

Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Retreat Outcome: Potential Projects for 2024 & Selection Criteria

At its 1/6/2024 retreat JCOS identified its approach to volunteer work in 2024. The commission intends to take up a handful of projects rather than retain its previous structure of subcommittees working on potentially overlapping issues.

The commission acknowledges that CBJ staff are working on several energy and zero waste efforts it has advocated in past years. Certain JCOS members will monitor ongoing efforts, based on their interest. In addition, JCOS regular meetings in 2024 will include an update/status report by the CBJ liaison Ms. Dianna Robinson, and other CBJ staff on an as requested basis. A CBJ grants tracking report will also be included in the JCOS regular meeting packets. As in past years, JCOS intends to provide appropriate input to CBJ staff & Assembly (MPFs, Assembly goals, CIP, Legislative Priorities).

The potential projects identified for further consideration at its February 7th meeting include:

1. Clean Energy Financing
2. CBJ Carbon Reduction
3. Zero Waste Outreach – including food waste¹
4. Sustainability Outreach, social media, website
5. Sustainability Indicators
6. Sustainability Awards
7. Climate Impacts Presentations
8. Climate Preparedness/Food Security

JCOS also identified a number of criteria members should consider as part of the process of selecting 2024 projects (there may be additional criteria as JCOS proceeds):

1. Amount of volunteer time/work involved to accomplish.
2. Can a project “move the needle” in a substantial way?
3. Timing with regard to CBJ staff efforts & Assembly priorities.
4. Is there, or would there likely be, “buy-in” at CBJ or in the community?
5. What is the timeline for action/completion?
6. Can a project be handed off to other organizations?

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¹ Although she was unable to attend the Jan 6 retreat, Jessie raised food waste as an issue she is interested in.