



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, January 17, 2019

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Suite 110

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The ESB Vice-Chair, Heather Ward, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The following members were in attendance:

Present: Vice-Chair Ward, Member Barns, Member Brown, Member Mazanec, and Member Rogers

Absent: Board Chair Bakosi

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[11578-19](#) Approval of the December 20, 2018, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

Attachments: [A - Draft ESB Minutes December 20, 2018](#)

A motion was made by Member Rogers, seconded by Member Barns, that the December 20, 2018 minutes be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

[11579-19](#) Presentation of 2018 October EcoChallenge Award Winners

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

Attachments: [B - 2018 October Ecochallenge Presentation](#)

Staff Liason, Angelica Gurule, presented on the environmental impact Los Alamos County

had during the Eco Challenge. In Los Alamos there were 95 participants and 9 teams. Staff Liaison Gurule presented awards to individual winners. Heather Ward, 1st place, Susan Hettinga, 2nd place, and Angelica Gurule, 3rd place. Staff Liaison Gurule presented the team winner to Chamisa Elementary Green Team. They received the traveling Eco Challenge trophy and a certificate of achievement.

11581-19 Composting of Food Waste at Reunity Resources by Dorothy Brown

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

Attachments: [C - Composting of Food Waste at Reunity Resources](#)

ESB member, Dorothy Brown, provided an overview of the Reunity Resources tour and how they are successfully composting food waste. Members of the Zero Waste team toured Reunity Resources and learned about how they partner with schools and restaurants to collect and compost food waste in Santa Fe, NM.

11582-19 Identification of Regional Composting Facility Sites and Its Costs by Philo Shelton

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

Attachments: [D - Identification of Regional Composting Facilities and Costs by Philo Shelton](#)

Public Works Director, Philo Shelton presented his research project *Identification of Regional Composting Facility Sites and Its Costs*.

Transportation Liaison, Don Machen commented.

Member Mazanec commented.

Member Barns commented.

The ESB is continuing to explore the possibility of food composting.

11583-19 Draft FY20 ESB Work Plan

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [E - DRAFT FY20 ESB Work Plan](#)

The ESB reviewed changes to the draft FY20 Work Plan. Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule, asked ESB members to email additional recommendations to her prior to the next meeting. The FY20 Work Plan will be brought back next month for approval.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair's Report - Lisa Bakosi

Vice Chair Ward reported that items discussed during the B & C luncheon included: Projects around town such as the 502 and NM4 new housing units.

B. Board Member Reports

Vice Chair Ward reported the increase of members on the Zero Waste Facebook page.

C. Liaison's Reports/Team Updates

1). Board of Public Utilities - Sue Barns

Member Barns reported that items discussed at the Board of Public Utilities meeting included: the County meeting with NNSA to negotiate power pool agreement, water right contract and water right lease. Otowi Well No. 2 got drilled and they project that construction will be finished by March 13th and will put in the pumps right after. Jack Richardson presented status update on water system and usage. Smart meter opt-out was tabled and will be presented to County Council before bringing the subject back to the board. There will be an update in February about using small modular nuclear reactors. No vote until Fall 2019.

2). Planning and Zoning Commission - Vacant

Vice Chair Ward reported about the new housing units project that are being built within the next few years.

3). Transportation Board - Heather Ward/Don Machen

Transportation Liaison Don Machen reported that an Engineering staff presented changes and the engineering design of the housing projects. The County Engineer presented on the housing area in the old AC area with the issue of the old DOE area having one entrance and exit.

4). Parks and Recreation Board - Heidi Rogers

Member Rogers reported that there was an update on the Ice Rink and the Hell's Hole entrances were being investigated and that one entrance will be closed off until it's made safer for the public use.

County Council Pete Sheehey commented.

5). County Council Liaison - Pete Sheehey

County Council Liaison Pete Sheehey reported that this was his last meeting and he will be on the Board of Public Utilities. ESB will get a new County Council Liaison by next meeting. The GRT issue was discussed and explained.

Member Barns commented.

6). Los Alamos Public Schools Team- Angelica Gurule

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule reported that she will be working with Barranca Elementary School and conducting a waste audit with them.

7). Zero Waste Los Alamos Team - Dorothy Brown

Member Brown reported the ZWLA team is looking at local food waste and how to prevent it and gave an overview on the LA Daily Post articles that are being created.

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule commented.

7. STAFF REPORT

[11584-19](#) December 2018 Residential Sustainability Report

Attachments: [F - Residential Sustainability Report - December 2018](#)

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule reported that the residential diversion is 19% in December. The Environmental Services have ordered larger recycle rollcarts (96 gallons) that should arrive beginning of February.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of FY20 Work Plan
2. LA Scores - Quarterly Financial Report
3. Christmas Tree Report

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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