



JUNEAU COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA

September 04, 2024 at 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar

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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. June 25, 2024 Energy Subcommittee Meeting

2. August 7, 2024 Regular Meeting

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

G. AGENDA TOPICS

3. New Member Introductions

4. September 25th Sustainability Session Update – Nick Waldo & Marian Call

5. Climate Action Plan Update

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

6. Sustainability Dashboard Memo – Dianna Robinson, Staff Liaison

7. Grants Update – Ashley Heimbigner, CBJ Grants Manager

I. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

J. NEXT MEETING DATE

8. Sustainability Session: September 25, 2024 6PM @ Harborview Elementary School Library

9. Regular Meeting: October 2, 2024 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 (JCOS)

Wednesday, June 25, 2024, noon
Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Behnke called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

C. ROLL CALL

Present: Steve Behnke (outgoing committee chair,) Gretchen Keiser (also outgoing) Duff Mitchell, Marian Call

A quorum was present.

Staff & Others Present: CBJ Staff - Ashley Heimbigner, AELP - Lori Sowa, Brennen McCulloch.

D. Discussion

The purpose of the meeting was to update members on the status of major climate/energy topics and to discuss recommendations for moving forward. While the committee did not make a set of formal recommendations, we had a good discussion and agreed to forward the following suggestions to the Commission:

1. The Energy Committee needs a new chair, and new members, with the departure of 2 long-time members
2. The Energy Committee's focus is on community goals and implementation policies relating to climate mitigation, energy efficiency and the use of Juneau's renewable resources, as reflected in the CBJ Comp. Plan, the Juneau Climate Action and Implementation Plan, and the Juneau Renewable Energy Strategy.
3. JCOS should focus on more systematically advising the CBJ and the Assembly on the policies and programs needed to achieve Juneau's sustainability goals.

It should continue to advise the Assembly on their annual goals relating to sustainability. Given the lack of specific staffing capacity related to climate and energy, CBJ staff rely heavily on Assembly annual goals to set priorities. Development of annual sustainability goals has been a bit of a haphazard process in the past -- it should be made more systematic -- for example by working closely with staff and the JCOS Assembly liaison to frame its recommendations well in advance of the annual Assembly retreat. Ideally JCOS would have some sort of discussion with the COW before the annual goal setting session.

JCOS should actively engage in the budget process and the CIP. JCOS has successfully encouraged greater attention to sustainability in the CIP over the past few years. However, last year we were completely unsuccessful in getting

attention to our CIP recommendations. JCOS should discuss with staff how to more effectively incorporate sustainability provisions into the budget and CIP.

Steve recommended that the Energy Committee and JCOS be prepared to work closely with CBJ staff on the ongoing review and update of 49.35.800.

Sustainable building standards for construction and renovation of buildings. This is exactly the kind of major policy initiative that should be a priority for JCOS. E&PW intends to bring these to JCOS in September or October.

4. JCOS needs more consistent, systematic and timely information on CBJ and community efforts, initiatives and policies related to sustainability.

There's a lot going on, but no systemic procedures for keeping up, or for timely identification of the areas where JCOS should have input. Dianna has recently started including a slot for monthly updates on CBJ efforts. JCOS should discuss what and advise on what formats would be most helpful for these. Should there be periodic, medium detail updates from CBJ staff and other organizations on major activities (dock electrification, EV infrastructure, EV fleet development, decarbonization of buildings, solid waste, etc.)?

JCOS should continue its focus on the Public Works and Facility Committee meetings. These are where the CBJ specifically and systematically tracks and reports progress on Assembly sustainability goals. JCOS should consider asking for copies of these updates.

5. JCOS has made good progress in reviving its long term efforts at public outreach through its series of sustainability sessions. It should include energy/climate related topics in future sessions.
6. Steve and Gretchen both intend to stay active in Juneau energy and sustainability related issues. Feel free to call on them for context, history and advice. Mr. Mitchell had an informal conversation with Representative Hannon and a Corrections official about the potential for using GHG emissions from the landfill to heat the Lemon Creek Correctional Facility.

K. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Submitted by Steve Behnke, Chair, Energy Subcommittee

Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS)

Wednesday, August 7, 2024, noon
Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Waldo called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

C. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Jessica Barker, Marian Call,

A quorum was present.

Staff & Others Present: Assembly Liaison Ella Adkison, CBJ Staff Nina Keller, Ashley Heimbigner

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as submitted with the addition of discussion of electric vehicle charging grant (and a slight change in order of items).

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the July 3, 2024 JCOS Regular Meeting were approved without objection.

