

Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS)
Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 12:00 p.m. (Noon) Zoom

1. Call to Order

Chair Keiser called the meeting to order at noon.

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Roll Call

Present: Laura Achee, Jessica Barker, Steve Behnke, Marian Call, Gretchen Keiser, Duff Mitchell, David Teal

Absent: Jim Powell, Nick Waldo

A quorum was present.

Staff & Others Present: CBJ Staff Liaison Denise Koch, Assembly Liaison Maria Gladziszewski, Planning Commission Liaison Nina Keller, CBJ staff Dianna Robinson, Cer Scott and Brandi Tolsma (T&H), Paul Goodfellow, Nancy Waterman

4. Approval of Agenda

Approved with the addition of one item: letter to the US Postal Service

5. Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the following meetings were approved.

1. May 3, 2023 – JCOS Regular Meeting

2. May 9, 2023 – JCOS Solid Waste Subcommittee

3. May 23, 2023 – JCOS Solid Waste Subcommittee (modified to note that T&H has received an award)

4. May 30, 2023 – JCOS Outreach Subcommittee

6. Public Participation

7. Agenda Topics

1. JCOS 2023 Annual Report Draft – Gretchen Keiser (JCOS)

See packet. Add a few names of those who have served and correct a few typos.

2. Solid Waste Committee Memo – Nick Waldo (JCOS)

See packet for draft memo regarding RFP acceleration. Also see minutes of solid waste subcommittee for background. Ms. Koch noted that CBJ does not yet know the size of the facility and that perhaps the letter should be revised to reflect that uncertainty. Mr. Teal moved to finalize and send the memo following JCOS protocol and incorporating CBJ concerns. Motion passed without objection.

3. Debriefing on JCOS 6-5-23 Presentation to COW – Steve Behnke and Gretchen Keiser (JCOS)

Mr. Behnke said the assembly spent a lot of time on this presentation. Money is in the budget for another update of Energy Use/GHG Emissions Inventory and it looks as though that will occur after public comments on the current report close, but would still require Assembly approval. Ms. Koch recommended that if JCOS wants another GHG report that they formalize that in a letter to the Assembly. Ms Gladziszewski noted that the assembly didn't

say yes to anything—too many recommendations—and she questions repeating the study unless uncertainties can be addressed. Mr. Mitchell noted JCOS needs to better explain why updates are needed. Getting better data may require actual sales data for petroleum products. Financing was another issue that could use more attention from JCOS with the objective of making recommendations to the assembly.

4. Outreach Committee Report – Marian Call (JCOS) reported on Outreach Committee May 30th meeting and noted that there will be attention to JCOS’s FaceBook as well as further work on the background logistics of outreach efforts. The committee will consider a schedule for Sustainability Sessions beginning in September. Chair Keiser cautioned about JCOS’s scheduling getting out ahead of Eng/PW staff and the Assembly PWFC. Timing-wise, JCOS SS should complement or assist their activities.
5. Assembly Letter to the USPS. - Duff Mitchell suggested that JCOS recommend that the Assembly encourage the USPS to consider Juneau as a community where the USPS deploys charging infrastructure and electric mail delivery vehicles. The vehicles & charging infrastructure are scheduled for ~ mid-2024. IBEW local is supportive of this effort. Assembly Liaison Gladziszewski said JCOS should draft the letter and get it to her. Duff Mitchell moved that JCOS Energy Committee prepare a draft Assembly and background information for Assembly consideration. Marian Call seconded. Approved without objection.

8. Information Items

JCOS 2023 Work Plan: a mid-year check-in - Gretchen Keiser (JCOS), Chair Keiser briefly mentioned the updated table and asked members to review and consider their priorities. Denise Koch mentioned that 4-6 JCOS meetings/month is not a sustainable workload for Eng/PW staff to support. Discussion centered on possible options to accommodate the Open Meetings Act requirements and streamline the workload for both staff and JCOS members. Chair Keiser indicated she would work with JCOS Committee Chairs and Eng/PW staff to come up with suggestions for the full JCOS to consider.

9. Committee/Liaison Comments and Questions

10. Next Meetings

- Outreach Subcommittee June 13, 2023 12 PM @ZOOM
- Monthly Work Session June 21, 2023 12 PM @ZOOM
- Solid Waste Subcommittee June 27, 2023 12 PM @ZOOM
- Regular Meeting July 5, 2023 12 PM @ZOOM

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Submitted by David Teal, Secretary & Gretchen Keiser, Chair