

Draft Minutes

Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 5:30pm
Large Conference Room, Downtown Library.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Call to order at 5.35pm

Members present: Kaley Bangston, Steve Behnke, Kate Bevegni, Duff Mitchell, Darryl Wetherall, Christine Woll

Staff: Tim Felstead

Introduced new Commission members: Kaley Bangston and Christine Woll.

II. AGENDA CHANGES

Steve suggested adding discussion of need to fill vacant secretary position. Will add to next meeting's agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. July 19, 2017 minutes approved
- B. August 9, work session minutes approved.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

V. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Willoughby Arts Complex (WAC)/New Juneau Arts and Culture Center (NJACC). The CBJ has committed \$5 million. Kate shared background on JCOS involvement. In January she and Zane Jones met with architects and discussed issues related to sustainable design of the new complex. Architects agreed to provide a description of sustainability features; last week they provided a 2 1/2 page summary (copy included in meeting packet). Kate's initial assessment is that it covers most of the key issues. However, she thinks that it is weak concerning goals for energy efficiency and the trade-offs between energy efficiency investments and long-term operational costs. It also does not address the issue of commissioning of energy and other building systems. She and Tim will try to arrange a meeting with architects and discuss these issues.
- B. Work plan priorities for remainder of 2017. Briefly reviewed January focus discussion and priorities. Most of our work has been involved with finishing the Juneau Renewable Energy Strategy. Other priority areas noted include food security, composting and solid waste, the JAHG design, and updating the CBJ commercial building code.

Duff outlined the upcoming Sustainability Sessions on food security: Sept. 14 — focus on community gardens; October 18 — livestock ordinance; November- composting opportunities; Dec. or January — “Salt and Soil”, marketing, and other commercial opportunities.

Steve agreed to talk to Charlie Ford about the Building Code update and possible meeting with the Building Code Advisory Committee.

Steve noted that the Energy Committee will begin working on some of the priority actions in the JCAIP and Energy Strategy, using both work sessions and future sustainability sessions.

- C. Web Page Update. JCOS members need to look at site, think of what works well, what doesn't, and what needs improvement. Christine mentioned that she has been involved with the Southeast Sustainable Partnership, which is uses stories to share ideas, information, resources and inspiration <http://sustainablesoutheast.net/storytelling/>.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Green Team— NA

B. City Liaison Report- NA

C. Items up for Assembly Action— West Douglas extension. Tim provided earlier JCOS comments to Planning Commission.

The Assembly Committee of the Whole may take up the Energy Strategy on October 23. Steve, Duff and Tim need to prepare a presentation for the COW. Tim will be gone on that date, but Beth should be available.

D. Committee Reports

Livestock ordinance is being reviewed by law — may take a while. Then ordinance will go to Assembly. Duff sees using the October 18 Sustainability Session to provide additional public review and discussion on the ordinance. The recent killing of a brown bear has resulted in concern about need for electric fences to protect livestock and bears.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned 7:05 pm