

**PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE
DRAFT - REGULAR MEETING
Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar
November 28, 2022**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 PM.

Members Present: Chair Bryson, Ms. Triem, and Ms. Hale.

Staff Members Present: Denise Koch, Caleb Comas, Dave Scanlon, Breckan Hendricks, and Rorie Watt.

II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Ms. Triem read the City & Borough of Juneau Land Acknowledgement.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No changes or comments. Agenda approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 7, 2022 – Regular Meeting Minutes

One minor change to the members present section. Minutes approved.

V. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Transfer of Funds for Gondola Shipping Overages

Mr. Scanlan, General Manager of Eaglecrest Ski Area, provided insight into the recent Gondola purchase and the struggles experienced with shipping noting extra fuel surcharge fees and congestion in the railyard, which caused additional detention fees. Mr. Scanlan explained that Eaglecrest's Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs) for the summer of 2023 would likely be delayed due to product shortages and shipping delays leaving funds that could be used for this project. After the loan agreement with Goldbelt is effectuated, this account would be paid back and made whole again. The 2023 CIPs that could be delayed include improvements to the Eaglecrest parking lot and sewer repairs.

Mr. Scanlan shared that he put together a summary of how the additional \$2,500,000 of appropriated funds have been spent to date, an overview of engineering and design work done to date, and the next phase coming ahead.

Mr. Bryson requested that Mr. Scanlan provide that information to the PWFC Committee.

Ms. Triem inquired if this would cause any cash flow issues and if these CIP projects would require funds before the money is received from Goldbelt.

Mr. Scanlan explained that this transfer would leave around \$45,000 in Eaglecrest's CIP account and that they would be in a good position until construction season starts next May. He noted that this was a comfortable balance.

Ms. Hale noted her appreciation for the creativity used to find the money to operate within their existing budget. Ms. Hale asked that if Mr. Scanlan provides the PWFC with this summary document, we ensure it is made accessible to the public. She recommended Mr. Scanlon work with Ms. Koch.

Mr. Bryson noted that from his experience, he could confirm the Gondola was shipped at the most expensive time in shipping history.

Ms. Triem moved the Public Works and Facilities Committee to introduce a transfer request to the Assembly from Eaglecrest Deferred Maintenance in the amount of \$221,000 to the Gondola Capital Improvement Project and asked for unanimous consent.

No objection, motion passed.

B. PWFC Input on Assembly Goals for Retreat

Ms. Koch shared that the Assembly would be meeting soon to establish goals in their retreat. She explained that Director Koester wanted to give the PWFC the opportunity to provide feedback on a memo that could be sent to the Full Assembly before the retreat. The goals are the same as those we saw in 2022, and Director Koester tried to give specificity towards the actions that would be required to make progress toward those goals.

Ms. Koch provided an updated on the Juneau North Douglas Crossing project (section 2.[G]) and said the next open house would be Monday, December 12th, from 4 pm-6 pm at the Juneau Arts & Humanities Council (JAHC). She highlighted actions for long-term strategic planning on CIPs (section 3.[C.]) and continued focus on deferred maintenance (section 3.[F]). She shared the onboarding of the new Environmental Project Specialist, Dianna Robinson, and how that related to section 5.(A) Develop a zero waste or waste reduction plan. Ms. Koch shared her excitement that Ms. Robinson was only one week into her position and was already working on Grant applications for compost facilities. Ms. Koch also explained that Juneau's Changing Climate & Community Response Report was referenced and can be used when developing a climate change adaptation plan (section 5.[D]).

Ms. Hale shared that she'd like to see similar tactics for engaging the public on the Juneau North Douglas Crossing as used for New City Hall. She noted interest in exploring through the Committee how we can do more meaningful interaction with the community on the North Crossing.

Mr. Bryson agreed to explore alternative strategies to get the community involved. He suggested this be discussed at the retreat.

Ms. Triem expressed her support for the actions. She noted that housing is at the top of the Assembly's goals.

Ms. Hale moved that the PWFC forward a version of the memo to the Assembly, modifying it to flush out the recommendation for the Juneau North Douglas Crossing with what was discussed, adding that the Committee address housing issues as necessary and that some cross-fertilization with the Lands, Housing, and Economic Development Committee occur on the North Douglas Crossing. Ms. Hale asked for unanimous consent.

No objection, motion passed.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Juneau Commission on Aging Presentation on AARP Membership Benefits

Dr. Emily Kane presented AARP and the designation of All Ages Friendly Community. She encouraged attendees to grab a brochure explaining what that designation means. She explained that AARP stands for American Association of Retired persons, but the new retirement is working. As we age, our access to everything changes, and housing is considerable. She noted that 35% of our population is age 50+, 21% is 60+, and seniors are between 1/5 – 1/3 of the Juneau Community. She also explained that seniors drive slightly more than 50% of the Juneau Economy. In addition, 8 out of 10 seniors want to age in place with the ability to perform tasks such as walking to the store and the post office. They want to engage. Her PowerPoint touched on what age-friendly looks like in other communities.

Mr. Bryson asked Dr. Kane to summarize what is needed of the PWFC.

Ms. Kane asked for a letter of endorsement for Juneau to become an All Ages Friendly Community for AARP. She will need the Mayor and Assembly to provide that.

Ms. Hale moved that the PWFC express support for a resolution or letter whichever is needed to accompany the AARP all Ages Designation for Juneau, and asked for unanimous consent.

No objection, motion passed.

b. New City Hall Update

Ms. Koch explained that this memo is intended to prompt discussion on what's next for City Hall since the bond proposition failed. We still have the same issue: the buildings that CBJ staff are sitting in still require a lot of work. Option one includes scoping out and phasing what improvements are needed and what those costs are. She noted previously these repairs we approximated at \$12,000,000. Another option would be to go back to the public to better understand the concerns, such as location or cost. Ms. Koch also shared that Director Koester supports increased public outreach and more creative and accessible areas.

Ms. Triem shared that she did not want to go back through the process of analyzing the locations. She noted that staff did a good job evaluating locations and that this was already thoroughly reviewed. Her sense is that it is not one of the influencing factors. She would like to see a focus on outreach and education.

Ms. Hale was supportive of more accessible and creative outreach to reach more locations in Juneau. She inquired if there were minimal repairs that would get us by a few years. Ms. Hale also expressed a desire to learn why parking in downtown Juneau continues to come up. She shared her experience that she can always find parking, but she may have to do a few laps. She questions if it is related to accessible parking.

Mr. Bryson shared that the North State Parking Garage may help improve this.

Ms. Hale explained that parking garages are often confusing for citizens who do not frequently use them. She also acknowledged that another CBJ committee has been discussing making changes to parking in downtown Juneau.

Mr. Bryson confirmed with Ms. Koch that no action was required. Ms. Koch responded that no action was needed but that the feedback from the committee was appreciated.

VII. CONTRACTS DIVISION ACTIVITY REPORT

a. November 04, 2022 to November 24, 2022

Ms. Triem inquired on the Melvin Park lighting upgrade off Riverside Dr. next to Killewich Dr. Since the Assembly added in the CIP last year, was there any possibility that CBJ would merge the project with the lighting in Lemon Creek.

Mr. Comas stated that CBJ Engineering could look into merging these project for efficiency.

Ms. Hale inquired on the Karl Reishus Dr. pull out installation. Mr. Comas stated he would familiarize himself with the project and follow up via the Clerk's office.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

a. Next Regular Meeting will be December 19, 2022, at 12:10 PM.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.