

**Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS)**  
**Wednesday, December 21, 2022, 4:30 pm Zoom**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Keiser called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

**3. Roll Call**

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

Absent: Jessica Barker

*A quorum was present.*

Staff & Others Present: CBJ Staff Liaison Denise Koch, CBJ staff Dianna Robinson, Maria Gladziszewski(assembly), Lori Sowa (AEL&P), Laura Achee (prospective member), Alan Steffert (CBJ Engineering), Edward Chevans (public)

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Approved with some rearrangement.

**5. Public Participation**

None.

**6. Agenda Topics**

**1. JCOS Calendar—Gretchen Keiser**

Chair Keiser referred commissioners to an annual calendar.

**2. Zero Waste Update—Dianna Robinson**

Presentation recorded. Mr. Teal asked if Dianna had seen a report from Juneau Composts! regarding ownership and control of the landfill. She has. Talked about grant opportunities, landfill life, waste stream components (particularly reusable items). Mr. Benke noted Alaska Heat Smart approach to facilitating cooperation/collaboration among players may work here. Mr. Mitchell mentioned that biowaste (sewage) disposal is expensive and is a stream that could benefit from some attention. Also EV batteries. Chair Keiser thought a CBJ ban on single use plastics may reduce waste (but this approach may be less effective than in the past, per Dianna). Ms. Call mentioned construction waste could be reduced/reused (SEAlaska and SE Partnership are big players). Mr. Powell thought networking would be necessary given the size of our community—is there a non-regulatory approach that would work? JCOS role: community engagement.

**3. JCOS 2023 Goals**

Mr. Powell asked for a quick comparison/alignment of JCOS and assembly goals.

**Outreach.** Is it a tool to accomplish other goals or a goal of its own? Mr. Powell: Topical presentations appear to have worked and should be continued. Ms. Call: leave it flexible and responsive to JOCS actions.

**Climate Action.** It's interrelated with so much—time for action rather than more planning. Tasks: work with Public Works on key actions. Information gathering so we know who is working on what. Also serves to start collaborative action.

**Energy.** Start with assembly goals—two internal goals carried over. They align with JCOS recommendations. Dock electrification is still big and still hanging out there. Many of the goals are ongoing and will not be completed any time soon. JCOS just needs to keep hammering away and supporting attempts for funding opportunities, especially those with big bang for the buck. We need a plan here—grants applications want to see one and we need to keep the many steps in focus to ensure that long-term progress stays on track. Maria G: need to see results per dollar so the assembly knows where to focus. We must have metrics. Dynamhex is critical to the ability to model so we can see bang for the buck.

How do we do what needs to be done in the time we have? Cc Denise and Gretchen to create a public record of subcommittee work.

**7. Information Items**

None.

**8. Commissioner/Liaison Comments**

None.

**9. Next Meetings**

- January 4, 2023 regular meeting at noon (ZOOM).
- January 18, 2023 work session at noon (ZOOM) to hear from Dynamhex about their progress on modelling GHG emissions in Juneau.
- February 1, 2023 regular meeting at noon (ZOOM).

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Submitted by David Teal