



County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue
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Minutes

Environmental Sustainability Board

Lisa Bakosi, Chair; Heather Ward, Vice-Chair; Susan Barns; Dorothy Brown; Amanda MacDonald; Warren Mazanec; and Heidi Rogers; Members

Thursday, April 18, 2019

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Suite 110

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The ESB Chair, Lisa Bakosi, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

The following members were in attendance:

Present: Board Chair Bakosi, Vice-Chair Ward, Member Barns, Member Mazanec, and Member Rogers

Absent: Member Brown and Member MacDonald

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[11901-19](#) Approval of the March 21, 2019, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

Attachments: [A - Draft ESB Minutes March 21, 2019](#)

A motion was made by Member Mazanec, seconded by Member Barns, that the March 21, 2019 minutes be approved as presented.

The motion passed 4-0 with Member Rogers abstaining.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

[11903-19](#) Discuss the 2019 Recycler of the Year

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

Attachments: [B - Recycler of the Year Nomination Followup Questions](#)

The ESB discussed the 2019 Recycler of the Year Award and made revisions to the award including categories and criteria to better align with waste reduction goals. Instead of two categories the ESB expanded it to five categories: Schools, Businesses, Non-Profit Organizations, Small Businesses and Restaurants.

Member Barns received a comment about the questions for Recycler of the Year Nominee that it had too many questions. The ESB shortened the questions to six questions instead of eleven.

Member Rogers suggested to change the title of the award to Zero Waste Champion. All members were in agreement.

11904-19

Compost Operator Certification Presentation by Joshua Levings

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

Attachments: [C - Compost Operator Certification Presentation by Joshua Levings](#)

Senior Office Specialist Joshua Levings presented an update from the NMED Solid Waste Bureau Compost Operator Certification course. The ESB will continue to explore the possibility of food composting.

11905-19

Zero Waste Team - Food Waste Reduction for Los Alamos Restaurants

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

Attachments: [zerowastefoodforESB](#)

The Zero Waste team presented their findings from visiting local restaurants to understand how to help reduce (primarily) food waste. With the conclusion that restaurants are eager for the County's proposed food-waste composting, they want the County to re-offer energy audits, want more recycle dumpsters more conveniently located closer to their businesses as well as cardboard dumpsters for each individual business.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair's Report - Lisa Bakosi

ESB Chair Bakosi thanked everyone for their time and efforts working towards sustainability. She met with the Co-op manager and found out that starting on Earth Day they will offer 15% off their bulk items, then once a month after that.

B. Board Member Reports

Member Barns received a comment from a resident regarding county vehicles idling while on the job. She wanted to know if there was any rules or regulations about idling cars.

C. Liaison's Reports

1). Board of Public Utilities - Sue Barns

Member Barns reported on the SMART meters that will be kicking off in June. The expectation of the first installments in August or September. The Board of Public Utilities had nine applicants for one open seat. The utilities manager Tim Glasco will be retiring this summer. Billing is getting better but there is still a lot of issues with the billing system and with the mobile app interface. There were ten water break lines due to the ground thawing and corrosion. They started to test the new water well in Otowi well #2 but NMED wanted proof that the water that will be pumped out is safe before they test with the pumping system. In the May meeting there will be a presentation on community solar garden and they want to increase solar at the landfill. The June meeting will include the quarterly conservation report.

2). Planning and Zoning Commission - Vacant

No report was provided.

3). Transportation Board - Heather Ward

Meeting was cancelled.

4). Parks and Recreation Board - Heidi Rogers

Member Rogers reported that the Parks and Recreation Board has the Youth Conservation Core Trail Building projects coming up in the summer. As well as they replanted the trees that were located where the new round-a-bout will be. They are going to talk about Round Up at another meeting and she proposed that the ESB put Round Up in the upcoming agenda.

5). Community Development Advisory Board - Warren Mazanec

Member Mazanec reported that the board reviewed code changes. He also mentioned that he will be talking at their next meeting about presenting for the Save As You Throw team.

6). County Council Liaison - Antonio Maggiore

Councilor Maggiore reported that the council is half way through their budget meetings. He also thanked the ESB for all the work they are doing.

D. Subcommittee and Team Reports

1). Save As You Throw Research Subcommittee - Sue Barns

Member Barns reported that they meet twice a month on Friday mornings. Currently they are planning their Earth Day booth.

2). Los Alamos Public Schools Team - Lisa Bakosi

Chair Bakosi reported that the middle school received their recycle bins and created two educational posters about recycling. She also reported about the meeting Angelica and herself went to with Los Alamos Public School Superintendent Kurt Steinhaus to discuss greener cafeteria and recycle in school.

3). Zero Waste Los Alamos Team - Dorothy Brown

Member Barns reported that the Zero Waste Team met and had a presentation by Tiffany Pegoda. Discussed ways to promote backyard composting. They also got to watch the Zero Waste Team - Food Waste Reduction for Los Alamos Restaurants presentation.

7. STAFF REPORT

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule reported that the County Green Team will hold their Earth Day event at the municipal building and that they worked to get water bottle filling station for the County employees. Environmental Services has sent two loads of glass to Coors Miller. She also asked for volunteers to help at the Earth Day Festival at PEEC and upcoming zero waste concerts.

11907-19

March 2019 Residential Sustainability Report

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [E - Residential Sustainability Report - March 2019](#)

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule discussed March's Residential Sustainability report.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Save As You Throw Presentation
2. Round Up Issue
3. Science Fest Ideas for Booth

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Barns, seconded by Member Rogers that the March 21, 2019 meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

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