



JUNEAU COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA

February 01, 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.](#) Jan 4, 2023 Work Session Minutes

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

G. AGENDA TOPICS

- [2.](#) Juneau Airport EV Plans – Ke Mell (Juneau International Airport)
- [3.](#) JCOS Letter of Support for CBJ Application for Compost Grant – Gretchen Keiser (JCOS)
4. Introduction to Behavioral Change – Jessie Barker (JCOS)

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

5. Follow-up on JCOS comments on EPA Port grant program RFI - Steve Behnke (JCOS)
6. Organization of JCOS Committee Meeting Dates/Times – Gretchen Keiser (JCOS)

I. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

J. NEXT MEETING DATE

7. Monthly Work Session - February 15, 2023 12 PM @ZOOM
8. Regular Meeting - March 1, 2023 12 PM @ZOOM
9. Monthly Work Session - March 15, 2023 12 PM @ZOOM

K. ADJOURNMENT

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**Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS)
Wednesday, January 4, 2023, 12:00 p.m. (Noon) Zoom**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Roll Call

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

Absent: Jessica Barker, Duff Mitchell

A quorum was present.

Staff & Others Present: CBJ Staff Liaison Denise Koch, CBJ staff Dianna Robinson, CBJ Engineering staff Alan Steffert, Laura Achee, Anna Canny, KTOO

4. Approval of Agenda

Approved with no changes.

5. Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the meeting of December 21, 2022 were approved without objection.

6. Public Participation

None.

7. Agenda Topics

1. Revised JCOS 2023 Calendar and Goals

Chair Keiser referred commissioners to an annual calendar, which was included in the packet. The Chair drew attention to the Dynamhex report, which may be delayed (from January) until as late as February. Reviewed several assignments. The calendar is intended to be a living document. Ms. Call will update the document. May add assembly and subcommittee meetings as appropriate.

Goals document was rearranged slightly. Priority now is meeting with COW to discuss planning report and options for action. Timing is dependent on Dynamhex.

There was discussion of various goals and strategies, focus, and how to best move forward with the document as well as JCOS action.

Mr. Teal was tasked with asking the city manager to explain what happened with the JEDC grant application.

2. JCOS Memo on FY24 Marine Passenger Fees

Mr. Benke reviewed a letter sent to the CBJ tourism director regarding use of MPFs to complete a design/build contract and the need for and funding requirements to make progress on dock electrification and the downtown circulator project.

Also discussed the CIP process, particularly the sustainability portion of project requests, in order to improve JCOS comments/recommendations on project proposals.

