

1. Call to order

Chair Nick Waldo called the meeting to order at 12:03pm

Present: Nick Waldo (chair), Marian Call, Jessie Barker, Gretchen Keiser, Duff Mitchell, Steve Behnke, Ella Adkinson (Assembly), Ashley Heimbigner (CBJ Staff)

2. Land acknowledgement

3. Approval of agenda

Agenda amended; one item added, one struck (as indicated below). Approved.

4. Approval of minutes

Approved

5. Public participation

[None]

5. Agenda topics

- April 18th Sustainability Session Topic

- Nick proposes a discussion of cruise ships and sustainability in Juneau
 - Could include solid waste, dock electrification, emissions, scrubber discharge
 - Marian: who would guests be? Should the cruise ships have a representative present? Would this be a discussion or Q&A?
 - Nick: DEC could be present
 - Gretchen: Alex Pierce, city tourism, might be a key guest – perhaps invite to subcommittee meeting. Might be good to limit the discussion to cruise ships specifically
 - Jessie: how to make this event appeal to / invite in people who are not already concerned about impacts?
 - Duff: let's make sure we stay focused on sustainability impacts and don't move into tourism task force's territory
 - Nick: Huna Totem might be key to invite
 - Marian: framing this as an informational session about what is happening and what is whose responsibility would be a good way to limit the scope
- In writing, Steve ____
- A motion was proposed to make this the topic, along with encouragement to work in coordination with Alex Pierce. Motion passes without objection. This will be taken up at the subcommittee meeting next week.

- Staff Update Calendar Discussion

- No substantial update; list of grants city is currently pursuing is in meeting packet
- Duff: is the COW meeting on March 11 proceeding? Yes, answers Ashley Heimbigner, and Lori Sowa from AEL&P confirms in the chat that they have been asked to present there

- Solid Waste Disposal Options Study

- Dianna requests a memo / letter of support from JCOS for the Waste Disposal Options study, Nick will draft. Motion for this to move forward passes without objections
- **CIP Comments Discussion & Approval**
 - Nick notes that this was already submitted.
 - Gretchen mentions that Steve is working with Dianna on making sure our comments are in the next public works & facilities committee meeting
 - Ella responds that this will be taken up in either COW or finance committee because this is part of public comment
- ~~Plastic Bag Ban~~
 - Struck from agenda
- *Added to agenda in meeting:* **JCOS letter of support for CPRG - Carbon Pollution Reduction Grant from EPA**
 - Gretchen: this is a coastal/larger regional cooperative process through Southeast Conference in support of electrification and heat pumps, including multiple communities. The effort is seeking letters of *commitment* (not support) from many partners who will be participating in the project. Steve Behnke, a primary writer of the application, seeks that JCOS encourage the CBJ or the mayor to write a letter of commitment for this effort. Deadline for the grant application is April 1st.
 - Steve would draft a letter for JCOS to send to the city manager and the mayor.
 - Marian: will other municipalities be asked to write letters of commitment?
Gretchen: not sure, SE Conference may be seeking that.
 - Marian: what is the city being asked to commit to doing? What does participation mean? Gretchen: if successful, some of that grant money would come to Juneau through Southeast Conference making an award to Alaska Heatsmart.
 - Duff makes a motion, Gretchen amends it: grant Steve and Nick authority to work together to draft a memo from JCOS with an attached draft letter of commitment for CBJ (or the city manager or mayor) to send to Southeast Conference in support of this grant application.

5. Commissioner Comments / Informational Items

- Duff: Committee of the Whole is meeting on March 11th and dock electrification will be a topic. Who can attend? Nick states he intends to.
- Ashley Heimbigner: updates to list sent with meeting packet explained in detail (updates will be sent in writing)
 - The city may be reaching out to JCOS for a letter of support for their application due April 1 for a CPRG grant for a new electric boiler
 - Duff makes a motion that Nick be given authority to draft a letter of support if needed. Gretchen amends that the authority include Steve and Duff approves. Motion passes without objections.

6. Adjournment

Adjourned at 1:08pm