

Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS)
Wednesday, October 4, 2023, noon
Minutes

- A. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Keiser called the meeting to order at noon.
- B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
- C. ROLL CALL
1. Present: Laura Achee, Steve Behnke, Gretchen Keiser, Duff Mitchell, Jim Powell, David Teal
 2. Absent: Jessica Barker, Marian Call, Nick Waldo
 3. **A quorum was present.**
 4. Staff & Others Present: Assembly Liaison Maria Gladzizewski, Planning Commission Liaison Nina Keller, CBJ Staff Liaison Denise Koch, CBJ Staff Dianna Robinson, Lori Sowa (AEL&P), Tom Mattice (CBJ), Alix Pierce (CBJ) with LSC Consultants Justine Marmesh and Gordan Show, Rich Ross (Capital Transit), Zach Gianotti (AK DEC)
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Approved without changes.
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Minutes for the following meetings were approved with a technical change to Sept 6 minutes.
1. September 6, 2023 – JCOS Regular Meeting
 2. September 19, 2023 – JCOS Solid Waste Subcommittee
 3. September 26, 2023 – JCOS Climate Impacts/Sustainability Indicators Subcommittee
- F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None
- G. AGENDA TOPICS
1. CBJ Emergency Preparedness – Tom Mattice (CBJ)
Emergency Response builds and coordinates response plans for all hazards across many agencies in the region. In response to questions: play a role in support of local response to a cruise ship incident but are not the major provider of services; climate change is considered in their planning efforts.
 2. Circulator Study Update – Alix Pierce (CBJ) and LSC Consultants
This is the third of three deliverables: began as tourist congestion study and expanded to glacier and other transportation options.
 - Circulator (2 route options with no more than two vehicles—diesel to begin with). Propose \$5 fare with potential cost recovery. Purpose is to address tourist congestion. Consultants recommend the longer route option.
 - Capital Transit tripper service to minimize people left at bus stops due to full buses is the recommendation for addressing additional capacity on some routes.

- Glacier transport is limited to an existing route to a staging area about 0.3 mile from the glacier—role of CBJ vs. private sector is an issue and there is no firm recommendation on this topic.

This is an opportunity for JCOS members to provide stakeholder input (by October 20).

Motion to give the JCOS Energy Committee authority to assemble JCOS comments for submission to Alix Pierce. Adopted without objection.

Discussion of past data/studies, cost sensitivity and funding sources (CBJ GF, federal grants, fares, passenger fees, local use versus tourist use. Ms. Koch noted that CBJ is not eligible for additional federal pass-through operating funding.

Mr. Powell motion: Mr. Mitchell to take lead on collecting JCOS comments.

Adopted without objection.

3. Sustainability Awards and Climate Indicators – Jim Powell (JCOS)
New assembly so reintroducing the concept. Looking for at least two JCOS members to put in continuing effort as outlined in the committee document. JCOS can help establish the award program, but this should be a CBJ award. Sense of Commission is to firm up the concept at the committee level and then discuss the topic while setting other JCOS goals for 2024. There is general agreement that the concept is a good one.
4. JCOS November Input to CBJ Assembly goal setting - Gretchen Keiser (JCOS)
Ms. Keiser will seek input from JCOS subcommittee chairs and provide a discussion draft for the JCOS November 1st meeting.
5. JCOS Subcommittee Reports – Nick Waldo, Marian Call, Steve Behnke, Jim Powell, Gretchen Keiser (JCOS)
No additional discussion
6. Source Control (FOG) Thanksgiving Magnet Mailer – Dianna Robinson (CBJ)
No additional discussion

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

I. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Ms. Gladzizewski noted the importance of the assembly's goal-setting process and the importance of having JCOS members talk to all assembly members about goals in general and provide short/direct comments on specific CBJ goals. Her mention of on-bill financing as an example where JCOS input & expertise would be useful prompted a discussion of that topic.

Mr. Mitchell thanked all involved for a very successful EV round-up on September 23rd. Juneau is already seen as progressive and is ready to expand EV use in the near future. The State Energy Task Force will be seeking AEA release of community-level EV statistics obtained from DMV.

J. NEXT MEETING DATES

1. October 17, 2023 – JCOS Solid Waste Subcommittee Meeting
2. November 1, 2023 – JCOS Regular Meeting

K. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:23 pm.

Submitted by David Teal, Secretary