8. Information Items

None

9. Staff Reports

None

10. Commissioner/Liaison Comments

None

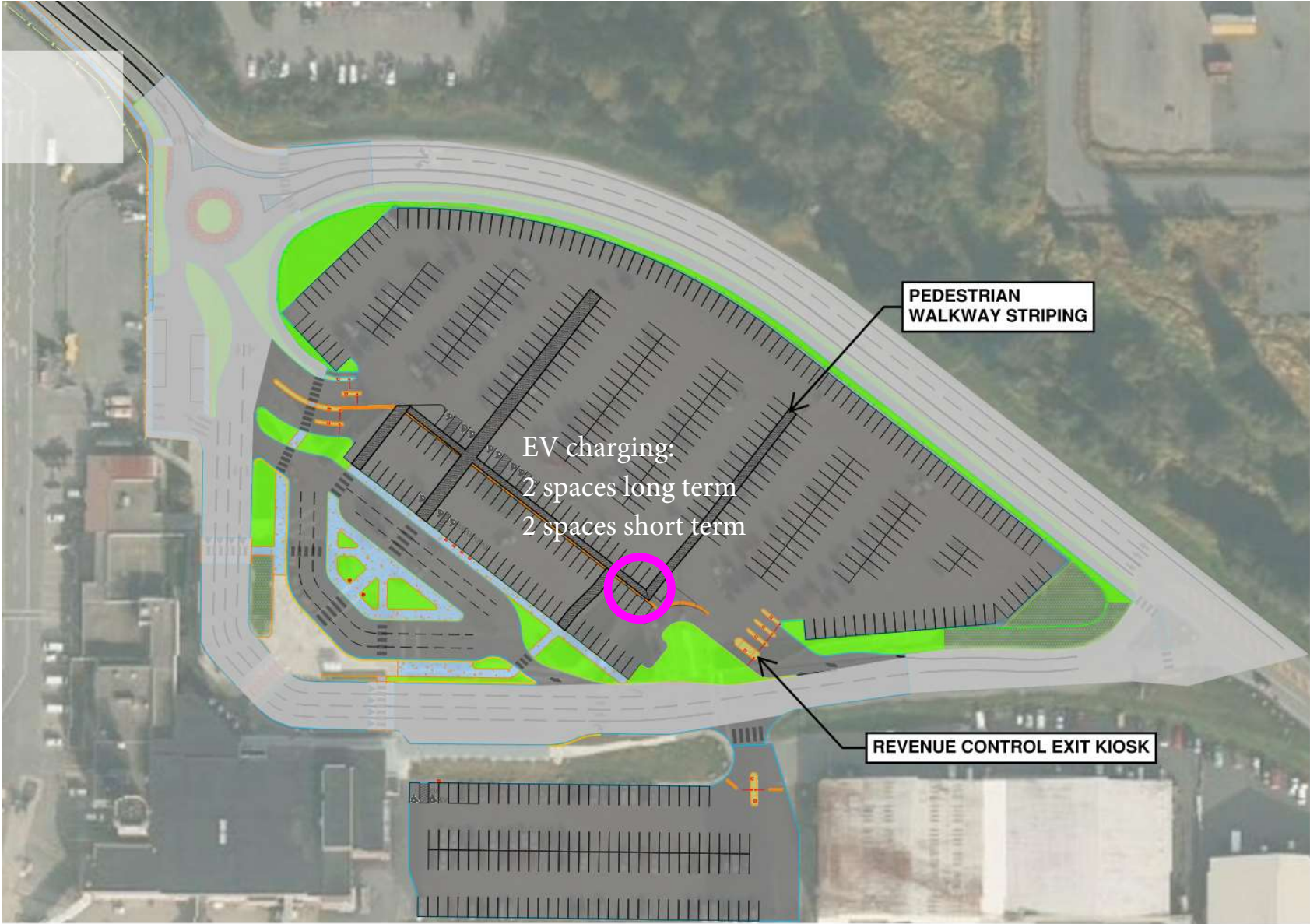
11. Next Meetings

- January 18, 2023 work session at noon (ZOOM) to hear from Dynamhex about their progress on modelling GHG emissions in Juneau. May also discuss CBJ role in financing energy and other JCOS goals.
- February 1, 2023 at noon (ZOOM)
- February 15, 2023 work session at noon (ZOOM)

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:23 pm.

Submitted by David Teal, Secretary





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February 1, 2023

Re: Letter of Support for the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grant Program for Political Subdivisions of States and Territories

Applicant: City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska

Project Title: "Juneau Community Compost Facility and Program"

Grant Review Committee,

The City and Borough of Juneau's Commission on Sustainability (JCOS) strongly supports the City and Borough of Juneau's (CBJ) 2023 Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) grant request. The grant request clearly aligns with the CBJ's long-term goals of reducing the amount of food waste being sent to the local landfill and increasing composting within the community.

JCOS is an advisory body to the elected local Assembly and since its inception has acted in a wide-ranging role to increase the community's sustainability. One longstanding JCOS priority and active subcommittee focus is to provide public education and raise awareness of sustainability issues in Juneau. In the past, JCOS has held successful, well-attended public 'Sustainability Sessions' on composting and food waste reduction. At these sessions, invited experts, businesses and practitioners on specific topics share their knowledge and experience to stimulate a public conversation on how best practices can be expanded throughout the Juneau community.

In 2010-2011 JCOS spearheaded development of the Juneau Climate Action and Implementation Plan (JCAIP), resulting in CBJ Assembly adoption in 2011. The JCAIP sets a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 25% by 2032 and includes a number of goals and recommendations relating to composting programs:

Goal U-5: Reduce GHG emissions and energy use from solid waste processing.

Strategy U5-D. Develop a municipal composting system - Research and develop a municipal composting facility in a central location. Consider composting sewage sludge, fish waste, brewery waste, wood scraps, yard waste, and household compostables, drawing on the composting experiences of other communities in the region, e.g., Gustavus, Haines, and Whitehorse [Canada].

Furthermore, the 2013 CBJ Comprehensive Plan identifies implementation of the 2008 *Final Solid Waste Management Strategy for the City and Borough of Juneau* as a way to achieve the above-mentioned climate goal. This strategy recommends the implementation of a food waste reduction diversion program including a composting operation. The Comprehensive Plan also includes several policies that support reducing waste sent to the landfill and identifying more beneficial ways to handle local solid waste:

Policy 12.4. To facilitate the reduction of waste materials generated and disposed by households and businesses through promotion of an aggressive solid waste diversion program including activities facilitating waste prevention, reuse and recycling.

Policy 12.5. To promote efficient, safe, convenient, cost-effective and environmentally-sound methods for the disposal of solid and hazardous waste.

Policy 12.6. To encourage waste reduction, reuse and recycling activities that have positive economic and/or environmental benefits.

The JCOS is a very willing collaborator on this EPA grant and anticipates assisting with public outreach and informational sessions. If received, this grant will be of tremendous value to the CBJ to take the next steps that can demonstrate the feasibility of food waste reduction and composting in Juneau.

Sincerely,



Gretchen Keiser, Chair
Juneau Commission on Sustainability
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