



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, June 15, 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 5:32 p.m.

The following members were in attendance:

Present: Board Chair Bliss, Member Terrill, Member Barns, Member Chamberlin, Member Loechell, Member Robinson

Absent: Member Katzman

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[9583-17](#)

Approval of the May 25, 2017, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: John Bliss

Attachments: [A - Draft ESB Minutes May 25, 2017](#)

A motion was made by Member Terrill, seconded by Member Robinson, that the May 25, 2017 minutes be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

[9584-17](#)

Review and Discuss Pending Action Items on FY17 ESB Work Plan

Presenters: John Bliss

Attachments: [B - FY17 ESB Work Plan](#)

The board reviewed and discussed the pending action items on the FY17 ESB Work Plan. The board successfully accomplished the majority of items listed in the FY17 Work Plan. Board Chair Bliss suggested that there be more focus in FY18 on nurturing and strengthening the relationship with the Board of Public Utilities to support energy and water conservation.

9585-17**Discuss Implementation Plan for Brush Roll Cart****Presenters:** John Bliss

The board discussed the implementation plan for the Brush Roll Cart program. Angelica Gurule, Staff Liaison, advised that the budget has been approved and will go into effect July 1, 2017. The purchase order for the truck will be issued after that date and the lead time is six to nine months. Items discussed included: name of program, cart color and labeling, distribution of roll carts, timeline, pick up frequency, trash audit, public outreach and education. Angelica Gurule, Staff Liaison, and Philo Shelton, Public Works Department Director, will develop an outline of items discussed to review at a future ESB meeting.

9586-17**ESB Member Recruitment Update****Presenters:** Angelica Gurule

The board reviewed and discussed the recruitment for two new ESB members, there will be two vacancies beginning August 1st. Recruitment has been advertised at Farmer's Market as well as online. Member Terrill suggested that a recruitment flyer be developed and shared using LAVA.

9588-17**Announce the Winners of the 2017 Business Recycler of the Year****Presenters:** John Bliss**Attachments:** [2017 Business Recycler of the Year Survey Results](#)

Board Chair Bliss announced the 2017 Business Recycler of the Year winners are Pajarito Environmental Education Center (PEEC) and Chamisa Elementary. Megan Lee, Renee Mitsunaga and students from Chamisa Elementary were present to accept the Business Recycler of the Year Award in the Educational Institute category. Student Ella Miranda spoke about their waste free lunch initiative. Member Barns accepted the Business Recycle of the Year Award on behalf of Pajarito Environmental Education Center (PEEC) in the Business/Nonprofit category. Angelica Gurule, Staff Liaison, added that a proclamation will be made at an upcoming County Council meeting recognizing the 2017 Business Recycler of the Year winners.

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

Board Chair Bliss reported that items covered at the New Mexico Recycling Coalition (NMRC) annual meeting included: glass recycling market and recycling process, best practices in recycling and brush program roll out.

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

Member Barns reported that items covered at the Board of Public Utilities meeting included: the need to replace White Rock sewage treatment plant, backflow protection valves, 535 kW of residential solar has been installed to date, small modular reactor project discussions are ongoing, LANL plans to build a solar array and combined cycle natural gas plant, plans to drill a new well over the summer, proposal to raise water and sewage rates 8%, and Carrie Walker is the newest BPU member.

2). Planning and Zoning Commission - James Robinson

No report provided

3). Transportation Board - Rebecca Chamberlin

Member Chamberlin reported that items covered at the Transportation Board meeting included: the work plan for FY18, sustainability initiatives that relate to ESB including Canyon Rim Trail and bicycle transportation system.

4). Parks and Recreation Board - Erik Loechell

No report provided

5). County Council Liaison - Pete Sheehey

Pete Sheehey discussed the ESB proposed rate increase which is scheduled to go in front of County Council on June 27, 2017.

C. Los Alamos Public Schools Subcommittee - Angelica Gurule

Angelica Gurule, Staff Liaison, reported that a Recycling and Illegal Dumping (RAID) grant has been awarded to remake Chamisa Elementary School's Zero Waste Lunch video as part of a zero waste lunch campaign. The video will be shown at the local movie theatre and shared with all the local schools.

7. STAFF REPORT

[9587-17](#)

Review the May 2017 Residential Sustainability Report

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

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

Angelica Gurule, Staff Liaison, reported that the residential diversion rate is up from 24% in April to 25% in May.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

1. C & D Diversion Opportunities
2. FY18 Work Plan
3. Save As You Throw
4. Food Waste & Composting Tour & Presentation
5. Update on Bear Stickers

6. Route Audit Update

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



John Bliss, ESB Chair

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