-3 ships municipal solid waste after recycling has been separated out, not a large amount, most ships have an incinerator on board.
- Arrow want to co-ordinate with CBJ to create satellite sites around Juneau, motion cameras could be set up to monitor sites, they have done this in Montana Creek. Sitka has a satellite site that works well.
- JCOS could advertise our website on the side of Arrow's trucks maybe in the future. We could link to Arrow's costs for recycling from our website/CBJ public works site.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Solid Waste

Covered above in discussion with Arrow Refuse.

B. Web Page Update

Minutes and Agendas have been caught up with online now. Beth needs to ask Pat again about number of hits on JCOS website.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. City Liaison Report

- CBJ has been busy working on the Comprehensive Plan; it has been the main project for the Committee of the Whole. There are two Comprehensive Plan meetings coming up and they are taking public comments at present. Some of the Comprehensive Plan is confusing and contradictory.
 - Budget meetings have started up again.
 - Commission Assignments are coming up.
- i) JCOS letter Valley Library Project
Duff commented on the tone of the letter on the New Valley Library and questioned the accuracy of the reference to Haines being able to produce wood pellets in the future. Rob said he felt the tone of the letter was ok and would not cause offense to the project team. Steve commented that it is the first time that the Commission has

provided written feedback on a project so felt it was a good step forward.

We need to see how we can help CBJ do their job well, someone needs to pay for studies on energy efficiency on CBJ projects and this needs to be implemented by CBJ staff. Information needs to be cc'd to us so we get early information on projects. The culture in CBJ needs to change and the Comprehensive Plan (CP) is the leading document, some staff do not believe the CP applies to their work. Organizational cultures and the CP need to change. The Mayor would like to get back to the CP. Need to put sustainability into CBJ processes, budgets, tenders, contract, and any legal work. Nancy Waterman wanted to review CIP's as first step in project system. We need to get someone from the City Manager's Office to meet with JCOS to discuss how we get sustainability into project decision-making.

- ii) Draft Scope of Work Energy Plan
See below.
- iii) Other – Eaglecrest Learning Center would like to come in to let us know what they are doing. However they are much farther along in the design process and no changes could be made at this stage. The Commission has decided not to meet with Eaglecrest Learning Center, as it would be too frustrating.

B. Items for Assembly Action;

C. Committee Reports

- i. Education and Outreach – none
- ii. Energy
 - Deputy City Manager needs to meet with the JCOS re the Energy Plan on 16th Oct work session to discuss how to go forward.
- iii. Solid Waste – feedback from the Solid Waste Work Session on 19th September 2013.
 - How do we extend life of the landfill?
 - We should invite Karl Heigerman in from SE Solid Waste Authority to our next meeting
 - We should invite Waste Management to a future JCOS Meeting.
 - Brainstormed the barriers and issues to reducing municipal solid waste.

Other Business

Kate Troll would have to leave her current role as Chair with JCOS if elected to the Assembly. JCOS would need to re-elect a Chair. Steve Behnke is happy to continue as Chair until we do a formal re-election. This needs to be added to the agenda for our next meeting as well as discussing meeting days (Weds are not good for Jerry) and we could change this.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm