

## **Juneau Commission on Sustainability**

Minutes—Meeting of April 2, 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: Marian Call, Griffin Plush, Nick Waldo, Brennen McColloch, David Teal, Jessie Barker

Absent: Duff Mitchell, Laura Achee, Jim Powell

Staff & Others Present: CBJ Staff Dianna Robinson, Nina Keller (PC), Alicia Hughes-Skandijs.

### **D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approved as published without Objection

### **E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None

### **F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

### **G. AGENDA TOPICS**

1. April Sustainability Session – Marian
  - Marian shared updates on upcoming sustainability session planning.
  - Initial plans for an April 29<sup>th</sup> event on food security at the Valley Library were deferred due to scheduling conflicts.
  - Members discussed hosting an outdoor "walk and talk" event in May, potentially focused on foraged foods or a tour of the new solid waste campus (recycling, composting, etc.).
  - Additional ideas included sessions on water treatment, wastewater management, and a tour of the treatment facility.
  - Planning will continue during the April 16 work session.
  - Outdoor session tentatively scheduled for May, with a return to indoor sessions in August or September
  - Fall/winter sustainability session could focus on AELP's ETIPP grant work on heat pump adoption and EV charging.
2. Energy management questions for Nate Abbott – Griffin
  - Members should send questions for Nate to Dianna by April 30.

- Griffin recommended interested members review JRES recommendations, particularly the potential for an energy management strategy for CBJ facilities.
- Potential discussion topics for meeting with Nate include: current emissions reduction efforts, existence of an energy management system, major city energy projects, challenges with heat pumps in large buildings, future infrastructure needs, and system recommissioning.

#### H. INFORMATION ITEMS

- Dianna reported on the Southeast Alaska regional waste working group, including a presentation by Zach Boyden (DEC) on incinerators and a new regional waste study. Goals include developing tailored waste profiles and recommendations for smaller communities.
- Dianna also shared updates on tourism-season planning:
  - A “trash bear” meeting was held with the Tourism Manager, ADF&G, and Alaska Waste.
  - Plans for a bearproof trash enclosure at Pier 49 and new decorated trash cans downtown, possibly with bear education. Implementation is targeted for spring 2026.
  - CBJ is engaging with downtown businesses to mitigate trash issues this summer.
  - CBJ is also considering support for the Glacier Visitor Center via marine passenger fees.
- The draft of the first phase of the [CBJ Solid Waste Study](#) was shared. Key finding: a transfer station is essential in all proposed paths forward, and action is needed soon.
- David Teal reported on a phone call with Zach Brown regarding a national renewable energy celebration. A related community event is being planned in Juneau for September, with a planning meeting in May. Could be an opportunity for JCOS to help with community energy education.

#### I. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

- Alicia shared that the Assembly budget retreat will take place on Saturday, April 5. Weekly budget meetings will follow. Members are encouraged to bring forward questions or suggestions.

#### J. NEXT MEETING DATE

1. Worksession - April 16, 2025 12 PM @ Zoom
2. Regular Meeting - May 7, 2025 12 PM @ Zoom

#### K. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 1 pm