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DATE: November 06, 2024
TO: Nick Waldo, Chair, Juneau Commission on Sustainability
FROM: Dianna Robinson, Environmental Project Specialist, CBJ
SUBJECT: November Staff Update

Chair Waldo,

Please see updates from CBJ staff below.

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Clean Ports Program: Zero-Emission Technology Deployment Competition Application

- Port of Juneau Shore Power Project
- CBJ's application was unsuccessful

Community Change Grants – November 2024

- CBJ will be a part of two grant applications
 - o One in partnership with Tlingit & Haida
 - Alaska Tribal set-aside,
 - Flood mitigation related projects
 - o One for miscellaneous CBJ projects
 - Heavy equipment for future compost facility and disaster debris management
 - Construction costs for Lemon Creek Multimodal Pathway
 - New recycling center (TBD)

EPA Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) – December 2024

- New recycling center
- Purchase of a large-scale grinder for composting/disaster debris management

In development:

- DOT Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) – January 2025
- DOT Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation Program (PROTECT) – February 2025

Dianna Robinson

Compost facility update:

- We have finished the process with EPA to release the \$2.5 million in Congressionally Directed Funding to us.
- The appropriation will be reviewed by the Assembly in December (it will need to be formally accepted by them for us to receive it from EPA).

Alaska Compost Conference:

- Anchorage's Solid Waste Services hosted Alaska's first ever composting conference in Anchorage on October 18th & 19th.
- Dianna Robinson attended from CBJ. Cer Scott and Brandi Tolsma from T&H were also there, as well as Lisa Daugherty from Juneau Composts.



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- Interested individuals and bureaucrats from across the state were in attendance, and we received training from industry leaders and toured facilities in Anchorage.

Trash bears:

- CBJ has continued conversations with Alaska Department of Fish and Game about minimizing trash-related conflicts with bears.
- We are working to set a meeting with ADFG, Alaska Waste, and downtown businesses to strategize trash containment downtown, which was the source of the majority of conflicts this year with bears, trash, and people.
- We are also assisting three Girl Scouts on their Silver Award project – they're hoping to do an outreach project to target tourist education on proper trash disposal and other bear stewardship issues.

Community Development:

- There are no current plans for a NW Douglas Sub Area plan until after the Comprehensive Plan. We are guiding people to participate in the Comprehensive Plan process once it begins.
- Blueprint Downtown: Plan will be going to the Assembly in November as ordinance for adoption into Comprehensive Plan.
- Downtown Douglas/West Juneau: Steering Committee meetings to begin October 23, 2024 to begin working through draft plan.
- Comprehensive Plan: RFP soliciting a consultant group to help develop the Plan will be put out this week Fri./Saturday. Application due early November.
- Thriving Communities: The City and Borough of Juneau and partners Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority and Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska were awarded a 2-year technical assistance grant designed to provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support for projects underway or considered in the future. The partners have begun to meet to understand the parameters of the program – THRHA and CCTHITA have property just north of the bridge.
- 8 Rezone requests are being heard by the Planning Commission on October 22nd. A few rezones are on N. Douglas.