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Board, Commission, Committee

Juneau Commission on Sustainability

Current of Prior Experience on CBJ Boards/Commissions/Committees

N/A

Reasons for Applying

From my experience as a UAS student, working in the energy sector, and advocating for environmental action as a young person I have perspectives that might strengthen the work of the commission. I would also appreciate a deeper knowledge of sustainability work happening in Juneau and the rest of Alaska, and I think the commission could help with that.

With our affordable electricity, strong community values, and transportation landscape Juneau is well positioned to become a model for sustainable community in Alaska. By meeting our major challenges/barriers (re: solid waste, transportation, and housing in particular) with adequate resources and perspective, we can chart a strong

path forward towards a resilient, climate-friendly built environment that supports a healthy, cohesive community lead by indigenous values.

Qualifications**Employment**

With 8 seasons of work with the National Park Service as an interpretive ranger, I gained a lot of experience in communicating conservation issues, in particular climate change, with a broad range of audiences. My recent employment has focused on federal funding opportunities and Alaska state energy policy.

Advocacy

Since high school, I've advocated on environmental issues at the state level.

UAS Alum

Since moving here in 2015 to attend the University of Alaska Southeast, I've added my voice and followed policies to make Juneau a more sustainable, vibrant community. As the president of the UAS Sustainability Club and as a member of Student Government, I organized efforts at UAS including climate discussions, film screenings, candidate meet-and-greets, and more. Though we didn't ultimately get traction and resources to accomplish these completely during my time, some solutions we suggested to the UAS administration include:

- Diverting waste from campus to preserve space in the landfill, namely by having on-site, educational composting of food waste from dining services.

- Improving pedestrian conditions for students who travel from the core campus to the Anderson Building.

- Robust club opportunities for all students to deepen their access and knowledge of local foods/ecology (namely by supporting the mycology club).

Civic Activities, Memberships or Non-profits Involved With

Board Member - The Alaska Center - 2015-2017, 2019-current. (Chair 2020-2024).

Sustainable Energy Coordinator - Alaska Municipal League - 2021-current.

Working with a Group

My tendency is to be somewhat deferential to group decisions based on majority opinions, though my preference is the reach consensus by listening to and taking seriously concerns from the minority in any given decision.

I think that in boards and commissions one of the most important things is that all members feel like they are being brought along in terms of their understanding of a decision/situation; when some feel left behind they are more likely to become generally disengaged and thus their perspective is lost and future work is weakened for lack of it. As a board chair through a complex executive transition, I have a strong sensitivity to this and other critical dynamics in volunteer boards.

Meeting Schedule and Attendance

Yes

Date of Birth (Optional)

[REDACTED]

Ethnicity (Optional)

White

Gender (Optional)

Man

Acknowledgment/Certification

Griffin Plush

Resume, Education, etc. (Optional)