

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 4th, 2025, noon @ Zoom

J. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 1 pm