



County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Minutes

Environmental Sustainability Board

*James Robinson, Chair; Heidi Rogers, Vice-Chair; Lisa Bakosi; Susan Barns; Dorothy Brown;
Warren Mazanec; and Heather Ward; Members*

Thursday, August 16, 2018

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Suite 110

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The Board Chair, James Robinson, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Board Chair Robinson, Vice Chair Rogers, Member Bakosi, Member Barns, Member Brown, Member Mazanec and member Ward

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[11093-18](#) Approval of the July 19, 2018, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: James Robinson

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

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

The motion passed unanimously.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

[11097-18](#) Presentation - Instituting a Plastic Bag Fee in Los Alamos County

Presenters: James Robinson

Attachments: [D - Plastic Bag Fee Presentation](#)
[F - Let's Bag Plastic Bags - Article](#)

The ESB received a presentation from Risa Bridge and Paulina Burnside of Los Alamos High School Eco Club about instituting a plastic bag fee in Los Alamos County. The Eco Club requested support from the ESB.

Los Alamos resident Barbara Calef commented.

Los Alamos resident Nona Girardi commented.

11102-18**Presentation - Overview of EPA Pay As You Throw Webinar**

Presenters: Susan Barns and Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [E - PAYT EPA Webinar](#)

The ESB received a presentation from Member Barns on Overview of EPA Pay as You Throw Webinar - Best Practices and Success Stories.

Los Alamos resident Barbara Calef commented.

Los Alamos resident Dawn Trujillo-Voss commented.

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

None

B. Board Member Reports

None

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

Member Barns reported that items discussed at the BPU meeting included: Utilities Department has completed repairs to the El Vado Hydro Electric turbine; however, the water flow is too low to generate electricity at the moment, drilling issues at otowi well # 2 are still ongoing, customer care is still dealing with Munis billing issues, discussed sewer rate increase of 8%, and the advanced metering infrastructure motion failed.

2). Planning and Zoning Commission - Vacant

Board Chair, James Robinson, asked members of the ESB for volunteers to be liaison to the Planning and Zoning Commission. No one volunteered at this meeting, but the request will be revisited at the next ESB meeting.

3). Transportation Board - Heather Ward/Don Machen

Member Ward reported that items discussed at the Transportation Board meeting included: Bus stop improvement plan to ADA compliant, 502 underpass plans should be completed by spring 2019.

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

Board Chair Robinson reported that items discussed at the Parks and Recreation Board meeting included: Update on flow trail, presentation on the 502 underpass, capital improvement projects are on hold, working with Tourism Development Board, and reinstituting the Equine and Live Stock Sub-committee.

6). County Council Liaison - Pete Sheehey

Councilor Sheehey commented on the plastic bag fee presentation and on the use of Smart Meters.

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

No report provided.

2). Zero Waste Los Alamos - Sue Barns

Member Barns reported that items discussed at the Zero Waste meeting included: Published the first Zero Waste Wednesday article and will try to have articles at least once a month, 2018 Eco Challenge early registration opened on August 15, 2018, Zero Waste Bear Buffet at Los Alamos Nature Center, initial discussion on municipal composting, and the next meeting is September 19, 2018, 9:00 am at the Eco Station.

7. STAFF REPORT**11096-18 Review and Discuss the Environmental Services FY18 Quarter 4 Financial Report**

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

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

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule reported on Environmental Services FY18 Quarter 4 Financial Report.

11094-18 July 2018 Residential Sustainability Report

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

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

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule reported that the residential diversion rate is up from 21% in June to 26% in July.

11104-18 Yard Trimming Roll Cart Program Update

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule reported that 2,800 homes have received a yard trimmings roll-cart and 89.84 tons of yard trimmings had been collected, roll-cart delivery is continuing and more recycling roll-carts have been ordered.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Los Alamos resident Dawn Trujillo-Voss commented on the recycle and yard trimming schedule.

Los Alamos resident Barbara Calef commented on Sullivan Field collection.

Los Alamos resident Nona Girardi commented about plastic bags.

9. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Look at Sustainability Plan
2. Styrofoam ban
3. Bear update including Bear Festival

4. Planning and Zoning Commission Liaison

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Rogers, seconded by Member Mazanec, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

James Robinson, ESB Chair

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