

**Juneau Commission on Sustainability**  
Minutes—Work Session of May 21, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Co Chair Griffin Plush at 12:03 pm.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

C. ROLL CALL

Present: Griffin Plush, Nick Waldo, Brennen McColloch, Jessica Barker

Absent: Marian Call, Duff Mitchell, Griffin Plush, Laura Achee, Jim Powell, David Teal

Staff & Others Present: Dianna Robinson (CBJ)

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. None

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

F. AGENDA TOPICS

1. Planning for Outdoor Sustainability Sessions - The Commission brainstormed ideas for upcoming outdoor sustainability sessions, considering seasonal opportunities and potential partnerships.

**Event Timing:**

- Sun Day (September 21) was proposed as a potential anchor date, with related events the preceding week (September 15–21).

**Energy Systems Tours:**

- Gold Creek Hydro Plant (AEL&P) – Potential tour site; point of contact: Lauri or Alec at AEL&P.
- Franklin Dock & Cruise Ship Tours – Could highlight cruise ship shore power connections. Alex Pierce has previously offered to arrange ship tours (e.g., Holland America Princess), including overviews of onboard wastewater systems and exhaust scrubbing.

**Solid Waste, Water, and Wastewater:**

- New Solid Waste/Compost Facility Site – Campus of future facilities may be of interest, but construction hasn't begun. Revisit in the fall.
- Perseverance & Gold Creek Water Sources – Visually interesting but lower priority; could pair with discussions about water rate increases.
- Current Landfill – Tour must occur during the workday (closes at 5 PM).

- Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant – Tour is feasible; PPE and headcount required. Contact: Brian (CBJ).
- Compost Facility – A tour of the current composting operation was suggested.

**Land Use & Redevelopment:**

- Fish Creek Gravel Pit – Explore history of redevelopment plans.
- Mendenhall Wetlands (Second Crossing) – Potential walk-through and discussion on the proposed project and its implications. Could serve as a public engagement opportunity.

**Preliminary Session Schedule:**

- June/July: Mendenhall Wastewater Plant tour
- August/September: Gold Creek Hydro (linked with Sun Day events)
- October: Solid Waste campus site visit (dependent on daylight and staff availability)

**Action Items:**

- Griffin will reach out to Lauri at AEL&P to coordinate a hydro plant tour.
- Dianna will connect JCOS with Brian to arrange the wastewater plant tour.

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Staff Update – Dianna Robinson announced she will be leaving her position and moving out of town in July.

**H. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

None

**I. NEXT MEETING DATE**

June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, noon @ Zoom

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 1 pm