



County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Minutes

Environmental Sustainability Board

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

Thursday, December 20, 2018

5:30 PM

Council Chambers - 1000 Central
Avenue

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

ESB Chair, James Robinson, called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

Present: Vice Chair Rogers, Member Bakosi, Member Barns, Member Brown, and Member Ward.

Absent: Member Mazanec

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Julia Ying with Climate Reality Group and the Zero Waste Team spoke.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed unanimously

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[11495-18](#) Approval of the November 15, 2018, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: James Robinson

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

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

The motion passed with Chair Robinson abstaining.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

[11496-18](#) Election of Environmental Sustainability Board Chair and Vice-chair

Presenters: James Robinson

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 an unanimous vote Lisa Bakosi was selected as the ESB Chair and Heather Ward was selected as the ESB Vice-Chair. The change will go into effect at the January 2019 ESB Meeting.

11499-18 At Home Composting Basics Presentation by KokHeong McNaughton

Presenters: James Robinson

Attachments: [D – At Home Composting Basics by KokHeong McNaughton](#)

KokHeong McNaughton delivered a presentation on At Home Composting Basics to the Environmental Sustainability Board. The ESB continues to explore opportunities to reduce waste from the landfill and balancing costs. Home composting is a financially sound solution to diverting waste from the landfill, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and producing valuable top soil for trees, flowers and grass.

11498-18 Approval of the 2019 ESB Meeting Schedule

Presenters: James Robinson

Attachments: [C - 2019 ESB Meeting Dates](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Rogers, seconded by Member Bakosi, that the 2019 ESB Meeting Schedule be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

11504-18 Preparation of FY20 ESB Work Plan

Presenters: James Robinson

Attachments: [E - FY19 ESB Work Plan](#)

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule asked ESB members to review the FY19 Work Plan and email her recommendations for the FY20 Work Plan. The draft FY19 Work Plan will be reviewed at the January ESB meeting.

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

ESB Chair Robinson reported that the County Council got a brief statement from the county manager about the award received from the Yard Trimming program. Bethel company is looking to build a new senior home on DP road.

B. Board Member Reports

Member Barns reported on being approached by a middle school teacher that informed her that there is now a Eco Club and would like someone to do presentations and activities with this club about the environment.

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

Member Barns reported on the November meeting and the December meeting. NMED inspection of the Los Alamos drinking water was conducted and the water is 100% okay. Danny Katzmangave a presentaion about RDX contamination and that the contaminated soil is being removed and there is no contamination in the drinking water.

2). Planning and Zoning Commission - Vacant**3). Transportation Board - Heather Ward/Don Machen**

Member Ward reported that the speed limit sensor by Urban Park has been replaced with a new one that has capabilities of recording. The reports found that 50+% of cars driving through are going 29 MPH or more through the area. Will be looking into ways of slowing car down through that area. There was talk about pavement improvements especially on the roads and sidewalks of Tsikumu Village. The new electric buses are due to arrive in 12-18 months. They are expecting to start the roundabout state project in March by the Hilltop House as well as other projects that will cause more traffic.

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

Vice Chair Rogers that the board has a new subcommittee livestock advisory. The board is going to take the idea of renaming a piece of Rim Canyon Trail after Jim Bellen to County Council. They are in the process of creating the Flow Trail plan to be in the DP Canyon or LA Canyon. If the plan gets rejected by Council they made a motion to allocate the \$50,000 dedicated to the Flow Trail to keep it towards implementing a master trail plan and moving dirt to prepare for the master trail. The board received a complaint about the County using RoundUp

6). County Council Liaison - Pete Sheehey

ESB Chair Robinson reported that the Council will have a very busy year from appointing a new counselor, to the nuclear reactor decision (to be made in March), to all the different housing projects happening in 2019.

D. Team Reports**1). Los Alamos Public Schools - Lisa Bakosi**

Member Bakosi reported that the High School Eco Club have found a mentor and will have their first meeting in January.

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule, presented to Barranca School about sustainability and zero waste.

2). Zero Waste Los Alamos - Dorothy Brown

Member Brown reported that the Zero Waste Team discussed more ways on how food loss prevention can happen. She also practice her presentation that she will be presenting to the board in January about the tour of Reunity that ZWLA took back in November. Sue gave a presentation defining certain key terms such as Food Loss vs. Food Waste. Also, there was talk about creating a sort of library of Zero Waste equipment that could be used for events such as plates, bowls, utensils etc. As well, as talk about where we would put this library.

7. STAFF REPORT[11497-18](#)

November 2018 Residential Sustainability Report

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

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

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule reported that the residential diversion rate of yard trimming decreased 31%, recycling increased 1% and trash increased by 13%. PEEC is hosting this year's Earth Day. We will be trying to collaborate with them to bring in more and new audiences. Residents are still asking for yard trimming carts and they are still being delivered as well as bear tough carts.

Member Barns commented on the report given that instead of month to month reports maybe annual reports with each individual category being compared.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Work Plan FY20
2. Member Brown's Presentation - Reunity Resources
3. Philo - Composting capstone

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Bakosi, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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