

Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS)

Wednesday, July 3, 2023, 12:00 p.m. (Noon) Zoom

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Waldo called the meeting to order at 12:16 pm.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

C. ROLL CALL

Present: Laura Achee, Marian Call, Duff Mitchell, Jim Powell, Nick Waldo

Absent: Jessica Barker, David Teal

A quorum was present.

Staff & Others Present: Assembly Liaison Ella Adkison, CBJ staff Dianna Robinson, Lori Sowa

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as submitted without objection.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the June 5, 2024 Regular Meeting were approved without objection.

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

G. AGENDA TOPICS

1. Recent [Outside/In podcast](#) on Juneau's hazard mapping

Mr. Waldo raised the question of whether JCOS should take an active role raising awareness of the issue of landslide zoning and/or weighing in on the issue? Alternately, JCOS could simply monitor the issue for the foreseeable future. The sense of the group was that there is not a role for JCOS to play at this time.

2. JCOS Award Presentation

Mr. Waldo thanked Gretchen Kaiser and Steve Behnke in absentia for their many years of service to JCOS. They will be presented with certificates signed by the city manager at a future date.

3. Subcommittee scheduling

- Ms. Call announced that the Outreach Subcommittee is scheduled for July 31 Wednesday, noon to 1 pm. The subject of the meeting is planning for the

September Sustainability Session on the environmental impact of cruise ships.
Date for September Session is TBD

- Mr. Powell announced that the Awards and Indicators Subcommittee will meet soon, public notice will be sent out once a date and time have been set.

4. ETIPP Support Request – Lori Sowa, AELP & Dianna Robinson (attached)

- ETIPP program information: [Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project: Coastal, Remote, and Island Community Technical Assistance | State, Local, and Tribal Governments | NREL](#)
- Stakeholder support form: [ETIPP Community Technical Assistance Application](#)

Ms. Lori Sowa from AELP presented on efforts by the organization to get electrification into harder to reach areas. AELP is working on an ETIPP grant application, including gathering feedback from stakeholders, to study the use of heat pumps in multifamily housing and how they would offset the use of space heaters. Space heaters are not efficient and cause irregular load throughout the year. The program would involve quantifying and qualifying conditions in test apartments where heat pumps have been installed and looking at electricity use before and after installation, deployment planning, and possibly working with CBJ on incentives for heat pump deployment in multi-family buildings. AELP requests JCOS submit a stakeholder support form.

A motion was unanimously approved for Ms. Call to draft and submit a stakeholder support form on the ETIPP project on behalf of JCOS.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Charging & Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Community Charging Grant Application – Lori Sowa, AELP (attached)

Ms. Lori Sowa provided information on AELP's application for a grant for EV charging stations in the community that would allow pay-for-use charging. This would benefit EV owners who live in multi-family housing and are currently not able to charge their vehicles at home. If JCOS is willing to sign a letter of support, AELP is willing to assist with drafting.

A motion was approved without objection authorizing Mr. Waldo to work with AELP on the drafting and submission of a letter of support.

2. Sustainability Dashboard/Climate Action Community Dashboard – Dianna Robinson (attached)

Was not taken up during the meeting in the interest of time.

3. FERC Chairman visit –

Mr. Mitchell advised that the FERC chairman will be in Juneau Aug 28 and 29 for meetings and will provide more information via email.

4. Staff Update – Dianna Robinson

Was not taken up in the interest of time.

I. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None

J. NEXT MEETING DATE

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| • Outreach Subcommittee | July 31, 2024 |
| • Regular Meeting | Aug 7, 2024 |
| • Awards and Indicators Subcommittee | TBD |
| • Sustainability Session | TBD Sept - Oct |

K. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 pm.