



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

Meeting Minutes - Final Sustainability Commission

Officers: Chair Katie Riley, Vice Chair Angie Bowers, Secretary Carol Voisin

Members: Elizabeth Bagley, Kent Barkhau, Aurora Taylor, Fernanda Zermoglio

Staff Liaison: Bri Gabel, Sustainability Coordinator

Assembly Liaison: Kevin Mosher

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Harrigan Centennial Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Present: Katie Riley (Chair), Elizabeth Bagley, Kent Barkhau, Aurora Taylor, Carol Voisin, Fernanda Zermoglio, Kevin Mosher (Assembly Liaison).

Absent: Angie Bowers (Excused)

Staff: Bri Gabel (Sustainability Coordinator), Amy Ainslie (Planning Director)

Public: Larry Edwards, Lisa Sadleir-Hart, Eric Jordan

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

No agenda changes.

III. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

Approve the May 2, 2023 minutes.

Bagley moved to approve the May 2, 2023 minutes.

Motion PASSED 6-0 by voice vote.

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

None.

V. REPORTS

Chair: Riley met with Ron Vinson (Acting Public Works Director), Kevin Mosher, and Gabel to discuss EVs in early May. She also met with the Department of Energy (DOE) representatives as Deputy Director of the Sitka Conservation Society in early June.

Staff: Gabel gave a summary of the Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference and visit from DOE representatives, announced a beach cleanup opportunity for local high school students and explained that grant applications needed to have a public records request submitted before they can be shared.

Assembly: Mosher gave an update on the status of the Alaska Heat Smart recommendation and the process to inform the Assembly of Commission recommendations. He will make a report at following meeting and then work with Gabel and the City Clerk to notify other Assembly members.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**VII. NEW BUSINESS****A. Updates and Next Steps for Working Groups**

Public Engagement: The team presented an information fact sheet and asked for feedback from the commissioners. Feedback was delayed until the July meeting. The team was working on scoping criteria for the ETIPP grant should the city receive it and developing ways to educate the public about city infrastructure interactively, like through tours of the dam.

Solid Waste: The team decided to build their plan and research on the 2014 strategy. Their areas of research were diversion composting units on trails, examine composting in other areas, food waste use, public composting possibilities, determine some rules for packaging, engage families and provide education, and possibly look into the feasibility of waste incineration. This included public and family engagement around waste.

EV Fleet Electrification: The team needed to develop an assessment tool for the city, then provide a plan to accomplish its goals, and finally establish a sensible charging structure for city EVs.

VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Lisa Sadleir-Hart explained the public engagement model in public health that identifies the stages of changes needed in the community then finds out from the community where they are with these changes.

Eric Jordan reiterated that a city-wide GHG inventory is needed so that the community can galvanize around changing their energy use. He emphasized the urgency of it all.

IX. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA

The next meeting was scheduled July 10, 2023 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 8:01 P.M.

Minutes By: Carol Voisin, Secretary