

City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ)
Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS)
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2015
Downtown Library Large Conference Room

I. Meeting called to order at 5:38 P.M.

Present: Steve Behnke (JCOS Chair), Kate Troll (CBJ Assembly Liaison), Beth McKibben (CBJ Liaison), Tim Felstead (CBJ Liaison), Bob Deering, Kate Bevegni, Duff Mitchell, John Smith, Clint Gundelfinger (JCOS Secretary)

Visitors: Jim Penor (CBJ Department of Public Works Solid Waste Coordinator)
Michele Elfers (CBJ Department of Engineering)
Barbara Sheinberg (Sheinberg Associates)

II. Agenda Changes – None.

III. Minutes of the April 8, 2015 meeting approved.

IV. Public Participation – Joe Lassiter, Hal Hart (Director, CBJ Community Development Department)

V. Action Items

A. CBJ Solid Waste – Michele Elfers presented solid waste action plan spreadsheet outlining specific actions with a priority level and associated start/completion dates and proposed costs. Bob Deering asked Jim Penor if CBJ had seen any offset in costs with less waste going out because of the recycling initiatives to which Jim Penor replied that not much cost offset has been seen, yet, but once the new bailer is up and running to allow for more forward progression on the recycling initiatives he hopes to start seeing more waste cost offset.

B. Airport Sustainability Master Plan – review proposed feedback from JCOS. Bob Deering discussed aspects of the scoring (of focus areas) and how the highest scores appear to be going to economic areas. Barbara Sheinberg of Sheinberg Associates joined the meeting to discuss aspects of the Airport Plan. Ms. Sheinberg first discussed what she referred to as the Airport Solid Waste Reduce-Reuse-Recycle Program (not an extant part of the original drafted Airport Sustainability Master Plan) detailing how every separate entity within the airport has a different protocol and contractual system for dealing with solid waste. Ms. Sheinberg would like to find a way to unify the way solid waste is handled and how its associated contracting occurs at the airport. Ms. Sheinberg also addressed clarification regarding the complexity of participation on the Airport Plan by various groups and she addressed development of focus areas stating there were multiple methodologies utilized to distill main, broad focus areas. For each focus area the consultants are putting together a baseline inventory and then for each focus area what the particular goals are down the road and what tactics are necessary to achieve those goals. Ms.

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Sheinberg requested that the JCOS provide feedback by mid-July as to what goals are appropriate and necessary actions and to please funnel the information through Mr. Deering.

C. Review on Feedback to Building Advisory Committee – N/A.

D. Update on Energy Plan – The consultants (Stantec) provided two documents for comment: 1) Engagement Strategy and 2) Background Document. Steve Behnke stated that he would like some feedback on two points regarding these documents: 1) the consultants are starting to sound like a Climate Action Plan and 2) how detailed the engagement plan is regarding the schedule for completion.

E. Talk by John Neary on Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center sustainability initiatives – A “brown bag lunch” talk is in the works for Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 12 noon in the CBJ Assembly Chambers. Steve Behnke discussed trying to initiate a series of showcase talks and asked if we should move forward with the Neary talk. Duff Mitchell motioned to start initiating a talk series with the Neary talk being the first. John Smith seconded with unanimous approval. Duff Mitchell mentioned that Juneau Economic Development Council would co-sponsor certain events.

F. Web Page Update – N/A

VI. Information Items

A. City Liaison Report - N/A

B. Items up for Assembly Action – Kate Troll stated that the CBJ budget was almost finalized. Ms. Troll announced that the JCOS voting member changes were approved and that the CBJ Assembly Liaison, CBJ Planning Commission Liaison, and CBJ Staff Liaison were no longer voting members of the JCOS and were no longer part of the quorum requirement number. Ms. Troll also announced that the subject of cruise ship electrification was on the agenda for the July 13 COW meeting. Bob Deering inquired what the CBJ can and cannot use the main passenger head fees for. Ms. Troll said we should reference an historical document on that subject prepared by Bruce Botelho.

C. Committee Reports

i. Solid Waste /Bio-solids – See above Action Item regarding CBJ Solid Waste.

ii. Energy – See above Action Item regarding the Update on the Energy Plan.

iii. Outreach/Accountability – See above Action Item regarding the John Neary talk.

iv. Green Team – N/A.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.