

City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ)
Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS)
Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2015
Downtown Library Large Conference Room

I. Meeting called to order at 5:37pm.

Present: Steve Behnke (JCOS Chair), Tim Felstead (CBJ Liaison), Bob Deering, Kate Bevengi, Amy Skilbred, Duff Mitchell, Greg Smith (on phone), Kate Troll (Assembly Representative)

Visitors: Innes Hood – SANTEC (on phone) – discussion of Energy Plan; Eric Schaal – zoning codes and local agriculture; Joe Smith

II. Agenda Changes – Moved SANTEC presentation, Action Item A to after Approval of Minutes (approved without objection)

III. Minutes of June 10, 2015 meeting approved.

IV. Public Participation – Eric Schaal – see V. B. below.

V. Action Item

A. Energy Plan Baseline – Innes Hood reported on progress on the Energy Plan. Expressed need to move forward using the 2010 energy use figures as the baseline because unable to get the data needed from Juneau energy providers and SANTEC has a contractual deadline to meet (October). Mr. Hood provided a power point presentation and handouts. JCOS discussed the slides, noting some errors, and the question of using data that is six years old to form an energy plan. Commission also discussed the high priority actions recommended by Mr. Hood, and agreed to review and make recommendations within two weeks.

Motion: to use the 2010 baseline data and augment it with more current information that has already been obtained and will continue to be sought (approved).

B. Presentation by Eric Schaal on food security and local agriculture vis a vis Juneau zoning code. The code does not allow much agriculture. Provided very thorough research into ability to have chickens in Juneau; compared Juneau code to Seattle, Portland, Anchorage and Eugene. Seattle was determined to be the best code by Mr. Schaal. Question is how to foster urban agriculture within our city codes. First step with the Assembly, review code to promote urban agriculture because there is a market for these

- products that is being missed. JCOS discussed drafting a letter to planning and zoning for a work session.
- C. Speakers List review for lunchtime Sustainability Session – D. Mitchell reported that he and G. Smith are working on a list and will be getting together in the near future.
 - D. Update on CBJ Bus procurement – JCOS received a letter from Kim Kiefer (City Manager) in response to request to open the current RFP for busses for the city to all bus providers, not just diesel bus providers. Reply stated that RFP will be going forward as is but that electric buses could be reviewed after the first round of purchases (multi-year RFP). S. Behnke, with assistance from D. Mitchell and T. Felstead will draft a reply requesting to keep JCOS informed and identifying where in the process electric buses will be able to respond to CBJ need for new buses.
 - E. Biomass Fuel Systems pre-feasibility studies – B. Deering reported that funding is available (handout provided) for biomass fuel systems pre-feasibility studies through the Cooperative Extension Service.
 - F. Web page update – discussion moved to next meeting

VI. Information Items – updates moved to next meeting

VII. Commissioner Comments – none

VIII. Adjournment – 7:43