

Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS)

MINUTES

Wednesday, August 2, 2023, 12:00 p.m. (Noon) Zoom

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Keiser called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

C. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Marian Call, David Teal

A quorum was present.

Staff & Others Present: CBJ Staff Liaison Denise Koch, CBJ staff Dianna Robinson, CBJ Tourism Manager Alix Pierce, Lori Sowa (AEL&P)

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved without objection.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the following meetings were approved without objection as amended.

1. July 5, 2023 – JCOS Regular Meeting
 - o [2023-07-5 JCOS Minutes.pdf](#) (0.20 MB)
2. July 11, 2023 – JCOS Outreach Subcommittee
 - o [JCOS Outreach Subcommittee Minutes 07112023 DRAFT.pdf](#) (0.09 MB)
3. July 25, 2023 – JCOS Solid Waste Subcommittee
 - o [2023-07-25 JCOS Solid Waste Subcommittee Minutes.pdf](#) (0.19 MB)

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

G. AGENDA TOPICS

4. Tourism Update - Alix Pierce

- Mærsk Mc-Kinney Møller Center has been engaged to conduct a feasibility study of the use of low carbon fuels in the Seattle-Vancouver-Southeast Cruise Ship Green Corridor.
- The circulator study technical memo is due this summer, and the draft will be shared for comment. The memo will include proposed routes for the circulator bus service to transport visitors to Juneau to frequently visited sites.
- The Port of Victoria sets a maximum age for the engines in vehicles permitted to operate on the docks.

5. JCOS Subcommittee Chair Reports – Nick Waldo, Marian Call, Steve Behnke (JCOS)

- Nick Waldo: Solid Waste Subcommittee is discussing the next opportunities to be proactive on solid waste issues, including the upcoming CBJ solid waste characterization study that will be conducted this winter and next spring. Subcommittee is starting to consider input into the JCOS annual goals-setting for the upcoming annual planning cycle, and is discussing how to best provide information to Juneau residents on making sustainable solid waste decisions, including posting on the JCOS website.
- In response to a question, Jim Powell expressed interest in JCOS committee work to continue pursuing the concept of a dashboard that provides updates on a handful of sustainability indicators. There is some interest within the context of an update to the CBJ Comprehensive Plan.
- Steve Behnke: AHFC has been awarded a Dept. of Energy grant to update building energy codes and will be spearheading the effort in 2024 to incorporate the 2024 international codes. Subcommittee will be monitoring this as Juneau's energy code is 11 years old and needs to be updated.
- Steve and Gretchen met with CBJ Docks and Harbors regarding dock electrification, and received an update on progress in: 1) identifying and addressing the several technical components & implementation steps, and 2) meetings with infrastructure providers and other ports' officials. They anticipate increases in the estimated costs of the project to electrify both CBJ cruise docks.
- Marian Call: was not available to provide a verbal report. Chair Keiser referred JCOS members to the Subcommittee's submitted minutes.

6. JCOS participation in 350Juneau Climate Event – Marian Call (JCOS)

Marian Call, Steve Behnke, and Laura Achee will staff the JCOS table at the event. JCOS members will send any final proposed edits directly to Marian for consideration for inclusion.

- [20230805 Climate Fair flyer.pdf](#) (0.11 MB)

7. Date for Sept Regular JCOS Hybrid Meeting – Gretchen Keiser (JCOS).

Wednesday, Sept 6th, 5:30-7:30pm @ Downtown Library Lg Conference Rm. Denise confirmed the availability of the space. There will be a capability to connect members out of town.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

I. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

J. NEXT MEETING DATE

- Outreach Subcommittee Aug 8, 2023 12 PM @ZOOM
- Solid Waste Subcommittee Aug 22, 2023 12 PM @ZOOM
- Regular Meeting Sept 6, 2023 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. @ Downtown Library large conference room

K. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:22 pm.