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

G. AGENDA TOPICS

1. New Member Orientation and Board Refresher - Di Cathcart Clerk's Office Staff

A review of CBJ web site on meetings. No second is required to pass a motion. Avoid “reply all” in order to follow open meetings requirements.

2. Electric Car Charging Grant Letter of Support

Mr. Mitchell moved to approve a chair’s letter of support for a CFI grant. Ashley Heimbigner noted that our initial application was unsuccessful but that additional “round one” funding was made available. CBJ also expects to participate in round two. The intent is to install level 2 and 3 chargers. **Motion approved without objection.**

3. JCOS Annual Report - Nick Waldo [2024 JCOS Annual Report draft 8.1.24.pdf](#) (0.23 MB)

There is a placeholder for sustainability indicators (since updated). No concerns expressed about the report. **Mr. Mitchell moved to compete and send the report (with a beefed-up section on dock electrification). Approved unanimously.**

4. Cruise Ship Environmental Impact Factsheet – All JCOS will not take a position on the petition to limit cruise ships in order to avoid confusion with general sustainability and specifics of the ballot initiative. The scheduled September outreach meeting on cruise ships will be delayed until after the election. Alix Pierce put out a fact sheet. The question is when/if do we put out a JCOS fact sheet and whether it focuses on numbers of passengers, on impacts, and on who can control what aspects of impacts. No action to be taken now.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Staff Update - Attached Memo from Dianna Robinson, Staff Liaison [20240807 Staff Update.pdf](#) (0.13 MB)
2. Waste updated Memo - Attached Memo from Dianna Robinson, Staff Liaison [Waste Characterization & Solid Waste RFP Memo.pdf](#) (0.37 MB)
3. National Hydropower meeting in Juneau August 28 and 29.

I. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Ella Adkison noted that the flood has left several people in tough situations and that we should let people know that assembly members can help them get assistance.

J. NEXT MEETING DATES

Regular Meeting – September 4, 2024, 12-1 pm on Zoom

K. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Submitted by David Teal, Secretary



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DATE: September 04, 2024
 TO: Nick Waldo, Chair, Juneau Commission on Sustainability
 FROM: Dianna Robinson, Environmental Project Specialist, CBJ
 SUBJECT: Sustainability Dashboard/Climate Action Community Dashboard

Chair Waldo,

Juneau's Climate Action Plan (JCAP) was published in November 2011 thanks in large part to the efforts of JCOS members at that time. Since then, CBJ has made significant strides in accomplishing the goals and priorities set forth in that document, as well as the Juneau Renewable Energy Strategy (JRES). However, to date our website and outreach has not been successful in telling the story of these achievements.

As this group is aware, it is very common for municipalities with sustainability initiatives and CAPs to also have a sustainability dashboard to communicate with the public. In my research, the best versions I came across for a municipal sustainability dashboard/website all were developed by a company called Kim Lundgren Associates (KLA). They exclusively work with local governments on climate action planning and storytelling and offer significant support services at a very reasonable set rate.

I have attached a short pamphlet on their dashboard, and below are a few examples that KLA provided to showcase what their final product can look like:

Sample Materials

[Climate Action Plan- Executive Summary Style](#)

[GHG Emissions Inventory](#)

[Focus Area Fact Sheet](#)

[Maritime Business Resilience Toolkit](#)

Sample Dashboards

[New Bedford, MA](#)

[Nashua, NH](#)

[Atherton, CA](#)

[Sunnyvale, CA](#)

[Worcester, MA](#)

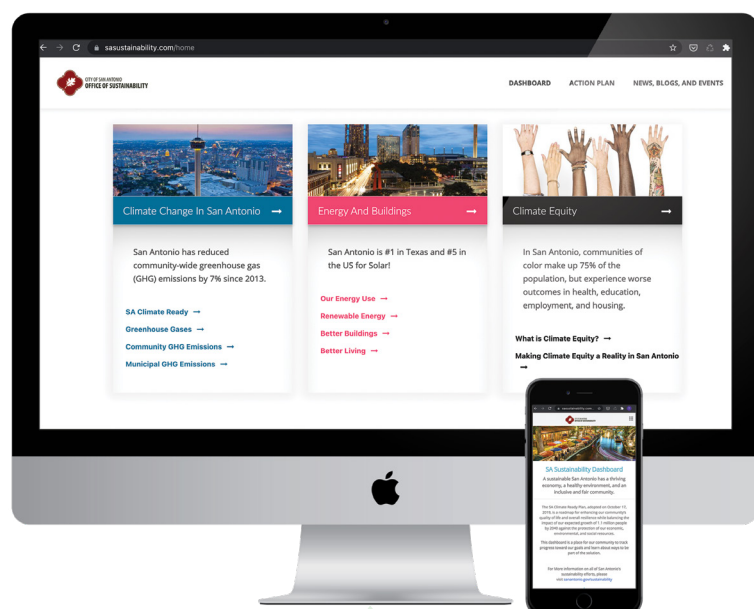
If this project is of interest to JCOS, I can provide details at the next meeting for potential next steps.

