



County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Minutes

Environmental Sustainability Board

John Bliss, Chair; Sarah M. Terrill, Susan Barns, Rebecca Chamberlin, Erik Loechell, James Robinson, and Danny Katzman, Members

Thursday, April 20, 2017

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Suite 110

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The ESB Chair, John Bliss, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

The following members were in attendance:

Present: Member Barns, Member Chamberlin, Member Loechell and Member Robinson

Absent: Member Terrill and Member Katzman

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[9355-17](#)

Approval of the March 16, 2017, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: John Bliss

Attachments: [A - Draft ESB Minutes March 16, 2017](#)

A motion was made by Member Barns, seconded by Member Robinson, that the March 16, 2017 minutes be approved as presented.

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0 with Member Chamberlin abstaining.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

[9356-17](#)

Bears in Los Alamos Update

Presenters: James Robinson

Attachments: [B - Bears in Los Alamos Update](#)

Member Robinson gave a presentation on bears in Los Alamos. The Board discussed bear proofing roll carts, as well as education of these measures at Bear Fest. The Board requested stickers for roll carts about bear awareness.

9361-17**Discuss and Plan for 2017 Business Recycler of the Year**

Presenters: John Bliss

The Board discussed Business Recycler of the Year. Nominations will be accepted through Friday May 5, 2017. The top finalists will be voted on by the public and the winner will be announced at Chamber Fest on June 10, 2017. The Board expanded business to include for profit and nonprofit, which includes schools.

9362-17**Develop Save As You Throw Goals**

Presenters: Susan Barnes

Attachments: [ESB Variable Rates presentation.Apr2017.SBarns](#)

Member Barnes presented variable rate structure information. The Board discussed potential names for the program, as well as preliminary goals. The board members were asked to read through the goals and rate them based on importance. A timeline, potential pilot program and possible roll out in conjunction with brush program were discussed and will be brought back for further discussion.

6. COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**A. Chair's Report- John Bliss**

No report provided

B. Liaison's Reports**1). Board of Public Utilities - Sue Barnes**

No report provided

2). Planning and Zoning Commission - James Robinson

No report provided

3). Transportation Board - Rebecca Chamberlin

Member Chamberlin reported that items covered during the meeting included: Atomic City Transit is expecting an impact on the White Rock routes due to NM 502 construction, there is a proposal to add service to the Truck Route in order to deflect traffic from Main Hill. A motion was passed for a proclamation to be declared at the May 2nd County Council Meeting establishing May as Bike to Work Month and May 19th as Bike to Work Day. A subcommittee has been established to look into improving bike trails and focusing on improving biker's safety. Don Machen, Transportation Board Liaison, reported that traffic calming projects were also discussed.

4). Parks and Recreation Board - Erik Loechell

Member Loechell reported that items covered during the meeting included a Downhill Flow

Trail for bicycles from Bayo Canyon to NM 502.

5). **County Council Liaison - Pete Sheehey**

Councilor Sheehey reported that the Environmental Sustainability Work Plan has been reviewed, one suggestion is to include implementation of the brush collection roll carts. The Board was commended for their participation and involvement in community events. The rate increase was discussed, Councilor Sheehey recommended that a factual article be presented to the public that shows the true cost of operations.

C. **Los Alamos Public School Subcommittee Update - Angelica Gurule**

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule reported that items covered during the meeting included: Chamisa Elementary School Green Team will launch a Zero Waste Lunch Week April 24th, which will include a poster contest. In the future, they hope to work with LAPS to implement a program that utilizes reusable lunch trays instead of the disposable styrofoam trays that are currently in use.

7. **STAFF REPORT**

9360-17

March 2017 Residential Sustainability Report

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [C - Residential Sustainability Report - March 2017](#)

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule reported that the residential diversion rate is down from 25% in February to 23% in March. Approximately 611 tons of material was collected, 125.71 tons was recyclable and 14.62 tons was compostable.

9363-17

2017 Earth Day Events Update

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule updated the Board on the Friedman Recycling facility tour on April 7th. PEEC's Earth Day Event is scheduled for April 22nd from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Clean Up Los Alamos Day is scheduled for April 29th, the Board was updated on the number of registered participants, which was approximately 269.

8. **PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS**

May: Business Recycler of the Year nominations
Rate Increase presentation
Discuss Work Plan FY18
Select Waste Audit date

June: Construction and demolition presentation

July: Develop and discuss goals for Save as You Throw (SAYT)

August: Brush Roll Out program

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Member Chamberlin, seconded by Member Robinson, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



John Bliss, ESB Chair

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