



JUNEAU COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA

August 02, 2023 at 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

C. ROLL CALL

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- [1.](#) July 5, 2023 – JCOS Regular Meeting
- [2.](#) July 11, 2023 – JCOS Outreach Subcommittee
- [3.](#) July 25, 2023 – JCOS Solid Waste Subcommittee

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

G. AGENDA TOPICS

4. Tourism Updates – Alix Pierce
5. JCOS Subcommittee Chair Reports – Nick Waldo, Marian Call, Steve Behnke (JCOS)
- [6.](#) JCOS participation in 350Juneau Climate Event – Marian Call (JCOS)
7. Dates for Sept Regular JCOS Hybrid Meeting – Gretchen Keiser (JCOS)

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 ?, 2023	12 PM @ZOOM

K. ADJOURNMENT

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Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS)
Wednesday, July 5, 2023, 12:00 p.m. (Noon) Zoom

1. Call to Order

Chair Keiser called the meeting to order at noon.

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Roll Call

Present: Laura Achee, Steve Behnke, Marian Call, Gretchen Keiser, Duff Mitchell, David Teal, Nick Waldo

Absent: Jessica Barker, Jim Powell,

A quorum was present.

Staff & Others Present: CBJ Staff Liaison Denise Koch, Assembly Liaison Maria Gladzizewski, Planning Commission Liaison Nina Keller, CBJ staff Dianna Robinson, Cer Scott (T&H), Paul Kelly (assembly candidate)

4. Approval of Agenda

Approved without objection.

5. Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the following meetings were approved without objection.

1. June 7, 2023 – JCOS Regular Meeting
 - o [2023-06-07 JCOS Minutes - GK additions_dk.pdf](#) (0.02 MB)
2. June 13, 2023 – JCOS Outreach Subcommittee
 - o [2023-06-13 JCOS-Outreach-Subcommittee_Minutes-DRAFT.pdf](#) (0.19 MB)
3. June 23, 2023 – JCOS Solid Waste Subcommittee
 - o [JCOS Solid Waste Subcommittee Minutes 6232023.pdf](#) (0.19 MB)

6. Public Participation

None.

7. Agenda Topics

1. JCOS Subcommittee Chair Reports

- a. Nick Waldo: solid waste committee is paused on compost facility—waiting for word on grants and design. Topics for near future discussion: supplement Ms. Robinson’s work on this topic.
- b. Marion Call: the outreach committee needs to clarify scope and who does the work regarding sustainability awards. Will work on topics and timing of future sustainability sessions.
- c. Steve Behnke: The energy committee did not meet this month. GHG study comments are now closed and Mr. Benke will review comments and the process for funding and completing future studies. No comments (of the two received) change outcomes. CBJ will finalize and post on JCOS website. The next GHG topic is likely to be an interactive

model. The CBJ grant application for charging EVs was submitted. Planning is not as comprehensive as it should be, but CBJ will be working on meshing the grant application and plans. Mr. Mitchell noted that charging (nationwide) is adopting the Tesla standard and that Juneau's level 3 chargers are outdated. CBJ should take care to clarify that CBJ is not ahead of the implementation curve and is in need of additional funding.

2. **Marian Call: JCOS participation in 350Juneau Climate Event**—looking for volunteers to help at the August 5 event.
3. **JCOS Goals & Operations Mid-Year Check In** –Gretchen Keiser (JCOS)
[6. JCOS Goal Tracking 2023 Mid-Yr Update.pdf](#) (0.15 MB)

Ms. Keiser updated the JCOS planning matrix to reflect the JCOS role of monitoring status/plans. Her plan is to get a written plan/timeline in front of the assembly. Her concern is how comfortable JCOS members are with the list—is it too broad? The list is an internal document reflecting JCOS priorities rather than a document outlining JCOS recommendations to the assembly.

8. Information Items

Mr. Mitchell:

- Senator Murkowski received the USPS letter and is forwarding it. It is gaining traction.
- Would like JCOS to receive progress reports on ongoing projects: circulator, dock electrification, water bottles and electric buses.

9. Committee/Liaison Comments and Questions

Discussion of in-person meetings replacing some zoom meetings. Hybrid meetings are possible but more technically complicated. Try to work something out for September.