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“The Livable Nashua dashboard created a totally new way for the City to educate the public on the many great programs and initiatives we are already doing, provide transparent data and really start engaging the community on long-term goal setting. Working with KLA has been a truly positive relationship. They are organized, clear, concise and completely able to implement projects on schedule.”

Sarah Marchant, Director of Community Development, Nashua NH

“Working with Kim and her team has been so easy. They are experts in both Climate Action Planning and web design. The matchup is perfect when it comes to the development of our dashboard.”

Crystal Najera, Climate Action Administrator, Encinitas, CA

ENHANCED DASHBOARD FEATURES



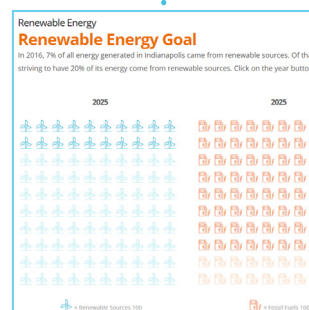
ANNUAL REPORT

Easy “Print Button” translates into a professionally designed report

Action	Description	Timeline	Status	Co-lead
NRL.A	Develop forest management plan to enhance health of Concord's forests.	2020 - 2025	Yellow	City of Concord
NRL.B	Increase robust and outdoor water conservation.	2020 - 2025	Yellow	City of Concord
NRL.C	Work with homeowners to promote sustainable landscaping practices.	2020 - 2025	Yellow	City of Concord
NRL.D	Assess the vulnerability of natural resources most at risk to proposed climate change.	2020 - 2025	Yellow	City of Concord
NRL.E	Assess and improve Concord's tree canopy.	2020 - 2025	Yellow	City of Concord

ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION TABLE

Highlight all plan elements and demonstrate progress



DATA VISUALIZATION

Go beyond graphs with fun and creative data visualizations



Actively engage community members with **interactive educational tools.**



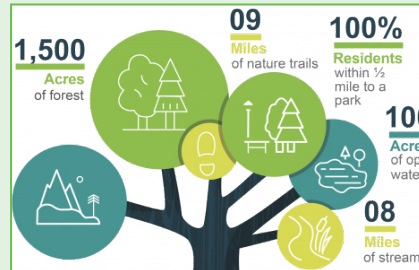
Translate complicated language into **user-friendly visuals.**



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...and **MORE** with these **additional dashboard features!**

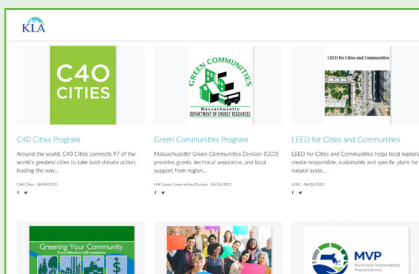
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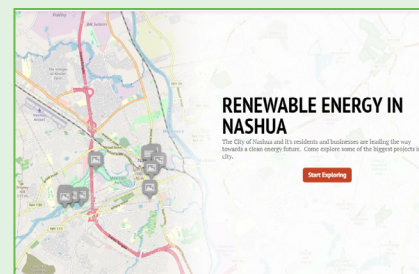
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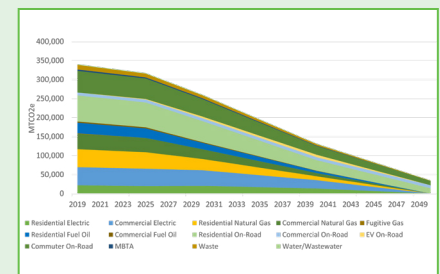
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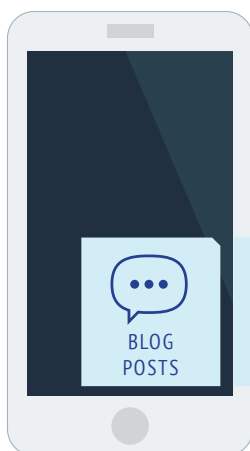
RESOURCE CENTER



STORY MAPS



GHG REDUCTION PATHWAYS GRAPH



KLA offers **Communications Support** that drives more people to your Dashboard and connects the dots between community goals and their individual actions!



BLOG POSTS



EDITORIAL CALENDAR



FACEBOOK LIVE EVENTS



SOCIAL MEDIA SUPPORT



VIDEOS

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- Communications & Branding
- Equitable Community Engagement

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