



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

Monday, December 12, 2022

7:00 PM

Harrigan Centennial Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Riley called the meeting to order at approximately 7:07 P.M.

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

Absent: Fernanda Zermoglio (excused)

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

Public: Brant Brantman, Kord Christianson, Larry Edwards, Joel Hanson

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

No agenda changes.

III. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

Approve the November 14, 2022 minutes.

Voisin moved to approve the November 14, 2022 minutes.

Motion PASSED 6-0 by voice vote.

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

V. REPORTS

Staff: Gabel reported that after receiving guidance from the Municipal Clerk, the next election of officers would take place in January 2024. This was to help the Sustainability Commission sync with the other commissions.

Chair: Riley thanked the audience for attending and the Energy Transitions Initiatives Partnership Project (ETIPP) staff for their presentation.

Assembly: Mosher expressed his gratitude for the participation of the Commissioners and the public at the work session and reminded everyone that the Assembly ETIPP presentation was the following evening on December 13th.

Commission Members: Barkhau inquired how the Planning Commission discussion about tourism at their meeting on December 7th applied to the Sustainability Commission. Planning Director, Amy Ainslie, was invited to speak and outlined the short-term tourism planning process and informed the Commission that the Assembly had yet to determine which bodies would be involved in future tourism planning beyond the Planning Commission in its current capacity.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**VII. NEW BUSINESS****A. Set Commission Norms and Goals**

Both Riley and Gabel gave their suggestions for norms which was followed by an exercise where Commissioners wrote some norms and goals on circulated index cards. These cards were then compiled and sent to Commissioners.

B. Propose Annual Work Plan Priority Setting Process

Gabel explained the proposed schedule for the next three meetings and how it would prepare the Commission to present their priorities to the Assembly for approval in March. She noted that if Commissioners had information they needed in preparation for the January brainstorming meeting, to contact her.

C. Discuss How the Energy Transitions Initiative Partner Project (ETIPP) Information Informs Future Direction of the Commission

Commissioners expressed areas of interest such as efficiency, how the report might support future funding opportunities, and how the annual work plan process was good way to prioritize projects that gather data outside of the ETIPP study scope to make it more robust. Finally, the Commission saw that the complete ETIPP report was needed in order to determine the follow up of the report.

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

Joel Hanson thanked the Commission for the public engagement opportunity at the ETIPP work session and encouraged Commissioners to look beyond the 2022 Climate Action Task Force priorities at their upcoming brainstorming meeting. He requested the Commission consider an additional norm: avoid labeling certain perspectives as "doom and gloom".

Ainslie offered advice to Commissioners to help them work more efficiently, such as reading the packets, utilizing the Sustainability Coordinator to ask questions in advance, and being aware of non-verbal communication when members of the public are speaking.

IX. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA

The next meeting was scheduled for January 9th, 2023 at 6:30 P.M., Harrigan Centennial Hall.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Riley moved to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objection, the meeting ADJOURNED at approximately 8:47 P.M.

Minutes By: Carol Voisin, Secretary