



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; and Heidi Rogers; Members

Thursday, December 19, 2019

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Suite 110

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

ESB Chair, Lisa Bakosi, called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

The following member were in attendance:

Present: Chair Bakosi, Vice-Chair Ward, Member Barns, Memeber Brown, Member MacDonald.

Absent: member Rogers.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Julia Ying, 1300 Iris st, commented about the Climate Reality Project. This include the Coalition of Sustainable Communities New Mexico and wants the County to commit to the County Climate Coalition.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed 5-0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the November 17, 2019, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

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

A motion was made by Member Barns, seconded by Member Brown, that the November 17, 2019 minutes be approved as presented.

The motion passed 5-0

5. BOARD BUSINESS

Election of Environmental Sustainability Board Chair and Vice-chair

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

A poll for Chair and Vice-Chair nominations was conducted. Ballots were handed to ESB members to select the next ESB Chair and Vice-Chair. Based on the votes 4-1, Lisa Bakosi was selected to remain as the 2020 ESB Chair and Heather Ward was selected

to remain as the 2020 ESB Vice-Chair.

A motion was made by Member Barns, seconded by Member MacDonald, that Lisa Bakosi be appointed Environmental Sustainability Board Chair, and that Heather Ward be appointed Environmental Sustainability Board Vice-Chair, with a term date beginning January 2020 and ending December 2020.

The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of the 2020 ESB Meeting Schedule

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

Attachments: [B - 2020 ESB Meeting Dates](#)

A motion was made by Member Brown, seconded by Vice-Chair Ward, that the Environmental Sustainability Board approve the 2020 Meeting Schedule as presented.

The motion passed 5-0.

Preparation of FY21 ESB Work Plan

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

Attachments: [D - ESB FY20 Workplan](#)
[C - DRAFT FY21 ESB Workplan](#)

The ESB reviewed the FY20 Work Plan and looked over the FY21 Work Plan related to the department's priorities and the board's responsibilities. After review it was decided that the ESB members will take time to continue to look over FY21 and email Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule with any changes. The board will review and finalize at January 16, 2020 meeting.

Compost Operator Certification Presentation by Sara Thurgood

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi and Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [F - Composting Operator Certification by Sara Thurgood](#)
[E - December 3, 2019 County Council Meeting Update](#)

Office Specialist, Sara Thurgood presented an overview on the and NMED Solid Waste Bureau, Compost Certification Course. The ESB continues to explore the possibility of food composting.

Environmental Services Manager, Angelica Gurule, also provided an update regarding the December 3, 2019 County Council meeting regarding food waste composting.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair's Report - Lisa Bakosi

Chair Bakosi, thanked the board for voting for her to continue being chair for the ESB.

B. Board Member Reports

None

C. Liaison's Reports

1). Board of Public Utilities - Sue Barns

Member Barns reported on the Special Meeting and the normal December meeting. The special meeting was held to approve an additional payment for the carbon free power project. They voted to approve an additional \$63,000 for that project. The County Council also approved it. The December meeting had an update on the quarterly conservation program. The board will be doing a new water and energy conservation plan. The board decided to have subcommittee be created starting in January. The subcommittee will include board members, public members, businesses, representatives from Los Alamos and White Rock. They are trying to recruit people to join the subcommittee. The team will have six meetings from February to April. They are sending a RFP out in March to find a consultant to help them formulate the new water and energy conservation plan. The goal is to have the updated plan done by early summer. Two Utility Board members are in the subcommittee and asked if anyone on the ESB would like to have someone participate in the subcommittee. The ESB decided to participate in the subcommittee. Vice-Chair Ward volunteered to be a part of that subcommittee.

2). Planning and Zoning Commission - Vacant

Public Works Director, Anne Laurent commented that the last meeting the Planning and Zoning Commission Board had to two hearings. One was the approval of the kitty pool site plan and parking waiver. The second was the approval of the redevelopment of the black hole for housing.

3). Transportation Board - Heather Ward

Vice-Chair Ward commented that the Transportation Board had a presentation and went over their work plan.

4). Parks and Recreation Board - Heidi Rogers

Public Works Director, Anne Laurent commented that the Parks and Recreation Board were also part of the approval of the kitty pool site and parking waiver. They also made a recommendation to the Council on the splash pad.

5). Community Development Advisory Board - Vacant

No meeting.

6). County Council Liaison - Antonio Maggiore

Councilor Antonio Maggiore commented that the composting presentation in the December 3rd meeting was presented well. He also thanked the board on their efforts this past year.

D. Subcommittee/Team Reports**1). Save As You Throw - Sue Barns**

Member Barns commented that she is in the process of drafting the final report on the subcommittee findings. The goal is to have it done by mid-January and to bring it to the board by the ESB February meeting.

2). Los Alamos Public Schools Subcommittee - Angelica Gurule

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule commented that there hasn't been any meetings. The next meeting will be in January. She also commented on the recycle lessons that have been presented to Aspen Elementary School classes provided by Senior Office Specialist, Joshua Levings and Office Specialist, Sara Thurgood.

3). Zero Waste Los Alamos - Sara Thurgood

Office Specialist Sara Thurgood commented that the Zero Waste Team met the day before and went over what goal the team would like to accomplish in the next year as well as go over events that were being planned. The goal was to continue their efforts in educating the Los Alamos County residents on Food Waste Prevention. A new event the team will be doing is joining the Utility department in their Water Festival and having an informational booth for the kids. The team also discussed the presentation that will be presented to businesses at a Chamber of Commerce breakfast in February on the Green Restaurant Certification.

7. STAFF REPORT**November 2019 Residential Sustainability Report**

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [G - Residential Sustainability Report - November 2019](#)

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule reviewed and discussed the November 2019 Residential Sustainability Report. The data 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.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Finalize of FY21 Work Plan
2. Sustainability Plan

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

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