



# CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

## Meeting Minutes - Final Sustainability Commission

**Officers:** Chair Aurora Taylor, Vice Chair Katie Riley, Secretary Erik de Jong

**Members:** Elizabeth Bagley, Gerry Hope

**Staff Liaison:** Bri Gabel, Sustainability Coordinator

**Assembly Liaison:** Thor Christianson

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Monday, March 3, 2025

6:00 PM

Harrigan Centennial Hall

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### I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 P.M.

**Present:** Elizabeth Bagley, Gerry Hope, Erik de Jong, Aurora Taylor (Chair), Katie Riley, Kevin Mosher (Assembly Liaison)

**Absent:** None.

**Staff:** Bri Gabel (Sustainability Coordinator)

**Public:** Barb Bingham

### II. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

No changes.

### III. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

Approve the February 3, 2025 minutes.

Riley moved to approve the February 3, 2025 minutes.

Motion PASSED 5-0 by voice vote.

### IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD *(not to exceed 3 minutes on topics off the agenda)*

None.

### V. SPECIAL REPORTS

None.

### VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### A. Approve the Sustainability Commission 2025-2026 Work Plan Goals

Riley moved to approve the 2025-2026 Work Plan Goal 1: *Support Sustainable Municipal Operations* and its supporting actions as written in the packet.

Motion PASSED 5-0 by voice vote.

Hope moved to approve the 2025-2026 Work Plan Goal 2: *Explore Regional Approach to Sustainability*.

Motion PASSED 5-0 by voice vote.

Hope moved to add Goal 3: *Explore Energy Expansion Options* and supporting details as published in the packet as a next step to Goal 5: *Continue Supporting and Finalizing the Sitka Community Renewable Energy Strategy*.

Motion PASSED 5-0 by voice vote.

Hope moved to approve the 2025-2026 Work Plan Goal 4: *Continue to Collaborate with City Staff on Strategic Management of Municipal Solid Waste.*

Motion PASSED 5-0 by voice vote.

Barb Bingham spoke in support of this goal and drew attention to the potential of composting.

Hope moved to approve the 2025-2026 Work Plan Goal 5: *Continue Supporting and Finalizing the Sitka Community Renewable Energy Strategy (SCRES).*

Motion PASSED 5-0 by voice vote.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### B. Approve the Sustainability Commission 2025-2026 Work Plan Document

Commissioners discussed ways to make the document more succinct and made suggestions and recommendations to increase the clarity of document.

Hope moved to approve the 2025-2026 Sustainability Commission Work plan document as published in the packet and amended through Commission discussion.  
Motion PASSED 5-0.

### C. Discussion/Direction/Decision on the Commission's Participation at the Sitka Living Locally Event

Bingham introduced the event and provided additional details to the Commission and answered logistical questions about the event. Hope, Bagley, and de Jong volunteered to support the Sustainability Commission's table at the event.

## VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD *(not to exceed 3 minutes on topics on or off the agenda)*

None.

## IX. REPORTS *(Staff, Chair, Assembly, Commissioners)*

**Staff:** Gabel updated the Commission on the progress of the roadmap collection for the SCRES with 30 roadmaps so far, mostly from students. She announced that the next SCRES game session for the public was scheduled March 20<sup>th</sup> in partnership with the Sitka Public Library.

**Chair:** Taylor announced that the Native American Agriculture Fund had a grant open that could support subsistence harvesting and local food sovereignty.

**Assembly:** None.

**Commissioners:** Riley updated the Commission on the Clean Energy Internship program the Sitka Conservation Society was creating with the CBS Electric Department and the plans to pilot the program in the summer.

Hope updated the Commission that his original plan to attend the National Conference of American Indians (NCAI) had been cancelled.

## X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA

The next meeting was scheduled for April 7, 2025 at 6:00 P.M., in Harrigan Centennial Hall.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seeing no objection, the meeting **ADJOURNED** at approximately 8:07 P.M.

Minutes by: Bri Gabel, Staff Liaison