



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; Amanda MacDonald; Warren Mazanec; and Heidi Rogers; Members

Thursday, July 18, 2019

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Suite 110

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

ESB Vice-Chair, Heather Ward, called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

The following members were in attendance:

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

Absent: Chair Bakosi and Member Mazanec

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the June 20, 2019, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: Heather Ward

Attachments: [A - Draft ESB Minutes June 20, 2019](#)

A motion was made by Member Barns, seconded by Member Brown, that the June 20, 2019 minutes be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

Los Alamos County Energy Use and Green House Gas Emissions Report
by Robert Gibson

Presenters: Heather Ward

Attachments: [B - Los Alamos County Energy Use and GHG Emissions Report.](#)

The ESB received a presentation from Robert Gibson regarding his report on Los Alamos County Energy Use and Green House Gas Emissions. He reported about where the green

house gas comes from in Los Alamos as well as showed the history of energy usage in the county not including Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Special note - Robert Gibson performed this study on his own accord. His position in this report is not that of the County and the County cannot confirm, deny or agree with the conclusions drawn.

Save As You Throw Update

Presenters: Heather Ward

Attachments: [C - SAYT Update July 2019](#)
[Save As You Throw - Frequently Asked Questions - 07082019](#)

The Save As You Throw (SAYT) Research Subcommittee provided an update about SAYT findings and their research to date. The subcommittee has performed various education and outreach activities, as well as performed research on other communities that have a pay as you throw tiered rate system in place. The ESB was also presented with a timeline for future events, including the Open Forum poll and recommendation process.

Public comment:

Nancy Bliss, 74 La Paloma Dr., commented that this program will lessen the County's carbon footprint and is for that concept. She also commented her concern of which option would be the best option for people who produce little trash but when family visits will produce much more in that time frame.

Lisa Shin, 637 47th St., commented about infringement of personal freedom to choose which trash bags to buy. As well as commented about businesses having dumpsters and trying to figure out who is using the correct trash bags.

Kathy Taylor, 57 Todd Loop, commented her concerns of the type of bags that will be used and was concerned that light duty bags would tear on the curb.

Carrie Walker, 973 Nambe Loop, commented her concerns about that someone's trash could be subject to IPRA.

Stephanie Haaser, 2145 41st Unit A, commented about cleanup activities that boy scouts do, not in conjunction with Clean Up Los Alamos Day. She commented about the negative effect the program would have on the incentives to pick up trash on the roads or trails. As well as the effect it would have on larger families, families who open their house to students and single-family homes.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair's Report -Lisa Bakosi

No report was given.

B. Board Member Reports

No report was given.

C. Liaison's Reports

1). Board of Public Utilities - Sue Barns

Member Barns reported that the board welcomed Philo Shelton as the new Utilities Manager, he has had meetings with Utah Associated Municipal Power Services and will be the new representative taking Tim Glasco's position. There is continued software

integration issues with the Munis system and the SMART meters that is being worked on. There have been meetings with NNSA to talk about water right renewals. The 1 megawatt PV Solar array that was scheduled to be installed on the closed landfill this year has been postponed based on lease issues. There was an approval of the design of the White Rock Waste Water Treatment Plant. There was a discussion about an opportunity to buy into more of the NuScale Small Modular Reactor project in Utah.

2). Planning and Zoning Commission - Vacant

No report was given.

3). Transportation Board - Heather Ward/Don Machen

Vice-Chair Ward reported on the highway 502 construction and the resurfacing of Diamond Dr. from Omega Bridge to the roundabout at San Ildefonso Road.

4). Parks and Recreation Board - Heidi Rogers

No report was given.

5). Community Development Advisory Board - Warren Mazanec

No report was given.

6). County Council Liaison - Antonio Maggiore

Councilor Maggiore reported about the petition on banning single use plastic bag, straws and styrofoam and stated that the Council created a subcommittee to research this issue.

D. Subcommittee Reports

1). Sava As You Throw - Sue Barns

Member Barns restated information from the SAYT presentation and mentioned that the subcommittee continues to meet every other Friday.

2). Los Alamos Public Schools Team - Angelica Gurule

Liaison Gurule reported that the subcommittee is working on Operation Green Cafeteria based off student requests to get rid of single use items in their cafeterias. The students also asked for more recycling in their schools. She also reported that July 29th there will be a roll up your sleeves meeting with Dr. Kurt Steinhaus, asking for greener cafeteria and greener schools as well as looking into incorporating sustainable designs in the schools.

3). Zero Waste Los Alamos - Dorothy Brown/Sara Thurgood

Member Barns reported that the Zero Waste Team received a presentation by Jim Little on various food banks and food rescue operations around New Mexico and Aaron's kids who provides meals for school children. They discussed with Mr. Little on how to get donations from Smith's and the Co Op. The team received updates from the Schools Subgroup and th Restaurant Subgroup. The County is looking at putting together bilingual information on recycling in Los Alamos County to help with diversion. Staff Liaison Gurule reported to the board that the next big project that will be looked at is food waste

prevention.

7. STAFF REPORT

June 2019 Residential Sustainability Report

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [D - Residential Sustainability Report - June 2019](#)

The ESB reviewed and discussed the June 2019 Residential Sustainability Report. The data now includes more data and graphs that will demonstrate overall diversion as a result of the new yard trimming program which began on July 9, 2018. The yard trimming program has been in place for one year.

Most recent addition to the report included greenhouse gas emissions reduced by recycling and composting.

The yard trimming program is voluntary and embraced by the community, with support from 59% or 4,092 households. Currently each household is limited to one cart per household to ensure each household can have the ability to participate in the yard trimming program.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Presentation about Biodigestor

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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