



County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Minutes

Environmental Sustainability Board

*John Bliss, Chair; Sarah M. Terrill, Vice-Chair; Susan Barns, Erik Loechell,
James Robinson, Heidi Rogers, and Heather Ward, Members*

Thursday, December 21, 2017

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Suite 110

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The ESB Chair, John Bliss, called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. The following members were in attendance:

Present: Board Chair Bliss, Member Barns, Member Robinson, Member Rogers and Member Ward

Absent: Vice Chair Terrill and Member Loechell

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Una Smith asked the board to consider including North Mesa stable's manure as part of the yard waste curbside pickup program. At this time the manure is collected in several large 3-sided bins. Los Alamos County Parks & Recreation periodically sends a backhoe to load manure from the bins into small dump trucks that takes the manure to the Los Alamos County composting yard in Bayo Canyon.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Barns asked that Board Members Report be added to the agenda before Liaison's Reports.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[10230-17](#)

Approval of the November 16, 2017, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: John Bliss

Attachments: [A - Draft ESB Minutes November 16, 2017](#)

Member Rogers noted corrections to the liaison assignments. Member Rogers volunteered for the Art in Public Places Board and Member Ward volunteered for the Transportation Board.

Councilor Sheehey noted that the goal of the Rio Grande Water Fund is to thin 30,000 acres per year, over 20 years.

A motion was made by Member Barns, seconded by Member Rogers, that the November 16, 2017 minutes be approved as amended.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

10231-17 Election of Chair and Vice-chair

Presenters: John Bliss

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule, previously conducted a poll for Chair and Vice Chair Nominations. Ballots were handed to ESB members to select the next ESB Chair and Vice Chair. Based on a vote of 4 to 1 James Robinson was selected as the ESB Chair and Heidi Rogers was selected as the ESB Vice-Chair. The change will go into effect at the January 2018 ESB Meeting.

10233-17 Approval of the Environmental Sustainability Plan

Presenters: John Bliss

Attachments: [B - Environmental Sustainability Plan 2017](#)

The ESB reviewed and discussed the changes to the Environmental Sustainability Plan. Councilor Sheehey suggested that the goal for public transit ridership read "Increase annual transit total passenger trips per vehicle per hour of operation to 25 by 2020". In addition, the graph header on page 9 should read "Passenger Trips per Vehicle per Hour of Transit Operation". Philo Shelton, Public Works Director, will check with Transit on the terminology, it might be called a "Transit Hour". The suggested changes will be incorporated into the Environmental Sustainability Plan.

A motion was made by Member Barns, seconded by Member Robinson, that the Environmental Sustainability Plan be approved as amended.

The motion passed unanimously.

10234-17 Approval of the 2018 ESB Meeting Schedule

Presenters: John Bliss

Attachments: [D - 2018 ESB Meeting Dates](#)

A motion was made by Member Barns, seconded by Member Robinson, that the 2018 ESB Meeting Schedule be approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

10235-17 Preparation/Review of FY19 ESB Work Plan

Presenters: John Bliss

Attachments: [E - FY19 Work Plan Development and Review Info](#)
[F - Environmental Sustainability Board FY18 Work Plan](#)

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule asked ESB members to review the FY18 Work Plan and email her recommendations for the FY19 Work Plan. The draft FY19 Work Plan will be

reviewed at the January ESB meeting.

[10236-17](#)

Discuss and Revise Draft Open Forum Survey Questions for Residential Collection of Yard Trimming and Recycle Roll Carts

Presenters: John Bliss

Attachments: [G - DRAFT OPEN FORUM SURVEY QUESTIONS](#)

ESB Members reviewed and discussed the Draft Open Forum Survey Questions. It was decided that Option B will be removed and Option A will be revised to read "Will this work for you?" If the responder answers "No" then subsequent questions will appear to identify if a larger or additional cart is needed. The final questionnaire will be approved at the January 2018 ESB meeting.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair's Report - John Bliss

Board Chair Bliss suggested that a graphic display of money saved by recycling be developed for educational outreach.

Board Member's Report

Member Barns reported that items covered at recent County Council meetings include: ski hill land transfer, proposal to put in a four (4) mile water line, flow trails and dynamic bike trails, and the Draft Tourism Strategic Plan.

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: Public meetings regarding the Small Modular Nuclear Reactor in January and February, Board and County Council will vote in March whether to sign up for the power contract, Quarterly Conservation Update: PEEC is installing water features that include touchscreen showing rainfall collection and weather station, Los Alamos High School Students toured the Abiquiu Hydro Plant and the Robotics Club toured the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

2). Planning and Zoning Commission - James Robinson

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule reported that items discussed at the Interdepartment Review Committee meeting included; Moving forward with the A19, which will result in ~ 160 homes in White Rock.

3). Transportation Board

No report provided

4). Parks and Recreation Board - Erik Loechell

No report provided

5). County Council Liaison - Pete Sheehey

Councilor Sheehey reported that items discussed during recent County Council meeting included: The Tourism working group is working on the Draft Tourism Plan, the goal is to have it done by January 30th. Housing developments include: A-19 high-end homes in White Rock, old LASO site will have 150 apartments Class A apartments, A9 (DP Road/Canyon Rim Trail) application to build 70 affordable housing apartments.

6). Arts in Public Places Board

No report provided

C. Los Alamos Public Schools Subcommittee - Angelica Gurule

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule reported that the funds have been allocated for the Zero Waste Lunch Campaign Grant, and she is also working with the Chamisa Elementary Green Team and Pac 8 on the Zero Waste Video. The artwork is on the new refuse truck and will be displayed at the Los Alamos Public School Board Meeting in February.

D. Save As You Throw Subcommittee - Sue Barns

Member Barns reported that items discussed at the Save As You Throw subcommittee included: Heather Ward has taken Sarah Terrill's spot on the subcommittee, and goals were determined which serves as a framework. The next meeting will be January 4th at the Eco Station.

7. STAFF REPORT

[10232-17](#)

November 2017 Residential Sustainability Report

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

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

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule reported that the residential diversion rate is down from 23% in October to 20% in November.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Open Forum Survey Questions for Curbside Collection
2. FY19 Work Plan
3. Work Session to County Council in February
4. New hauling and disposal contracts - update

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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