



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, March 15, 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, Vice Chair Rogers, Member Bakosi, Member Barns, Member Bliss, Member Terrill and Member Ward

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Sheehey requested that the County Council Liaison report be moved to the top of the agenda.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

10551-18 Approval of the February 15, 2018, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: James Robinson

Attachments: [A - Draft ESB Minutes February 15, 2018](#)

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

Member Bakosi abstained.

The motion passed with 6 votes.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

A. 10573-18 Recruitment Update for ESB Vacancies

Presenters: James Robinson

County Council approved the appointment of three new members. Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule introduced new Members Lisa Bakosi and Dorothy Brown. Member Bakosi's term began in March. Member Brown and Member Mazanec's terms will begin in August.

B. [10557-18](#) Review and Discuss the Open Forum Survey Results for Residential Collection of Yard Trimming and Recycle Roll Carts

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [E - Open Forum Survey Results](#)
 [F - Draft Alternating Schedule for 2018-2019](#)

The ESB reviewed and discussed the open forum survey results, 455 responses were received and 76% of participants said they could continue to recycle the maximum amount and move to every other week recycling collection. Julie Habiger, County Administrator reviewed the data and was pleased with the amount of responses and that there was clear response in support of an alternating schedule. Staff Liaison, Angelica asked ESB members to review the data and come prepared to vote on the schedule next month.

C. 10556-18 Yard Trimming Roll Cart Implementation Plan

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [D - Yard Trimming Implementation Plan](#)

The ESB reviewed and discussed the yard trimming roll cart implementation plan, which includes outreach and education, distribution, and collection. The program go live date is scheduled for July 2018. Board Chair Robinson asked ESB members to email Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule with any changes to the implementation plan prior to the next meeting.

D. 10552-18 How to Beat Residential Recycling Contamination - Presentation Overview

Presenters: Don Machen

Attachments: [B - How to Beat Residential Recycling Contamination PowerPoint Presentation](#)
[C - Webinar Q & A](#)

Don Machen provided the ESB an overview of the webinar: How to Beat Residential Recycling Contamination, presented by the Recycling Partnership and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. A recording of the webinar is available on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/F37Wqm6ll74>.

E. 10558-18 Discuss the 2018 Business Recycler of the Year

Presenters: James Robinson

Attachments: [G - Los Alamos County Recycler of the year criteria](#)

The Board discussed the 2018 Business/School Recycler of the Year Award. Member Rogers drafted recommended criteria for the Business Recycler of the Year. Member Rogers will make the suggested edits and email to Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule.

F. 10561-18 Technical Widget

Presenters: James Robinson

The Board discussed a call out for Technical Widget Award to promote sustainability at Science Fest. Member Terrill offered to draft the criteria and categories for the Technical Widget Award.

6. REPORTS

A Chair's Report - James Robinson

Board Chair Robinson reported that items covered at the March 15th B&C luncheon included: Budget uncertainty which was covered in Councilor Sheehey's report, the library has finished their HVAC project and are hosting a LAPS school-wide art show this month.

B Board Member Reports

Member Barns reported that the Earth Day theme is Zero Waste. PEEC is planning a number of activities around Zero Waste. Member Terrill asked about waste sorting stations at the event to collect food waste as well as trash and recyclables. Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule would like to make an eco lounge from pallets and other reusable/recyclable items for Science Fest. Member Terrill will make a category for repurposed furniture in the Science Fest Widget call out. Member Rogers would like to have a LAHS student present his skip the straw campaign to the ESB, Angelica asked that he contact her to get on the agenda. Board Chair Robinson will meet with PEEC Friday, March 16th to begin planning Bear Fest, which will be in August.

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

Member Barns reported that items discussed at the last BPU meeting included: Small Modular Reactor, BPU will be voting next week on if \$80,000 should be invested in the project, then it will be sent to County Council for approval in April. An RFP is under review for advanced/smart meters. Board Chair Robinson reported that the waste water treatment plant diverted funds from the gas fund to increase capacity. A new water well needs drilled and a new switching station has been installed which should prevent power outages.

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

Member Terrill reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting was cancelled. Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule reported that they are moving forward with the A19 project. Board Chair Robinson reported that DPU reviewed and approved rezoning of two parcels of land for mixed use, discussed changes to sign code and have filled their five vacancies.

3) Transportation Board - Heather Ward/Don Machen

Don Machen reported that items covered in the Transportation Board meeting included: Public Works' engineering staff gave a report on a crosswalk renovation and work on North Mesa. Member Terrill asked about timing of the stop lights in town. Philo Shelton, Public Works Director, reported that his staff is working with LANL regarding the timing at the intersection on East Jemez Road.

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

Board Chair Robinson reported that items covered at the B&C luncheon included: Canyon Rim Trail expansion, flow trail is being surveyed, installing new trail signs, assessing ball field and tennis courts and canyon regeneration.

5) County Council Liaison - Pete Sheehey

Councilor Sheehey reported that items covered at the March 15th B&C luncheon included: budget concerns that could potentially be affected by the Governor's veto of the GRT bill. The budget hearings will start in April. Once the LANL contract is finalized the budget can be adjusted up or down. Additionally, BPU is waiting on confirmation from DOE regarding the carbon free power project.

D Subcommittee Reports**1) Los Alamos Public Schools Subcommittee - Angelica Gurule/Heather Ward**

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule reported that she is working with Megan Lee to develop a Zero Waste Challenge curriculum for LAPS. Member Ward, Angelica Gurule and Joshua Levings provided a recycling presentation at Aspen Elementary this month.

2) Save As You Throw Subcommittee - Sue Barns

Member Barns reported that items covered at the Save As You Throw Subcommittee meeting included: a presentation by Waste Zero, rebranding the subcommittee to Zero Waste Los Alamos and the Zero Waste campaign will be launched at Earth Day. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 4th at 8:30 am at the Eco Station.

[10574-18](#)

Waste Zero - Presentation Overview

Presenters: Susan Barns

Attachments: [I - Overview of the Save-As-You-Throw Approach to Residential Waste Reduction](#)

Member Barns presented the Waste Zero Presentation: Overview of the Save-As-You-Throw Approach to Residential Waste Reduction.

7. STAFF REPORT

10555-18 Planning for Environmental Sustainability Board Upcoming Events

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

The ESB will attend the following upcoming events.

April 21, 2018 - Earth Day at PEEC Nature Center 10am to 2pm

April 28, 2018 - Clean Up Los Alamos Day

May 4, 2018 - Decorate for Recycle Fashion Show 10am to 4pm

May 5, 2018 - Recycle Fashion Show 11am to 2pm

June 9, 2018 - Chamber Fest/Business & School Recycler of the Year

June 13, 2018 - Movie in the Park - Despicable Me 3, Urban Park 7pm

June 14, 2018 - Farmer's Market 8:30am to 12pm

July 12, 2018 - Farmer's Market 8:30am to 12pm

July 17, 2018 - Science Fest

September 2018 - Trash Audit

March 2019 - Trash Audit

10553-18 February 2018 Residential Sustainability Report

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [H - Residential Sustainability Report - February 2018](#)

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule reported that the residential diversion rate is down from 22% in January to 17% in February.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Business/School Recycler of the Year
2. Skip the Straw Presentation
3. Finalize Yard Trimming Schedule
4. Compost Update: Jack Richardson

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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