

Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS)

Wednesday, September 4, 2024, noon

Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Waldo called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

C. ROLL CALL

Present: Laura Achee, Marian Call Brennen McColloch, Griffin Plush, Jim Powell, David Teal, Nick Waldo

Absent: Jessica Barker, Duff Mitchell,

A quorum was present.

Staff & Others Present: Assembly Liaison Ella Adkison, CBJ Staff Dianna Robinson, Nina Keller and Ashley Heimburger, Bill Leighty, Steve Behnke

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as submitted.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the June 25, 2024 Energy Subcommittee Meeting and August 7, 2024 Regular Meeting were approved without objection.

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bill Leighty discussed fuel consumption by docked cruise ships (equivalent to eight federal buildings). Will send a 2-page paper to Ms. Robinson for distribution (and inclusion with minutes of the meeting).

Steve Behnke mentioned AK Heat Smart is hiring for several jobs related to a large grant the organization was awarded. (about 1200 heat pumps in Juneau).

G. AGENDA TOPICS

1. New Member Introductions (delayed until Mr. Plush signs on)

Introductions all around.

2. September 25th Sustainability Session Update – Nick Waldo & Marian Call

Focus on garbage bears. Two guests are lined up. Will be livestreamed from the Harborview Library. Planning an outreach committee meeting on September 17.

3. Climate Action Plan Update

Anchorage updates its plan every five years or so. Should CBJ update? Updates will be a requirement for several federal grants. AML is creating a template. Mr. Powell would like a fuller discussion than just CBJ staff (including JCOS members early in the process). Aiming for more plain language and graphics. Expect to review and “borrow” ideas from other communities and create a living document. Mr. Powell wants to emphasize indicators in planning documents.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Sustainability Dashboard Memo – Dianna Robinson, Staff Liaison)

Kim Lundgren Associates specializes in presenting a plan in easy-to-read format. A potential problem: they work with data municipalities provide, and our data is lacking in many areas. Mr. Powell noted that we may have to start with aspirational data and values, which can push the availability of data. Discussion of this topic will be continued next meeting. JCOS may write a letter of support for a contract with KLA.

2. Grants Update – Ashley Heimbigner, CBJ Grants Manager

Ms. Heimbigner briefed the commission on several grants, including EVs, housing, dock electrification, recycling, flood mitigation. CBJ is reapplying for some grants that were not successful, including round 2 of the CFI grant.

I. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

J. NEXT MEETING DATES

Sustainability Session: September 25, 2024 6PM @ Harborview Elementary School Library
Regular Meeting – October 2, 2024, 12-1 pm on Zoom

K. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:12 pm.

Submitted by David Teal, Secretary