

Juneau Commission on Sustainability
FINAL Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2014
Downtown Library Large Conference Room

I. Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM.

Present: Lisa Weissler (Chair), Steve Behnke, Kate Bevegni, Bob Deering, Clint Gundelfinger, Ben Haight, Jenni Leffing, Duff Mitchell, Kate Troll, Darryl Wetherall, Beth McKibben (CBJ Staff Liaison).

Vistors: Kim Kiefer (City Manager), Hal Hart (Director, Community Development)

Minutes of May 14, 2014 and July 9, 2014 approved.

Action Items:

A. Discussion with City Manager Kim Kiefer:

CJB Energy Plan — should move forward — review RFP — aim to get contract out in next 2-3 months.

Airport Sustainability Plan — an important piece. Should check on being on steering committee

Some sort of “ride-share” program for CBJ employees—using modern technology -- coordinate with CBJ Green Team.

Reviewing city projects— thought our involvement with new library was helpful. Next big project will be dealing with biosolids, waste disposal. Study update should be going to Assembly COW in late fall/ October?

Some energy-efficiency related projects since 2010 include schools, new library LEED certification. CBJ staff are looking at fleet/ equipment replacement policy. In past have usually ridden state transportation replacements — which is easy to do administratively. However, now looking at whether there may be efficiencies and cost savings in more closely matching uses with size and type of equipment — fuel efficiency, costs, scale. Staff will have recommendations to Kim in November.

Another project involves working with state and federal administrators to look at parking in the Willoughby area, and alternatives to new parking structures, adding park and rides, etc.

Recycling in CBJ departments has been an uphill effort — not sure why.

Beth M. recommends an emphasis on celebrating successes (also one of recs in Climate Action Plan).

Kate T. mentioned that JCOS is unique among CBJ bodies — has a very broad and open mandate. She’d like to see emphasis on energy policy and actions — mentioning building code and procurement -- be proactive, get some small wins and build on those.

Bob D. asked about release of CBJ energy use data, and for thoughts on district energy.

Kim recommends that JCOS invite department directors in, as we have with Kirk Duncan — ask about their efforts to save energy and \$\$, and how we can help.

Duff M. asked about grants — should we look for opportunities? Kim says yes — city interested partnerships.

Lisa W. summarized.

B. Resiliency Grant. We don't meet criteria of population over 50,000.

C. Airport Sustainability Plan. Bob D. — no meetings. Sheinberg & Associates did survey — which will be sent out.

D. Web Page update. Add information on Airport Ground Source Heat Pump.

Information Items

A. City Liaison Report. Hal H. gave an update on the Auke Bay Plan.

B. Assembly Action. Cell tower ordinance still under discussion.

C. Committee Reports

i. Solid Waste.

ii. Energy. Duff M. — Aug. 19, Andy Baker presenting info on the Seward Sea Life Center's sea water heat pump system.

iii. Comp. Plan Update.

Adjournment: 7:05 pm