



County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue
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Minutes

Environmental Sustainability Board

*James Robinson, Chair; Heidi Rogers, Vice-Chair; Lisa Bakosi; Susan Barns; John Bliss;
Sarah Terrill; and Heather Ward; Members*

Thursday, May 17, 2018

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Suite 110

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The ESB Chair, James Robinson, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The following members were in attendance:

Present: Board Chair Robinson, Member Bakosi, Member Barns, Member Bliss, Member Terrill and Member Ward

Absent: Vice Chair Rogers

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Students from Los Alamos High School Eco Club: Zoe Hemez, Zachary Beck, Paulina Bernstein, and Kevin Parkinson, asked the Board to add plastic bag tax presentation to an upcoming agenda.

Jody Benson of 3547 Pueblo asked how much plastic bags cost Friedman Recycling in breakdowns and maintenance costs. Member Barns referred Jody to call Friedman Recycling in Albuquerque.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Member Barns, seconded by Member Terrill, that the agenda be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[10811-18](#) Approval of the April 19, 2018, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: James Robinson

Attachments: [A - Draft ESB Minutes April 19, 2018](#)

A motion was made by Member Bliss, seconded by Member Ward, that the minutes be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

10814-18 Review Nominations for the 2018 Business Recycler of the Year Award

Presenters: James Robinson

Attachments: [D – Business Recycler of the Year Nominations](#)

The ESB reviewed the 2018 Recycler of the Year nominations and determined the categories will be Education and Business. Environmental Services will create an online survey and voting will be open to the public from May 21 - June 1, 2018. Winners will be announced June 9th at Chamberfest.

10813-18 Review and Discuss the Environmental Services FY18 Quarter 3 Financial Report

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [C- FY18 Budget Performance](#)

The ESB reviewed and discussed the Environmental Services financial report for FY18 Quarter 3 (January 1, 2018 - March 31, 2018).

10816-18 Discuss the Plan for Upcoming Events

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

ESB members volunteered for upcoming events to help with various tasks such as set up, take down, sharing information with the public regarding zero waste and recycling, registering residents for bear tough carts and/or yard trimming carts, and facilitating the recycle game.

Chamber Fest June 9th

Farmer's Market June 14/July 12

Science Fest July 14

Summer Concerts

6. REPORTS**A. Chair's Report - James Robinson**

Board Chair Robinson reported that County Council discussed the Community Development Advisory Board and ESB was used as an example for effectively interacting with the public.

B. Board Member Reports

Member Barns provided an update on the PEEC Earth Day event and also gave an update on the Drawdown Eco Challenge.

C. Liaison's Reports

1). Board of Public Utilities - Sue Barns

Member Barns reported that items covered at the Board of Public Utilities meeting included: repairing leaks at El Vado hydroelectric station, new board member being voted on by County Council next week, restructuring of loans for waste water treatment plants, discussed additional funding to keep drilling Otowi Well #2, and a motion of intention to cease getting power from San Juan power plant by 2022.

2). Planning and Zoning Commission - John Bliss/Sarah Terrill

No Report Provided

3). Transportation Board - Heather Ward/Don Machen

Don Machen reported that items covered at the Transportation board meeting included: review of A19 in White Rock and review of Airport services/operations. Environmental Services employee, Tiffany Pegoda announced the Bike to Work Week events, including a commuter event to be held on May 18 from 7-9 am at the lemon lot.

4). Parks and Recreation Board - James Robinson/Heidi Rogers

Councilor Sheehey reported that items covered at the Parks and Recreation Board meeting included flow trail design and layout.

5). County Council Liaison - Pete Sheehey

Councilor Sheehey reported that items covered during recent County Council meetings included: traffic light near A19 at Sherwood in White Rock and Smith's has a potential buyer lined up for the Meri Mac property.

D. Subcommittee Reports**1). Los Alamos Public Schools Subcommittee - Angelica Gurule**

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule shared the winning artwork from the Earth Day art contest, the winners were announced at the Recycle Fashion Show. The artwork will be displayed on the new Environmental Services trucks.

Environmental Services received a RAID grant from NMED to install water bottle filling stations at Los Alamos Public Schools.

2). Zero Waste Los Alamos - Sue Barns

Member Barns reported that items covered at the Zero Waste Los Alamos subcommittee meeting included: debrief from recent outreach events, simplifying the zero waste checklist, possible art contest and partnering with LAHS Eco Club.

7. STAFF REPORT

10812-18 April 2018 Residential Sustainability Report

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [B- Residential Sustainability Report - April 2018](#)

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule reported that the residential diversion rate is up from 20% in March to 21% in April.

10815-18 Updates and Lessons Learned From Past Events

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

ESB members discussed lessons learned from recent outreach events, including:

- Earth Day
- Clean Up LA Day
- Recycle Fashion Show

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

1. LAHS Eco Club: plastic bag tax
2. Yard Trimming program update
3. Housing programs
4. Energy usage of County facilities (sustainability plan metrics)
5. Composting at Waste Water Treatment Plan
6. Schedule build day for Eco Lounge

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Bliss, seconded by Member Barns, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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