

**Juneau Commission on Sustainability  
November 1, 2023 Meeting 12:00p.m.  
DRAFT Minutes**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Keiser called the meeting to order at noon.

**B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**C. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Laura Achee, Steve Behnke, Marian Call, Gretchen Keiser, Duff Mitchell, David Teal, Nick Waldo

**Absent:** Jessica Barker, Jim Powell

**A quorum was present.**

**Staff & Others Present:** Assembly Liaison Ella Adkison, Planning Commission Liaison Nina Keller, CBJ Staff Liaison Dianna Robinson, Lori Sowa (AEL&P), Ashley Heimbigner (CBJ), Julius Adolfsson (Active Transportation Planner, DOT&PF)

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Approved without changes.**

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. October 4, 2023, JCOS Regular Meeting Minutes  
**Approved without changes.**
2. October 17, 2023, Solid Waste Subcommittee Minutes  
**Approved without changes.**

**F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**None.**

**G. AGENDA TOPICS**

1. JCOS Draft Letter on Assembly Goals - Gretchen Keiser (JCOS) & JCOS November 2022 Letter to the Assembly

Draft based on feedback from subcommittee chairs. First thanks mayor and assembly for progress, then lists recommendations including rewording of some draft goals. Builds on past participation in goal-setting and advocates for new goals (resource recovery / zero waste and update energy codes). Mr. Mitchell noted that CBJ talks and plans a lot, but is falling behind on action in dock electrification, EV adoption and waste management.

**Mr. Behnke moved that the letter be sent (with suggested modifications).  
Seconded by Ms Achee. Approved without objection.**

2. JCOS Comments on Draft FY25 Legislative Priorities- Gretchen Keiser (JCOS) & JCOS November 2022 Memo  
JCOS was silent on school upgrades last year, so endorsement is new for us. Composting facility support continues from last year. Mr. Mitchell suggested

mentioning past projects that have not been completed. After discussion, Chair Keiser agreed to revise the letter with highlights of past supported projects as well as the new school district project.

**Mr. Mitchell moved that the letter be sent (with suggested modifications). Mr Behnke seconded. Approved without objection.**

3. Presentation: Julius Adolfsson Active Transportation Planner, Alaska DOT: Bike-Ped Program

Working to increase active transportation (walking/biking) statewide. The subject links to sustainability via generation of greenhouse gasses. Transportation is a major producer of GHG, so his job is to encourage active transportation as a replacement for some of the many short trips that people make by vehicles that produce GHG. Reviewed potential sustainability projects, some of which are underway. He is available to help with Juneau-specific projects. JCOS requested feedback on what projects he suggests/recommendations for Juneau along with a list of potential resources.

4. Planning for JCOS Retreat in January 2024 - Gretchen Keiser (JCOS)  
Suggestion of the last week of December was dismissed. Any strong preference of meeting time and type? Suggest not supplanting regular meeting. Suggest in-person meeting to the extent possible. Doodle poll is best approach.
5. JCOS Subcommittee Reports - Steve Behnke, Nick Waldo  
Composting event tomorrow.  
Assembly Public Works & Facilities Committee meeting on on-bill financing Monday at noon. Mr. Behnke will schedule an Energy subcommittee meeting.

#### **H. INFORMATION ITEMS**

None.

#### **I. JCOS Comments on Visitor Circulator study**

Ms. Robinson will send JCOS Letter to all members.

#### **J. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

None.

#### **K. NEXT MEETING DATES**

1. November 14, 2023 - JCOS Solid Waste Subcommittee Meeting
2. December 6, 2023 - JCOS Regular Meeting

#### **L. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:39p.m.

Submitted by David Teal, Secretary