



County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Minutes

Environmental Sustainability Board

John Bliss, Chair; Sarah M. Terrill, Susan Barns, Rebecca Chamberlin, Erik Loechell, James Robinson, and Danny Katzman, Members

Thursday, July 20, 2017

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Suite 110

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The ESB vice chair, Sarah Terrill, called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

The following members were in attendance:

Present: Board Chair John Bliss, Member Terrill, Member Barns, Member Chamberlin, Member Loechell, Member Robinson

Absent: Member Katzman

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the June ESB meeting were not included in the Agenda Packet.

A motion was made by Member Terrill that the minutes be reviewed and approved at the August ESB Meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

[9722-17](#)

Food Waste Composting Presentation by Walter Dods

Presenters: John Bliss

Attachments: [B - Food Waste Composting Presentation by Walter Dods](#)

Walter Dods gave a presentation on food waste composting. Mr. Dods is the Operations

Manager at Soilutions, a private company out of Albuquerque that collects and composts food waste. Topics discussed included composting process, implementation (starting small with easily identifiable material), process modification, collection/transportation, quality control measures, contamination, vectors and education. Jack Richardson, Deputy Utility Manager for Gas, Water and Sewer, advised that modifying the current compost process to accept food waste would not be an easy task. Some factors to consider include operation and maintenance processes, composting timeline, separate piles, space and regulatory requirements. The Utilities Department would like to partner with the ESB on future discussions regarding food waste composting.

9723-17**Discuss Bear Issues Regarding Trash Collection and Bear Resistant Containers**

Presenters: Susan Barns

Attachments: [BearSaver](#)

Member Barns spoke regarding a suspected bear incursion on a play lot located on 37th street. Chris Wilson, Parks and Recreation Open Space Division Manager, passed around a brochure for the Bear Saver ADA trash can. There are currently six Bear Saver trash cans being used at Camp May. Mr. Wilson noted that there are several play lots around town, including 37th street that are being evaluated for patterns of bear activity, this must be done prior to purchasing and placing the Bear Saver trash cans.

6. REPORTS**A. Chair's Report - John Bliss**

Board Chair Bliss reported that items discussed at the County Council Meeting included the solid waste rate increase, which was subsequently approved and will go into effect September 1, 2017.

B. Liaison's Reports**1). Board of Public Utilities - Sue Barns**

Member Barns reported that items discussed at the Board of Public Utilities meeting included: small modular nuclear reactor project, the rate increase hearing for water and sewer will be heard at County Council August 8th, review of the policy/procedure manual regarding assistance for low income residents and the White Rock Waste Water Treatment Plant replacement will be scheduled for some time in the early 2020's.

2). Planning and Zoning Commission - James Robinson

Member Robinson that items discussed during the Planning and Zoning Commission included rezoning of DP Road.

3). Transportation Board - Rebecca Chamberlin

Member Chamberlin reported that items discussed during the Transportation Board meeting included: the Bicycle Transportation Plan was approved by County Council, Atomic City Transit is actively reviewing their policies to support community events that may involve intoxicated passengers (i.e. Summer Concert Series), the Bandelier Shuttle began May 14th, Canyon Rim Trail Phase III update included that the 20th Street extension began this month and the Canyon Rim underpass at Los Alamos Co-op was

approved, Don Machen added that traffic calming measures on Urban Street were also discussed.

4). **Parks and Recreation Board - Erik Loechell**

Member Loechell reported that items discussed during the Parks and Recreation Board meeting included: RV storage and camping, funding for improvements to camp at Main Gate did not pass, Camp May improvements are under way and they are looking to mirror Telluride's online reservation system for camping, the Rec Bond did not pass and the RFP for the Flow Trail design and cost estimates.

5). **County Council Liaison - Pete Sheehey**

Pete Sheehey reported that items discussed at the County Council meeting included: RFP for Flow Trail, Rec Bond discussion regarding capital funds and the Solid Waste rate increase was approved. Councilor Sheehey suggested that the ESB discuss options for seniors who require assistance with bulk items at a future meeting.

C. **Los Alamos Public Schools Subcommittee - Angelica Gurule**

No report provided

7. **STAFF REPORT**

9725-17 Brush Bin Implementation Update

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Angelica Gurule, Staff Liaison, reported that Toter has provided two sample brush bins that were displayed at Science Fest. The public is being asked to vote on which color they prefer, green or tan. Currently tan is leading with 161 votes and green is closely following with 140 votes. The truck for brush collection has been ordered and is scheduled to be delivered in December.

9726-17 June 2017 Residential Sustainability Report

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [C - Residential Sustainability Report - June 2017](#)

Angelica Gurule, Staff Liaison, reported that the residential diversion rate is down from 25% in May to 20% in June. This was due to not having a curbside brush collection in the month of June.

9728-17 ESB Member Recruitment Update

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Angelica Gurule, Staff Liaison, reported that effective July 31st there will be two vacancies on the ESB Board. A flyer was distributed around town with the help of LAVA. To date, three residents have applied, which meets the minimum criteria for selection of two members. Member Chamberlin was presented with a certificate of appreciation. Member Katzman will receive his certificate of appreciation at a later date.

Note: Due to technical difficulty the video and audio feed cut off at 7:22 p.m.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

1. C & D Diversion Opportunities
2. FY18 Work Plan
3. Save As You Throw
4. Project Green Challenge or Eco Challenge
5. Possible ordinance regarding when the roll cart should be placed on the curb

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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