

## **SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA**

January 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

This meeting will be held at or hosted from the  
Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers  
Juanita Helms Administration Center  
907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, AK

This meeting will be conducted in-person and by zoom or zoom-only with consideration given to the Borough Operational Status and if the Juanita Helms Administration Center is otherwise open to the public. Please visit <https://www.fnsb.gov/406/Boards-Commissions> or contact the Borough Clerk's Office (907) 459-1401.

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

### **B. ROLL CALL**

### **C. MESSAGES**

C.1. Citizens' Comments - limited to three (3) minutes

C.1.a. Agenda items not scheduled for public hearing

C.1.b. Items other than those appearing on the agenda

C.2. Disclosure and Statement of Conflict of Interest

### **D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of consent agenda passes all routine items indicated by asterisk (\*) on agenda. Consent agenda items are not considered separately unless any Commission member or citizen so requests. In the event of such request, the item is returned to the general agenda.

### **E. MINUTES**

#### **E.1. \*Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes from December 8, 2021.**

Documents:

[12\\_08\\_2021\\_SC\\_MINUTES.pdf](#)

**F. REPORTS**

**F.1. Reports from FNSB Technical Staff**

**G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**G.1. Continued discussion of the 2021 Sustainability Commission Progress Report to be Presented to the Mayor and the Assembly**

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

**H.1. Review of and approval of letter to the Mayor regarding Energy Goals.**

Documents:

[SC MAYOR LETTER 2022.pdf](#)

**I. EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES**

**J. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH  
Sustainability Commission  
December 8, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission was held Wednesday, December 8, 2021, in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers of the Juanita Helms Administration Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska.

**ROLL CALL**

There were present appearing telephonically:

Jimmy Fox	Wyatt Hurlbut
Ariane Glover, Vice-Chair	Brett Parks, Chair

Comprising a quorum of the Commission, and

Alexis Fackeldey, Administrative Assistant III, Clerk  
David Bredlie, Public Works Director

**MESSAGES**

- 1.a. Citizen's Comments on agenda items not scheduled for public hearing.  
NONE
- 1.b. Citizen's Comments on items other than those appearing on the agenda.  
NONE
2. Disclosure & Statement of Conflict of Interest  
NONE

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

HURLBUT,  
Seconded by GLOVER

moved to approve the agenda.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

Yeses: Fox, Glover, Hurlbut, Parks

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 4 Yeses, 0 Noes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Clerk's note: This item was removed from the consent agenda.*

- 1. Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2021.

Commissioner Fox requested an amendment of the minutes as "Commissioner Fox said the jury was out on whether food caches were important or not," be revised to read, "Commissioner Fox stated community-based processing and distribution facilities and the jury is out on whether that is important."

FOX,  
Seconded by GLOVER

moved to approve the minutes as amended.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED.

Yeses: Hurlbut, Glover, Fox, Parks

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 4 Yeses, 0 Noes

**REPORTS**

- 1. Report from FNSB Technical Staff

No report provided.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Continued discussion of the 2021 Sustainability Commission Progress Report to be Presented to Mayor and the Assembly

Discussion ensued on the 2021 Sustainability Commission Progress Report and the data collected by the commissioners.

## **EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES**

NONE

## **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Parks thanked everyone for participating.

Vice-Chair Glover spoke of her participation in the Alaska Solid Waste Task Force.

Commissioner Fox thanked the staff and the commissioners for their help.

Chair Parks invited the public to e-mail anything they would like discussed at a future meeting to the commission.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Sustainability Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



# Fairbanks North Star Borough

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Division of Boards and Commissions

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January 12, 2022

Mayor Bryce Ward  
907 Terminal Street  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Dear Mayor,

The Sustainability Commission worked with the community in 2018 to develop food security, energy security, and waste reduction goals. Achieving our sustainability goals is more important than ever. Thanks to your efforts the Borough is taking steps that will reduce waste and save money. We have several questions for you that are on the minds of Borough citizens.

EVs have become a top priority for many mayors throughout the country. Electric vehicle adoption is increasing rapidly in the Borough yet charging station availability is extremely limited with only one public fast charger. A full charge can take up to one hour. Residents could conveniently charge while visiting their Borough park, pool or school. **What is your plan to investigate installation/provision of electric vehicle charging stations (free or fee) for the public at Borough public facilities?**

There is a sound business and ethical case to replace Borough internal-combustion engine (ICE) equipment and vehicles with electric equipment and vehicles. We can save money, improve air quality, and provide a superior public transit experience. **What is your plan to replace ICE equipment and vehicles in the Borough inventory?**

We applaud your recent Borough energy cost savings projects and to recognize the value of construction standards. **We're curious why implementation of ASHRAE Standard 90.1 into new Borough building design and renovations is optional and not mandatory? Who decides whether the standard will be followed?**

There is a sound business and ethical case to integrate solar panels and heat pumps into Borough facilities. **What is your plan to adopt clean energy strategies for Borough facilities?**

The Alaska Commercial Property Assessment Clean Energy (C-PACE) program was authorized in 2020 for local governments to: "finance installation or modification of



permanent improvements that are intended to reduce energy consumption or demand, energy costs, or emissions affecting local air quality, including a product, device, or interacting group of products or devices that use energy technology to generate electricity, provide thermal energy, or regulate temperature.” The Municipality of Anchorage has implemented a [C-PACE program](#). **What is your plan to implement and fund a Borough C-PACE Program?**

Earlier this year, the [Greater Houston Partnership](#) released a report ([HOUSTON | Leading the Transition to a Low-Carbon World](#)) that indicates if local decision-makers take action to lead the energy transition, the region could gain up to 560,000 jobs. If it doesn't, it could lose up to 370,000 jobs by 2050. A similar study for Calgary and Edmonton estimates the global energy transition [could create an additional 170,000 jobs in clean tech](#) and contribute more than \$60 billion to the province's economy by 2050. However, sticking to a business-as-usual approach only generates 20,000 new jobs and \$4 billion in economic activity. Alaska and the Borough likely face a similar fate and should be in collaboration and taking action. **What are you and other elected officials in Alaska doing to prepare? Will you take steps in support of an energy transition conference for the Borough or Alaska? If not, please explain.**

Sincerely,

Brett Parks, Chair  
Sustainability Commission