



JUNEAU COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA

January 08, 2025 at 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar

<https://juneau.zoom.us/j/88069534778> or Phone 1-253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 880 6953 4778

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge that the City and Borough of Juneau is on Tlingit land, and wish to honor the indigenous people of this land. For more than ten thousand years, Alaska Native people have been and continue to be integral to the well-being of our community. We are grateful to be in this place, a part of this community, and to honor the culture, traditions, and resilience of the Tlingit people. Gunalchéesh!

C. ROLL CALL

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 11-06-2024 Regular Meeting

2. 12-05-2024 Annual Retreat

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

G. AGENDA TOPICS

3. Retreat Recap

4. Officer Elections

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

5. None

I. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

J. NEXT MEETING DATE

6. Worksession January 22, 2025 12 PM @ Zoom

7. Regular Meeting February 5, 2025 12 PM @ Zoom

K. ADJOURNMENT

ADA accommodations available upon request: Please contact the Clerk's office 36 hours prior to any meeting so arrangements can be made for closed captioning or sign language interpreter services depending on the meeting format. The Clerk's office telephone number is 586-5278, TDD 586-5351, e-mail: city.clerk@juneau.gov.

Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Minutes—Meeting of November 6, 2024

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Waldo at 12:02 pm.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

C. ROLL CALL

Present: Laura Achee, Marian Call, Brennen McColloch, Duff Mitchell, Griffin Plush, Jim Powell, David Teal, Nick Waldo

Absent: Jessica Barker,

A quorum was present.

Staff & Others Present: Assembly liaison Alicia Hughes Skandijs, CBJ Staff Dianna Robinson, Lori Sowa (AEL&P)

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as published without Objection

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 10/02/2024 Regular Meeting--**Approved** without Objection

2. 10/07/2024 Outreach Subcommittee Meeting--**Approved** with title change without Objection

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

G. AGENDA TOPICS

1. Annual Retreat Planning

Will pick a date via email. Goal-setting, recommendations for assembly goals.

2. Indicators Discussion (Jim) (15 mins + Q&A)

Powerpoint presentation (see website). **Dianna will have to load**

Subcommittee will work on indicators for new comprehensive plan. Ms. Robinson noted that any required staff work will need to go through channels. JCOS should focus on existing indicators and putting them in a dashboard (rather than coming up with new indicators). KLA could work on dashboard for about \$15,000. Subcommittee meeting tentatively scheduled for November 13.

3. Collaboration With UAS Sustainability or Other Entities (Jim and Marian)

Consider a JCOS youth member. Consider connections with other groups. Potential topic for retreat.

4. Set Date for Next Sustainability Session

Tentative December 3 session on food waste. Depends on guest availability. Motion **approved** without objection.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

Staff Update – Attached Memo from Dianna Robinson, Staff Liaison.

Ms. Call updated the commission on North Douglas planning and a session on trash bears.

Mr. Powell noted that North Douglas has indicated interest in making a plan specific to that area.

I. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs made a few comments as the newly assigned assembly liaison.

J. NEXT MEETING DATE

December 4, 2024, noon @ Zoom

K. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 1 pm

Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS)
Annual Retreat
 Thursday, December 5, 2024, 5:00 PM
 Juneau Downtown Library Large Meeting Room
 DRAFT Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 5:04 PM by Chair Waldo.

Land Acknowledgement – Nick Waldo

Roll Call:

Members Present In-Person: Nick Waldo, Griffin Plush, Laura Achee, Brennen McCulloch, Duff Mitchell, Marian Call

Members Present Virtually: Jessie Barker

CBJ Staff: Dianna Robinson, EPW Environmental Project Specialist (in-person); Nate Rumsey, EPW Deputy Director (virtual)

Chair Waldo asked Nate Rumsey, the new EPW Deputy Director, to introduce himself. Chair Waldo then gave a quick summary of JCOS' duties and activities.

Agenda Items:

1. Marine Passenger Fee Discussion

Chair Waldo gave an overview of last year's priorities and projects. A discussion ensued about the Circular Study and the results. Dianna gave a recap of that project and the success of last year's requests. Dock Electrification was identified as a priority for the group.

