

Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS)

Wednesday, June 5, 2024, noon

Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Waldo called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

C. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

Staff & Others Present: Assembly Liaison Ella Adkitson, CBJ Staff Dianna Robinson, Brennen McColloch, Ibn Bailey, Ashley Heimbigner

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as submitted with the addition of two topics to the information section.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the May 1, 2024 JCOS Regular Meeting were approved without objection.

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

G. AGENDA TOPICS

1. Climate Fair - Marian Call

July 27, 2024. Had a table last year. Not a lot of opportunity to reach people unfamiliar with climate/sustainability. Will take about 3 volunteers and a tent if we choose to participate. **Ms. Keiser moved to coordinate with Renewable Juneau rather than operate our own table. Motion approved without objection.**

2. Subcommittees - Nick Waldo

There were no subcommittee meetings last month.

3. Exiting Members & Open Seats - Nick Waldo

Both Mr. Behnke and Ms. Keiser will complete their terms in June. Mr. Waldo thanked them both for their long and valuable contributions. Members should encourage potential members to apply to the CBJ clerk before the July JCOS meeting. There was consensus that a broader range of member backgrounds would be valuable.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. CBJ's composting contract is moving along and CBJ has asked to hear from JCOS. Mr. Waldo will write a letter supporting the project in general as an important community sustainability issue, but JCOS will not insert itself into the purchasing process.
2. Staff Update - Dianna Robinson (attached to meeting packet)
3. CBJ Boards, Committees, and Commissions Information Pamphlet Update (attached to meeting packet)
4. Mr. Behnke has been working with several statewide, regional and local entities on a local energy grant (ETIPP Grant). CBJ will not take the project lead due to staffing concerns. While there is broad agreement on a project addressing the impacts of electric resistance heating in multi-family housing, potential participants differ on the scope of Juneau's application. Mr. Behnke said he believes that differences will be resolved during the next few weeks.

I. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mr. Mitchell had an informal conversation with Representative Hannon and a Corrections official about the potential for using GHG emissions from the landfill to heat the Lemon Creek Correctional Facility.

J. NEXT MEETING DATES

Regular Meeting – July 3, 2024, at 12-1 PM on Zoom

K. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 pm.

Submitted by David Teal, Secretary