



County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue
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Minutes

Environmental Sustainability Board

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

Thursday, March 21, 2019

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Suite 110

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The ESB Chair, Lisa Bakosi, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. The following members were in attendance:

Present: Board Chair Bakosi, Vice-Chair Ward, Member Barns, Member Brown, Member Mazanec and Member MacDonald

Absent: Member Rogers

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Member Barns, seconded by Member Mazanec, that the agenda be approved as amended. Barranca Waste Audit Presentaion was moved to be the second item on the Board of Business.

The motion passed unanimously

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[11830-19](#)

Approval of the February 21, 2019, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

Attachments: [A - Draft ESB Minutes February 21, 2019](#)

A motion was made by Member Barns, seconded by Member Brown, that the February 21, 2019 minutes be approved as presented.

The motion passed with Vice-Chair Ward abstaining.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

[11833-19](#)

The Climate Crisis and Its Solutions Presented by Julia Ying

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

Attachments: [B - The Climate Crisis and Its Solutions Presented by Julia Ying](#)

Julia Ying is personally trained by former US Vice President Al Gore and The Climate Reality Project to serve as a volunteer Climate Reality Leader for the Climate Reality Leadership Corps. The presentation informed and educated the ESB and public about the climate crisis and its solutions so they can be encouraged to take part in its solutions to transition our world to a sustainable future.

11836-19 Proposed Commercial Rate Increase

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

Attachments: [D - Draft Proposed Commercial Rate Increase](#)

Environmental Services has developed several options to meet the current deficit in the Commercial Program area. They presented the options to the ESB and discussed the options and other solutions. Member Mazanec had a few more questions for Angelica to look into for the next meeting.

11832-19 SMM Food Waste Source Reduction Webinar Overview by Sara Thurgood

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

Attachments: [C - SMM Food Waste Reduction Webinar Overview by Sara Thurgood](#)

Environmental Services Office Specialist Sara Thurgood presented an overview of the SMM Food Waste Source Reduction webinar provided by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The information included in the presentation was about how businesses can reduce food waste and save money by implementing food recovery strategies.

11834-19 Barranca Elementary Waste Audit Presentation

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [E - E - Barranca Elementary Waste Audit Results](#)

Ms. Angela Lopez's 3rd grade students performed a waste audit of lunch room trash. Students learned about the different types of waste that are being generated and recommended ways in which trash can be reduced either by preventing waste in the first place, recycling, composting or sharing. Student Aven Heavner attended and stated, "I'm Aven Heavner and I say we need recycling bins in the school cafeteria. We don't have any and I'm really bugged by it. At my old school we had an entire green team looking into the trash and making sure that all the recyclables were in the right bin and they were determined they would put on gloves and they would dig through the trash to actually find them. I want that to happen at our school."

6. REPORTS

A. Chair's Report - Lisa Bakosi

Board Chair Bakosi attended the B&C luncheon and let them know the creation of the

Save as You Throw Research subcommittee will be going to council for approval. She also talked about the upcoming events that Environmental Services and Zero Waste team will be participating in.

B. Board Member Reports

Board Member Mazanec commented on the good customer service being given by Donald Baros at the Overlook Convenience Center. He also noted that the fencing for the station should be worked on to prevent illegal dumping. Angelica Gurule gave a quick update on the station noting that Environmental Services are working on cost estimates to fence the site and make it more accessible for recycle material. Board member Barns commented on a meeting she attended in Taos about Taos Kit Carson renewable energy cooperative. Kathleen Taylor commented on renewable energy that could be placed in buildings in Los Alamos, as well as raise awareness that the old buildings in Los Alamos need to be upgraded to make them more energy & water efficient. Member Barns also touched on the Save as You Throw subcommittee.

C. Liaison's Reports

1). Board of Public Utilities - Sue Barns

Member Barns reported that the roundabout construction started and will take two years. Otowi Well #2 drill is done and will be tested soon. They have signed the contract for the SMART meters. As well as talked about the big wind storm. FY2020 budget was approved.