Chair Waldo asked for help drafting the memo. Duff made a motion to give Nick, Brennen, and Griffin the authority to draft a memo to the Assembly based on the previously submitted Marine Passenger Fee priorities. Griffin seconded the motion; motion passed.

2. 2024 Recap:

Solid Waste Subcommittee Recap – Nick

- Worked to support the Zero Waste Campus, compost facility, and waste characterization study
- Supported the solid waste disposal options study

Outreach Subcommittee Recap – Marian

- Sustainability Sessions
 - Varying level of attendance – attendance seemed based on relative level of controversy.
 - However, the less well attended sessions also brought value through conversation.
 - The sessions take a lot of member and staff time
 - The subcommittee should decide on a full year's worth of events early in the year in order to advertise the events well ahead of time

Transportation – Duff

- No formal subcommittee work, but Duff has been monitoring CBJ activities related to transportation, including:
 - Dock electrification
 - Electric buses
 - Support for grants like US DOT's NOFO grants

3. Priorities for 2025

Ongoing:

- Letters of Support for grants
- Comments on the Capital Improvement Project (CIP), Marine Passenger Fee (MPF), Capital Legislative Priorities (CLP) processes

Old priority table

- Nick did not update the previous year's priority table due to time constraints, but would like to discuss a reformat
 - JCOS tried a task-based approach last year, which worked well for the Outreach and Solid Waste Subcommittee
 - There's an advantage to the individual project-based approach, but Duff raised the issue of lost institutional knowledge when members leave the committee
 - Discussion ensued around the idea of convening more subcommittee meetings to pass on that knowledge
 - Should there be a required number of meetings for each subcommittee?
 - Dedicated members that go to public meetings should report out to the group
 - Standardized reporting for subcommittees?
 - Standard committee written report
 - Reduce time spent covering subcommittee verbally in regular meetings
 - Due one week before the scheduled meeting
- Nick: Should the group return to project-related work?
 - Project based work ended up falling under subcommittees – should the group stick with that?
 - Discussion around returning to a worksession format, and not have separate subcommittee meetings
 - Is the group able to utilize the break-out room feature on Zoom? Dianna will speak with the Clerk's office, but suspects there will be issues with OMA
- Marian requested a round robin discussion about everyone's sustainability interests
 - Marian: small business/artist perspective:
 - Communications
 - Outreach
 - Emergency planning
 - Food security

- Community planning around internet outages
- Laura: Communications background
 - Communications and outreach
- Griffin: Infrastructure and funding background
 - Communications
 - Outreach
 - Planning
 - CAP
 - Energy planning
 - Emerging climate threats
- Nick: Science background
 - Identifying where JCOS can enact change
 - Solid waste
 - Outreach/sustainability sessions
- Brennen: Science/engineering background
 - GHG emissions reduction
 - Electrification
 - Electric vehicles, buses, and Alaska Heat Smart
 - CAP/JRES update (Net Zero)
- Duff: renewable energy development background
 - Reducing pressure on systems
 - Focusing on Juneau-specific impacts
 - EVs, heat pumps, buses, dock electrification
 - Hybrid cruise ship/ferries
 - Nexus of sustainability and affordability; connecting sustainability to different values
 - Seawater heat pumps for data centers
 - Electrifying Kensington Mine
 - Providing institutional/historical background information
- Nate:
 - Infrastructure
 - Funding
 - Financial sustainability
 - Emergency Management
 - Communicating to the public
- Dianna:
 - Solid waste
 - Communications
 - Deferred maintenance
- What projects do people want to support next year
 - Staying engaged with the comp plan process/sustainability
 - Energy and Sustainability chapters in comp plan
 - Nick, Marian, Jim, Griffin
 - Solid waste
 - Nick, Marian
 - Food security

- Energy
 - Transportation, CAP
 - Brennen, Duff, David, Griffin
 - Outreach/Sustainability Sessions
 - Marian
4. Officer Nominations
- Chair/Co-Chairs: Nick, Marian, Griffin
- Vice-Chair: Nick, Marian, Griffin
- Secretary: Brennen

Meeting ended at 7:42 PM