

**Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS)**  
**Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 12:00 p.m. (Noon) Zoom**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Keiser called the meeting to order at **12:03 pm**.

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

**3. Roll Call**

Present: Jessica Barker, Steve Behnke, Gretchen Keiser, Jim Powell, David Teal, Nick Waldo

Absent: Laura Achee, Marian Call, Duff Mitchell

*A quorum was present.*

Staff & Others Present: CBJ Staff Liaison Denise Koch, CBJ staff Dianna Robinson, CBJ assembly liaison Maria Gladzizewski, Planning Commissioner Paul Voelkers, Ke Mell, Juneau International Airport, Anna Canny, KTOO

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Approved with the addition of an informational item regarding a JEDC grant application.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for the meeting of January 4, 2023 were approved without objection.

**6. Public Participation**

None.

**7. Agenda Topics**

**1. Juneau Airport EV Plans**

Ke Mell reviewed accelerated schedule and use of CARES Act funding for parking lot improvements. Plans show two chargers in both short-term and long-term parking lots. There is no funding specific to chargers, but they can be included in the lot improvements if decisions are made soon.

Questions: Why put chargers in long term parking? Ms. Mell will note conflict. Why not place chargers in rental and taxi areas to encourage EV adoption? Or can they use short-term chargers? Why not place chargers in the cell phone waiting lot? Not as part of this project.

**2. JCOS Memo in support of CBJ application for a \$4 million compost grant**

Chair Keiser reviewed a letter to the grant review committee. Need more funding than is currently available to the CBJ. Site is a 10-acre plot behind Costco. **Mr. Waldo's motion to approve passed without objection.**

**3. Introduction to Behavioral Change**

Ms. Barker shared a presentation (and will send it to Ms. Koch for posting to the meeting packet) with some insights on how to make behavioral

change successful. Ultimately, success requires that people must find attempts to change behavior easy, attractive, social, and timely.

**8. Information Items**

Mr. Benke reported on JCOS comments on the EPA port grant RFI. An issue regarding the potential need for assembly approval of all JCOS correspondence to government agencies was avoided when comments prepared by the Dock & Harbors director incorporated JCOS concerns.

Chair Keiser will be polling members regarding preferences for time slots for committee meetings.

Mr. Teal reported that JEDC will continue to pursue federal grant funding for an energy loan program despite CBJ concerns regarding collateral requirements and on-bill financing. Those concerns will be addressed when, and if, the grant review team requires such information. Jeff Rogers suggested that a meeting of players in various projects/topics—including dock electrification, C-PACE, building code revision, on-bill financing and other potential funding methods/sources, downtown circulator, electric buses, energy planning and other energy issues—may be overdue and offered to set-up / coordinate meetings. The intent of such meetings would be to reach a common understanding of issues and attempt to reach consensus on joint recommendations for action in preparation for an assembly committee of the whole meeting.

**9. Commissioner/Liaison Comments**

None

**10. Next Meetings**

- February 15, 2023 work session at noon (ZOOM)
- March 1, 2023 noon meeting
- March 15, 2023 noon work session

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at **1:23** pm.

Submitted by David Teal, Secretary