



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

Meeting Minutes - Final Sustainability Commission

Officers: Chair Katie Riley, Acting Vice Chair Elizabeth Bagley, Secretary Carol Voisin

Members: Aurora Taylor, Fernanda Zermoglio, Lilli Garza, Erik de Jong

Staff Liaison: Bri Gabel, Sustainability Coordinator

Assembly Liaison: Kevin Mosher

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Harrigan Centennial Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Riley called the meeting to order at approximately 7:15 P.M.

Present: Elizabeth Bagley, Lilli Garza, Erik de Jong, Katie Riley, Aurora Taylor, Carol Voisin, Fernanda Zermoglio, Kevin Mosher (Assembly Liaison)

Absent: None

Staff: Bri Gabel (Sustainability Coordinator)

Public: Kent Barkhau, Barb Bingham (Tourism Task Force Liaison), Larry Edwards, Eric Jordan, Leah Mason, Mike Schmetzer, Sitka Community Renewable Energy Strategy (SCRES) Technical Team: Noelani Boise, Brittany Conrad (Photographer), Clay Good, Molly Gear, Rob Jordan, David Martinez, Haleigh Reed

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

No changes.

III. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

Approve the November 7, 2023 minutes.

Taylor moved to approve the November 7, 2023 minutes.

Motion PASSED 7-0 by voice vote.

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

None.

V. REPORTS

Staff: Gabel reported that she had been working with Sitka Community Renewable Energy Strategy (SCRES) Technical Team on the Energy Transition Initiative Partnership Project (ETIPP) scope details. She announced that the Clean Energy to Communities (C2C) In-Depth Partnership Project with the Department of Energy originally under the Electric Department had been moved to the Planning and Community Development Department and that she would be managing it.

Chair: Riley reported that in her role as Deputy Director of the Sitka Conservation Society, she had assigned their electrification intern to help engage youth in the SCRES.

Commissioners: Bagley reported that a new cooperative board game that centered on fighting climate change called *Daybreak* was now available.

Voisin congratulated Gabel on her new assignment to the C2C project. She also offered to spread the word about the community survey on the SCRES that was available on the Commission's website.

Zermoglio reported on several of her work projects and their importance for climate change.

Tourism Task Force: Barb Bingham reported that the town hall meeting in early November was a success with 250+ attending and detailed next steps for the task force.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Updates and Next Steps for Working Groups

Public Energy Education: Did not have a report.

Public Engagement Planning: Did not have a report.

Gabel requested that a preliminary scenario plan working group be formed if the technical team needed that guidance on that topic before the January meeting. Riley, Zermoglio, and de Jong volunteered.

Gabel expressed that with the holidays, the best that each working group could do between meetings was help recruit community members to take the SCRES survey as that would be critical moving forward.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

B. Recommend Approval of the Scope of the Sitka Community Renewable Energy Strategy

Molly Grear, Technical Lead for the SCRES explained that the scope was meant to be an overarching document between the National Labs and the City and Borough of Sitka that outlined the general work of the project. She added that once signed, the next step would be a detailed work plan to execute the scope. Grear edited the scope as Commissioners made comments and suggestions during the previous work session and regular meeting.

Gabel explained that once the recommendation was made by the Commission to approve the scope of the SCRES, it would go to the Municipal Administrator for final review and signature.

Eric Jordan suggested a boundary to consider for the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory that surrounded Sitka where there was considerable ship activity.

Bagley moved to recommend the approval of the Sitka Community Renewable Energy Strategy scope as amended during the work session and discussion.

Motion PASSED 7-0 by voice vote.

VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None.

IX. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA

The next meeting was scheduled for January 8, 2024 at 6:00 P.M., in Harrigan Centennial Hall.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Riley moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seeing no objection, the meeting ADJOURNED at approximately 8:30 P.M.

Minutes By: Carol Voisin, Secretary