Four Assembly positions are open.

10. Next Meetings

- Solid Waste Subcommittee, July 25, 2023, 12 PM @ZOOM
- Regular Meeting, August 2, 2023, 12 PM @ZOOM

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 pm.

Submitted by David Teal, Secretary

**Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS)
Outreach Subcommittee
Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 12:00 p.m. (Noon) Zoom**

- 1. Call to Order**
12:03pm
- 2. Land Acknowledgement**
- 3. Roll Call**
Outreach Subcommittee: Marian Call (chair), Duff Mitchell, Jessie Barker
Other JCOS: Gretchen Keiser, Steve Behnke
CBJ: Dianna Robinson, Denise Koch
A quorum was present
- 4. Approval of Agenda**
Approved with no changes
- 5. Approval of Minutes**
- 6. Public Participation**
None
- 7. Agenda Topics**

a. 350 Juneau Climate Fair

Takes place Aug 5 at the Whale for 2 hours. Marian and Steve will be available. New JCOS member Laura Achee also.

Logistics: need table, tent + materials to hold it and leaflets down in case of wind. David Teal offered use of a tent, and also JEDC. Have to dry it afterwards. Duff to connect with David and JEDC. Duff and Marian have tables. JCOS doesn't own signage. Can price out a reusable vinyl banner – could use CBJ logo also. Could also be used for EV roundup and other events. Renewable Juneau and Alaska Heat Smart will be there and may be interested in sharing a tent. Duff will secure details of tent.

Is this kind of outreach something we want to do repeatedly – is it a useful function? For this event specifically, people are already engaged in climate issues, so we want to make them aware specifically of what the city is doing, and Juneau/CBJ-specific actions they can take. For general public, this could also work, e.g. what can I do to reduce the cost of my heating bill. For this event, have a handout with resources for people to take actions and find out more info.

Ideas for material: projects that JCOS is involved in, links to video content, list of orgs in town and what they do, resources on individual actions that people could take. Any alternatives to printing paper flyers? Could have JCOS info on one side and CBJ on the other – what we've done, what's on the way. Gretchen will put together info and Marian will do graphic design. Second flyer: list of businesses/orgs on one side, actions to take on the other side. Ask experts for input. Lori Sowa @ AELP, Brian McGuire @ waste water utility, Stuart Ashton @ household hazardous waste, Dianna has info about utility fats, oils and grease. Best not to include private entities. Jessie to

draft email to these utilities. Denise/Dianna need to review any CBJ items. Remind people to ask assembly members about sustainability, with upcoming election.

To do items:

- Duff: secure event tent and arrange to borrow from David or JEDC
- Steve: help connect with Heatsmart / Renewable Juneau / 350 Juneau re. potential tent and other resource sharing
- Jessie: draft question/s for our utilities and other major public sustainability stakeholders about what action items they would share with the public, given the opportunity (and collect/collate answers)
- Gretchen: draft one-sheet on JCOS's work, past and present, and CBJ's sustainability-related projects and policies (will become a front & back flier)
- Marian: get quotes and create design for a permanent vinyl sign for JCOS events, arrange for printing and purchase. See about a laptop or tablet for sharing slide show or other resources. Assemble list of sustainability partners/resources active and available in Juneau.

8. Information Items

None

9. Committee/Liaison Comments and Questions

None

10. Next Meetings

Tuesday, August 8, 2023 (Duff to confirm)

11. Adjournment

1:00pm

**Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS)
Solid Waste Subcommittee
Tuesday, July 25, 2023, 12:00 p.m. (Noon) Zoom**

- 1. Call to Order**
12:02pm
- 2. Land Acknowledgement**
- 3. Roll Call**
Solid Waste Subcommittee: Nick Waldo (chair), Marian Call, Jessie Barker
Other JCOS: Gretchen Keiser
CBJ: Dianna Robinson, Denise Koch
A quorum was present
- 4. Approval of Agenda**
Approved
- 5. Approval of Minutes**
Approved
- 6. Public Participation**
Dan Hysell (Southeast Alaska Land Trust), Zach Gianotti (DEC)
- 7. Agenda Topics**

a. Zero waste planning memo

Waste characterization study: purpose is to know what is being thrown away, then we can figure out who is doing this. What is JCOS' role? Marian: as CBJ Assembly membership shifts, we can ensure continuity. Denise: ultimately JCOS' role is advising the assembly. We need to be cautious about JCOS talking directly to stakeholders such as restaurants. Gretchen: may be opportunities for public education.

