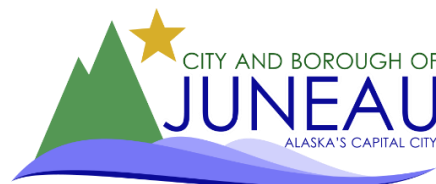


ASSEMBLY PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES - **DRAFT**



June 26, 2023 at 12:10 PM

Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar

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A. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Ms. Triem

C. ROLL CALL – Members Present: Chair Bryson; Ms. Triem; Ms. Hale; Mr. Smith (via Zoom)

Staff Members Present: Katie Koester, EPW Director; Dianna Robinson, EPW Environmental Project Specialist; and Breckan Hendricks, EPW Admin Officer.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – No changes or comments

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 5, 2023 - Regular Meeting Minutes

No comments or changes, minutes approved as submitted

F. ITEMS FOR ACTION

2. Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Planning Grant Appropriation

Ms. Koester informed the committee the CBJ was awarded federal funds through a Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant. She is seeking committee support for the funds to be appropriated by the full Assembly.

Ms. Hale moved that an appropriation for \$280,000 for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant be forwarded to the full assembly for approval upon receipt of the executed grant agreement .

No objection, motion passed.

Ms. Hale reminded the Chair that the Solid Waste Training Institute will be in Juneau in July and it would be good for committee members to attend. Ms. Koester offered to coordinate that.

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

3. Juneau Animal Rescue (JAR) Facility Needs Presentation - by JAR Board of Directors Facility Chair, Kevin Richey

Mr. Richey presented the facility was originally built as an animal warehouse built in 1983 and there are a multitude of problems.

- The cages are small and do not allow animals needed space.
- The fresh air intake is not sufficient.
- Play yard is not large enough.
- The kennels do not offer doors to the outside and are not designed to be easily cleaned.
- The building is sinking causing the floor to separate from the walls.
- The cat kennels consist of small cages and there is a lack of fresh air.
- Small and exotic animals are housed in cages in the hallway as they do not have a space for them.
- Air handling system is inadequate.

A solution would be to replace the building. In 2021, the estimate for a new facility was \$15 million. It could be possible to save about 25% if a premanufactured/pre-engineered building is constructed. Using an ASPCA grant, a facility assessment was completed by UC Davis Koret Shelter medicine program in September 2021. The assessment concluded a new facility should be up to 16,000 sq ft. They would like to locate a new facility on 2.2 acres of CBJ land behind Costco and they are initiating a capital campaign to secure funding for the project.

QUESTIONS

Ms. Hale – Regarding funding for the project, where do you see CBJ coming in?

Mr. Richey – JAR will try to collect as much as they can with donations. They have also been the beneficiary of some legacy donations (in wills upon death). They predict private donations could cover up to 25% of the cost. If it is made available, they would accept CBJ funds or bond funding for the rest.

4. JCOS Recommendations on Composting Facility Contracting Process –

Ms. Koester gave a brief update on the process. The CBJ has been awarded \$2.5 million in congressionally directed spending. The department is working with EPA to receive the funds. They have also submitted an application for a \$4 million SWIFR grant for composting but they do not know yet if that application was successful.

There is room to put this in the Lemon Creek gravel pit area. However, it will require a significant amount of site preparation. They have also submitted a grant for \$400,000 for that site improvements for that specific area.

QUESTIONS

Ms. Hale asked if they would be letting a contract with a composter as an advisor.

Ms. Koester said they have talked with Juneau Compost about hiring them as advisors when an RFP is awarded for the design of the facility. She emphasized the importance of keeping some distance to allow them to also be eligible to bid to operate the facility when that time comes.

Ms. Triem – Is the federal funding restricted to construction or can it be used for operation or procurement as well?

Ms. Koester clarified it is a facility grant for construction.

Dianna Robinson, Environmental Project Specialist, added the \$2.5 million is federal funding for construction but the \$4 million grant can be used for planning, outreach, education and operations.

5. Finding Focus: Waste Diversion vs Trash

Ms. Koester presented the memo to the PWFC and said she is looking for committee guidance at this point.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

Mr. Smith asked if the Department will be hiring a contractor for the planning process when they reach that point.

Ms. Koester explained Ms. Robinson has been hired in-house for that purpose. She would draft the plan and would hire contractors for certain elements of the process. She would also staff the development and implementation of the plan.

Mr. Bryson asked if it would be appropriate to have Ms. Robinson to put together a plan.

Ms. Koester noted there is an outline of a plan included in the packet.

Ms. Triem said she is all for moving forward on this and would prefer to prioritize long-term over short-term waste reduction planning. Regarding the issue of current costs and challenges of disposing of large items (i.e., couch), she said raising the cost of having waste is a method of reducing waste. If it costs a lot to dispose of waste, that is a policy issue.

Ms. Hale agreed that the long-term goals are important. She understands Ms. Triem's opinion but she also sympathizes with public trying to get rid of items. There is community need right now that needs to be dealt with but we also need to keep the long term in mind. She also pointed out that residents can call Waste Management, and they will come out and pick up large items for substantially less than the cost of taking it to the dump in person.

Mr. Bryson gave the number to call Waste Management (907-780-7800).

6. Juneau Douglas North Crossing RAISE Grant Award

Ms. Koester announced CBJ has been awarded RAISE Planning grant funding toward Juneau Douglas North Crossing. This grant combined with the \$7 million in congressional funding should be enough for the design portion of the project.

7. Name a Plow

Local elementary children have named PW plows. Selected names are:

- Ice Bite
- Plowy McPlowplow
- Sir Plowsalot
- Golden Goat
- Big Bob

H. PWFC 2023 ASSEMBLY GOALS

8. PWFC Milestones for 2023 Assembly Goals – No updates

I. CONTRACTS DIVISION ACTIVITY REPORT

9. N/A

J. NEXT MEETING DATE

10. July 17, 2023

K. ADJOURNMENT –

Having no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Jorgensen Business Assists (907)723-6134 🐼