

## **DRAFT Minutes**

Juneau Commission on Sustainability  
**Wednesday**, July 13th, 2016, 5:30pm  
Large Conference Room, Downtown Library.

Present: Tim Felsted (Staff Liaison), Kate Bevegni, Greg Smith, Steve Behnke, Darrell Wetherall, Percy Frisby, John Smith, Kate Troll, Clint Gundelfinger.

I. The meeting was called to order at 17.35

II. No agenda changes.

III. The minutes of the following meetings were approved, July 12<sup>th</sup> 2016

IV. There were several members of the public present, Erich Schall, Mr. and Mrs. Schmitz, Sharon Wildes, Darren Snyder (UAS Cooperative Extension Service), , Sam DeGrave (Juneau Empire) and also Jill McClean, (Planner from CBJ).

### **V. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Chickens – Crystal Schmitz talked through her experience with raising chickens in Juneau and issues with the current CBJ ordinance on chickens. The current ordinance allows for keeping up to six chickens but this is not enough chickens to produce eggs for a family of four. Most eggs that are for sale in the shops are around 6 months old already. When you order chicks/eggs you cannot choose the sex of them. Hens need a rooster to protect them. You need to rotate hens as you need younger and older hens to lay eggs and refresh the flock. There was discussion on how to resolve and amend planning laws to make keep chickens easier. Steve suggested a working group from JCOS to support this to include Darrell, Zane and John.
- B. Energy Plan – The Energy Plan will be presented to the COW assembly on 25<sup>th</sup> July. On the 27<sup>th</sup> July there will be a sustainability session on the Energy Plan, Juneau. A press release will be done by CBJ. Comments will go back to JCOS and they will decide what to accept. JCOS should lay out the process to COW and the timelines. Kate Troll felt that the recommendation page would be very helpful and to simplify the energy goals. The Assembly will be discussing the \$5 million budget hole in the next few months and focusing on that. AEL&P are proposing a Diesel plant in the Valley and the Assembly are to write a letter to the regulatory commission.
- C. Website/Outreach – The energy plan will be put on the website. JCOS should check the number of hits.

### **VI. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Green Team – Adrienne Schwartz presented at the last green team meeting on savings from energy at the school district This sparked a lot of interest in doing a similar thing at city level. The financial savings paid for her time spent on doing this.
- B. City Liaison Report - The interim diesel plant proposed by AEL&P doesn't require a permit as its inside a building.

C. Items up for Assembly Action - None

D. Committee Reports

i. Energy -already discussed above. Also should there be an EV tariff with AEL&P for locals. There is a Scandinavian seawater system presentation at JEDC tomorrow at 3pm. Steve would like Tim to find information on sustainability indicators that JCOS discussed before.

ii Food - none

iii. Outreach/Accountability – already discussed.

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – Kate B would like to get back to discussion on what we can do to support more sustainable waste handling in Juneau.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 19:01