

City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ)
Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS)
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2015
CBJ City Hall Conference Room 224

I. Meeting called to order at 5:37 P.M.

Present: Steve Behnke (Acting Chair), Beth McKibben (CBJ Staff Liason), Kate Troll, Kate Bevegni, Duff Mitchell, Darrell Wetherall, Clint Gundelfinger

Visitors: Charlie Ford, Allison Eddins

II. Agenda amended to add the Auke Bay Plan as Action Item C.

III. Minutes of December 10, 2014 approved as amended (meeting date corrected to December 10, 2014).

IV. Public Participation - None.

V. Action Items

A. Building Codes and Energy Efficiency - Steve Behnke discussed the energy aspects of Climate Action Plan Goal B-3 and B-4. Charlie Ford BLANK the history of CBJ thermal standards and BLANK resistance to updating the energy codes from a commercial building owner/developer standpoint. Mr. Ford suggested JCOS attendance at the Building Committee meeting in February. Upon being asked Mr. Ford explained some of the differences between residential and commercial. Kate Troll asked Mr. Ford if he could go through the energy codes to cull out those appropriate for Juneau. Mr. Ford replied that he could do that for residential but deference to engineers should be made for commercial. Duff Mitchell asked if there was any type of housing/commercial structures that could not be built to meet certain code requirements (giving large, roll-up vehicle accessible doors as an example) to which Mr. Ford replied that there were allowable exemptions. Mr. Mitchell also questioned whether there might be any State regulations on the horizon. Steve Behnke suggested drafting a letter requesting a meeting with the Building Commission. Kate Troll gave suggestions for a letter and also suggested allowing the Building Commission to get up to speed on any new code first. Duff Mitchell motioned to have Mr. Behnke draft such a letter and allow Beth McKibben to set a deadline for JCOS comments on the latter. Mr. Gundelfinger seconded the motion.

B. 2015 Annual Retreat - set for January 31, 2015 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Beth McKibben requested that commissioners send her 2015 priorities by Friday, January 23, 2015. Kate Bevegni asked if commissioners could receive a copy of the 2014 priorities list.

C. Auke Bay Plan - Kate Bevegni commented on the Auke Bay Plan stating it was very good and includes a great many aspects/issues. Ms. Bevegni suggested writing a letter supporting the plan going forward. Beth McKibben explained about dealing with multi-ownership of land the area regarding zoning issues. Steve Behnke commented that he liked the idea of a support letter and proposed tying it into the Climate Action Plan. Duff Mitchell asked if the Auke Bay Plan meeting(s) been heterogeneously

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represented to which Ms. Bevegni stated that the meetings had. Mr. Behnke suggested bringing a draft of the letter to be written by Ms. Bevegni to the Annual Retreat meeting.

D. Web Page Update - Beth McKibben stated that the following improvements to the web page had been made: JCOS members updated; links to the Comprehensive Plan and the Climate Action Plan updated; updated two new titles for meetings (special and worksession); fixed formatting for links to other websites (recycling resources, take action, energy efficiency, biomass fuel sources, oil fuel sources). It was suggested that there needs to be a description for the "Green Team".

VI. Information Items -

A. City Liason Report - training with the Deputy City Clerk update. Clerk's office shall be conducting annual trainings on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm and on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Kate Troll discussed the proposal to keep Planning Commission and Assembly members as liaisons but not as voting members of the JCOS so as to facilitate a lower required quorum number and effect a greater quorum probability. Duff Mitchell suggested the idea of a high school sustainability liaison with Ms. Troll suggesting that it be a non-voting youth seat.

B. Items up for Assembly Action - None discussed.

C. Committee Reports

i. Solid Waste /Biosolids - Kate Troll announced that addressing the CBJ's biosolids and solid waste issues were the Number two priority for the assembly. A letter with JCOS comments on the proposed biosolids action has been presented to the CBJ Assembly.

ii. Energy - Beth McKibben announced that the RFP is out and that there was a pre-proposal meeting last week with a lot of intersted parties. Funding questions were raised at the pre-proposal meeting. Ms. McKibben suggested we come up with some ideas as to how far we could get given the amount of funding available. Kate Troll raised the question as to whether the JCOS was still on board regarding dock electrification and it was decided that the subject should be discussed at a future meeting.

iii. Energy Code - discussed above in Action Item A.

D. Additional - Duff Mitchell announced that there was to be a JEDC Summit the 28th and 29th if anyone was interested.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.