2). Planning and Zoning Commission - Vacant

Board Chair Bakosi reported that the upcoming housing developments will be starting spring 2019. The adoption of mixed use (MU) zoning district laid the ground work for several new developments. The following will have public hearings with the Planning & Zoning (PNZ) in 2019; 70 affordable rental units on DP Road called the Canyon Walk apartments, 150 market rate rental units on the former Los Alamos Site Office (LASO) by the hospital called the Hill, 80 affordable units for senior living on DP Road.

3). Transportation Board - Heather Ward/Don Machen

Board Chair Bakosi gave an update from when she was at the B & C luncheon.

4). Parks and Recreation Board - Heidi Rogers

Update was given in the board member report.

Member Mazanec gave an update on the Community Development Advisory Board meeting he attended. There was discussion on clarity and wording on certain codes.

6). County Council Liaison - Antonio Maggiore

County Council Liaison Maggiore reported that the council is looking forward to hearing from the boards and approving what is needed to be approved. He also gave a shoutout to

Philo and Angelica for offering special pickup from the wind storm blowing the trees down around the County.

D. Subcommittee/Team Reports

1). Los Alamos Public Schools Team - Lisa Bakosi

Board Chair Bakosi reported that the High School Eco Club got permission to march in the Global Strike event in Santa Fe that was also a global event. She also mentioned that the high school is working on a Green New Deal and the Sunrise Movement. The Green Earth club in the middle school are creating posters to educate about recycling. Jody Benson commented on the meeting she attended with the Middle School Green Earth Club where Principal Easton attended and informed the group he will give them the recycle bins if they sign up and take the bins out. If they don't succeed in doing so, they will be taken away.

2). Zero Waste Los Alamos - Dorothy Brown

Member Brown summarized the meeting that was held, including the presentation on Turning Waste into Profit, restructuring of the meetings, future outreach activities and the celebration of the Zero Waste team turning 1 year old. Her notes were as followed:

Elchin Jafarov presentation about his composting system and business - "Turning Waste Into Profit."

Discussion of structuring ZWLA meetings

- 20 minutes for a speaker
- 5 minutes per sub-group for one person to give an update
 - Schools
 - Retail/groceries: (2%);
 - Restaurants: (22% full service restaurants, 15% fast food)
 - Food rescue/food banks
 - Residents/consumers (50%)
 - Composting
- 30 minutes for one sub-group to discuss progress and get feedback
- Update on LA Daily Post upcoming articles
- Update on outreach events

Booth for Zero Waste Events

- Tiffany, Sara, and Elchin will work with Angelica to develop an action plan
- On idea is to define a setup, use same setup for all events, store materials in one place for easy retrieval
- Will use a Google Docs spreadsheet to get sign-ups for volunteers for each event

Daily Post Articles

- April - More on an aspect of food waste reduction and mention of booth at Earth Day - 500 words each, due April 5
 - AG - State of Los Alamos County Environment
 - SB - Reducing Food Waste
 - Zero Waste Events
- May - Wish Cycling - Sara
- June - Restaurants and Zero Waste - Julia and Jody

Outreach activities:

- April 27: Earth Day Festival at PEEC 10-2
- May 11: Clean Up Los Alamos Day at Ashley Pond 12-1
- May 12 ; UU Sunday Forum 9:30-10:30 on Food Waste - Sue Barnes
- May 16, June 20: Booth at Farmers Market
- May 21: Talk to League of Women Voters "Lunch with a Leader", 11:30-1, Mesa Public Library. Sue, Angelica, Elchin, Tiffany, Jody
- May 24: Zero Waste event at Friday Concert
- June 15: Ignite event at LA Makers - Sue Barnes - Food Waste
- Other venues to explore: Voices of Los Alamos, ask Council to do a Food Waste Proclamation (AG has already talked with Chair and Vice Chair about Zero Waste)

Next meeting: April 17, 2019 9-10:30 Clarify Zero Waste Goals for 2019

7. STAFF REPORT

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule reported that Environmental Services started brush pick up this month. The test run to deliver glass to Coors Miller in Golden Colorado went really well and they want to continue receiving our glass.

[11831-19](#)**February 2019 Residential Sustainability Report**

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [F - Residential Sustainability Report Without Brush - February 2019](#)

Staff liaison Angelica Gurule went over February's residential sustainability report.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Work plan for 2020

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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