



County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Minutes

Environmental Sustainability Board

*James Robinson, Chair; Heidi Rogers, Vice-Chair; Lisa Bakosi; Susan Barnes; Dorothy Brown;
Warren Mazanec; and Heather Ward; Members*

Thursday, October 18, 2018

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Suite 110

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Board Vice Chair, Heidi Rogers, called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Present: Vice Chair Rogers, Member Bakosi, Member Barnes, Member Brown, Member Mazanec and Member Ward

Absent: Chair Robinson

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[11324-18](#)

Approval of the September 20, 2018, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: James Robinson

Attachments: [A - Draft ESB Minutes September 20, 2018](#)

A motion was made by Member Mazanec, seconded by Member Ward, that the minutes be approved as presented.

The motion passed 5-0, Member Barnes abstained.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

[11326-18](#)

Proposal to Install Sunflower Art Piece by Ed Grothus at the Transfer Station

Presenters: Jennifer Baker

Attachments: [C - Proposed Grothus Sunflower](#)

Arts in Public Places Advisory Board Member, Jennifer Baker, presented a proposal to install a Sunflower art piece by Ed Grothus on the west facing wall of the Los Alamos

Transfer Station. The art will be painted bright yellow. The final approval will go before Council in November 2018.

A motion was made by Member Mazanec, seconded by Member Barnes, that the proposal to install Sunflower Art Piece by Ed Grothus at the Transfer Station be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

11332-18

Los Alamos High School Eco Club Update

Presenters: James Robinson

Risa Bridge from the Los Alamos High School Eco Club updated the ESB on their effort to institute a plastic bag fee in Los Alamos County. These efforts include public input, community outreach, information on reusable bags, and speaking with local vendors.

ESB Member Bakosi, Member Mazanec as backup, volunteered to liaison for the Los Alamos High School Eco Club and attend Eco Club meetings Tuesdays from 11:15 - 12:00 PM at the Los Alamos High School.

11329-18

Yard Trimming Roll Cart Program Update

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule updated the ESB on the status of the yard trimming rollcart program. As of October 12, 2018, approximately 3,300 homes received a yard trimming rollcart and 251 tons of yard trimmings have been diverted from the landfill.

11330-18

October EcoChallenge Update

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule updated the ESB on the October Eco Challenge. There are nine teams in Los Alamos.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair's Report - James Robinson

No report provided

B. Board Member Reports

Vice Chair Rogers reported on the Climate Change and Health class that she is taking from the Yale School of Public Health and what she has learned so far. She mentioned that 10% of waste in the United States is from the healthcare industry.

Member Bakosi reported that she visited a Montessori School and talked with the kids about proper recycling and she plans to give a presentation to the Walden School at the Los Alamos Nature Center on November 20, 2018.

C. Liaison's Reports

1). Board of Public Utilities - Sue Barnes

Member Barnes reported that items discussed during the September DPU meeting

included a quarterly conservation report which included that the electric vehicle show at the Nature Center was a success and PEEC educators are presenting conservation classes to students. There was an extensive presentation on Advanced Metering Infrastructure, public comment and a legal case in Illinois that may affect how meters would be used. A loan was approved from NMED for the White Rock Waste Water Treatment Plant. There was a presentation on small scale pumped hydro for energy storage. There was a presentation on pricing for local PV solar installations. Member Barns also reported that items discussed during the October DPU meeting included Otowi well #2 drilling has been completed. The Ski Hill Water Line has been delayed due to cultural agreements and an endangered species survey needs to be completed. Detection of RDX in the regional aquifer by LANL EM contractor was also reported.

2). Planning and Zoning Commission - Angelica Gurule

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule reported to the ESB that items discussed were rezoning of the old TRK building on East Road for commercial use and a lot split by the Shriners property on Trinity Drive.

3). Transportation Board - Heather Ward/Don Machen

No report provided

4). Parks and Recreation Board - James Robinson/Heidi Rogers

No report provided

5). Community Development & Tourism

Member Mazanec volunteered to be liaison to the Community Development Advisory Board.

6). County Council Liaison - Pete Sheehey

County Council Liaison Pete Sheehey reported LANL's environmental contractor, N3B, has updated the Council on the chromium plume and the RDX residue that has been found in the regional aquifer. The Parks and Recreation Board received a update on the flow trails and proposed locations in Los Alamos.

D. Team Reports

1). Los Alamos Public Schools Team - Angelica Gurule

[11331-18](#)

Volunteers Needed for Recycle Fair and Fashion Show

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [D - Recycle Fair and Fashion Show Entry Form](#)
[E - Recycle Fair and Fashion Show Flyer](#)

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule gave the ESB an update on the Recycle Fair and Fashion Show and asked for volunteers to help.

2). Zero Waste Los Alamos - Dorothy Brown

Member Brown reported that during their last meeting the Zero Waste Los Alamos Team discussed the New Mexico Recycling and Solid Waste Conference, Recycle Coach software that the County is working to acquire, monthly zero waste article for the Los Alamos Daily Post articles, Sandra West's KRSN interview, municipal composting, and "Plastic China" a movie that could be shared at the Los Alamos Nature Center.

7. STAFF REPORT

[11325-18](#)

September 2018 Residential Sustainability Report

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [B - Residential Sustainability Report - September 2018](#)

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule reported that the residential diversion rate stayed the same with a 0% change in August 2018. However, trash, recycling, and yard trimmings all decreased in tonnage. Yard trimmings collected for 2018 to date totaled 383.66 tons. Environmental Services will be conducting a rollcart survey to see the usage and volume of rollcarts.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Kokheong McNaughton - Home composting basics
2. Member Rogers - Progress of Climate Change and Health course
3. Philo Shelton - Capstone Composting
4. Joshua Levings - Illegal Dumping

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

James Robinson, ESB Chair

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