Jessie: we can plan hypothetical behavior change, but we need to know the results of the characterization study to make concrete plans. Dianna: probably food waste will be the largest category. We do have existing waste diversion programs that could use a boost, especially cardboard recycling, household hazardous waste.

When can we make recommendations to Assembly? Fourth quarter. New assembly in October, then they have their retreat mid/late November or December. Also in the fall: zero waste subdivision, capital improvement projects. In the meantime we can put more on the JCOS website about actions that individuals can take. Ask public information officer to do a blurb.

Action items: 1) Work towards fall recommendations to the assembly – bring ideas for this to the next meeting. 2) Bring ideas for individual actions to put on JCOS' website.

b. Food waste behavior change discussion

Mostly covered above. Dianna has applied for funding for a contractor to run a behavior change campaign – pending. Zach: [Skagway](#) has a Solid Waste Advisory Committee - may help spark ideas.

8. Information Items

None

9. Committee/Liaison Comments and Questions

None

10. Next Meetings

August 22, 2023

11. Adjournment

12:58pm

Join us in making Juneau the most sustainable city in Alaska!

Take action at home with these five top tips from local experts. Choose one or more of them and share on social media to show how you're making our city more sustainable.

What? Prioritize cardboard and paper recycling

Why? More paper and cardboard is thrown away in Juneau than all other recyclable materials combined. These materials have value so recycling them helps keep the costs of Juneau's recycling program down.

How? Sign up for curbside pickup or bring your materials to Juneau Recycling Center, open Tuesday-Saturday: <https://juneau.org/engineering-public-works/recycleworks-2/recycling>

What? Go electric!

Why? Juneau's electricity comes from sustainable hydropower, making it a great choice to power your vehicle or your home. Just ask your neighbors: Juneau has the second highest rate of electric vehicle ownership in the country! And a heat pump or electric boiler can save you money on gas bills.

How? Contact the Juneau Electric Vehicle Association for more info (<https://juneau-ev.org/>) and Alaska Heat Smart (<https://akheatsmart.org/>) for a free home assessment.

What? Charge your electric vehicle at night

Why? Charging your vehicle at times when electrical demands are lower will reduce impacts to Juneau's electrical grid.

How? Plug in your vehicle in the late evening, or you may be able to program it to charge on a set schedule. You may even be eligible for AEL&P's reduced rate for off-peak EV charging: <https://www.aelp.com/Energy-Conservation/Electric-Vehicles>

What? Protect Juneau's outstanding water

Why? Juneau placed second in a 2023 Alaska drinking water taste test, and yet the Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Facility is at risk from a high nutrient load. This is due to fats, oils and greases being washed down the drain.

How? Scrape plates and dishes prior to washing. Pour used cooking oil and grease into a container such as an empty jar. Seal the jar once the contents have solidified, and put in the trash.

What? Reduce food waste

Why? A win-win solution to keep your grocery bills down and lower the need for resources used to produce food.

How? Use these guides for smart shopping (<https://www.wmnorthwest.com/guidelines/foodwaste/gif/smartshoppingguide.pdf>) and smart storage (<https://www.wmnorthwest.com/guidelines/foodwaste/gif/scrapphappyguide.pdf>) so you only buy the food you need, and eat the food you buy.

With thanks to Stuart Ashton, RecycleWorks; Lori Sowa, AEL&P; Brian McGuire, CBJ; Karissa Miller, Waste Management

Action I will take:

Example: I will pour used oil from my frying pans into empty cans instead of down the drain.

Tip: The more specific it is, the easier it is to take action. Even a small action helps!

How I will do it:

Example: I will save empty cans and keep them underneath the sink.

Tip: Think about what you might need to do ahead of time to make your action easier.

When I will do it:

Example: I will pour out the oil before I start washing any other dishes, and put a note by the sink to remind myself.

Tip: Use prompts to remind yourself about a repeated action like dishwashing. For a one-off action like calling Alaska Heat Smart, write down a specific date and time when you will do this.