

Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS)
Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 12:00 p.m. (Noon) Zoom

1. Call to Order

Chair Keiser called the meeting to order at noon.

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Roll Call

Present: Laura Achee, Jessica Barker, Steve Behnke, Marian Call, Gretchen Keiser, Duff Mitchell, Jim Powell, David Teal, Nick Waldo

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

Staff & Others Present: CBJ Staff Liaison Denise Koch, CBJ staff Dianna Robinson, Alix Pierce, Alan Steffert

Assembly Liaison Maria Gladzizewski, Lori Sowa (AEL&P), Bill Leighty, Sunny Sanwar (Constellation), Anna Canny (KTOO), Tim Leach, Paul Goodfellow, Devon Kibby

4. Approval of Agenda

Approved with no changes.

5. Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the meeting of February 1, 2023 were approved without objection.

6. Public Participation

Bill Leighty—asked about status of a JCOS draft letter on the proposed green corridor and use of hydrogen. Steve sent the draft to Maria Gladzizewski. She will have a conversation with Mr. Leighty after this meeting.

7. Agenda Topics

1. JCOS Memo on FY24 Marine Passenger Fees

Mr. Benke reviewed a letter to the CBJ tourism director regarding use of MPFs to complete a design/build contract and the need for and funding requirements to make progress on dock electrification and the downtown circulator project. JCOS recommends formal adoption of a comprehensive statement of plans and a timeline. **Mr. Powell moved to approve finalization of the letter and sending it to Public Works. The motion passed without objection.**

2. GHG Preliminary Draft Report: 2021

Constellation's preliminary report is posted to the JCOS website. Mr. Mitchell asked about how JCOS will handle questions and comments. Mr. Benke will be the point of contact. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Powell asked for more visibility for the report, including posting it on the CBJ main site. Comments are open

until March 10, and then there will be a more formal roll-out of the report on March 15 and another round of comments (public).

Mr. Sanwar stated that the report contains more narrative than was included in the powerpoint presentation to JCOS. Commissioners had numerous questions and comments—essentially, we want to ensure that the information tracked now and in the future is as accurate, understandable, and useful as possible. The narrative is critical to public interest/acceptance. We want to lay out how tracking GHG emissions can lead to better decisions in the future. Mr. Sanwar will attend the March 15 work session and address commissioner comments at that meeting.

Steve Behnke, JCOS Energy Committee, will arrange an Energy Committee work session as soon as possible with all JCOS members invited. The purposes are to consolidate JCOS feedback on the preliminary draft report to submit to Sonny and Denise by March 10 and to begin to outline the accompanying JCOS narrative for the community rollout of the draft report for public review.

8. Information Items

JCOS Committee Meeting dates/times

Chair Keiser stated that times available include Monday and Wednesday at 4:30 pm and Tuesday at noon. Committee chairs will work with Denise to arrange their meetings.

9. Committee/Liaison Comments and Questions

Mr. Mitchell noted that a community cleanup will occur on Earth Day in April and asked for Commission support as a partner with a multi-agency effort. The JCOS agreed.

10. Next Meetings

- March 15, 2023 work session at noon (ZOOM)
- April 5, 2023 at noon (ZOOM)
- April 19, 2023 work session at noon (ZOOM)

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by David Teal, Secretary