



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 Barns; Dorothy Brown;
Warren Mazanec; and Heather Ward; Members*

Thursday, November 15, 2018

5:30 PM

Council Chambers - 1000 Central
Avenue

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

ESB Chair, James Robinson, called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Carlos Valdez and Desirae Jimenez with New Mexico State University Cooperative Services spoke.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[11407-18](#)

Approval of the October 18, 2018, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: James Robinson

Attachments: [A - Draft ESB Minutes October 18, 2018](#)

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

The motion passed with Chair Robinson abstaining.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

[11408-18](#)

Food Waste Prevention Presentation

Presenters: James Robinson

Attachments: [B - Food Waste Prevention Presentation](#)

ESB Member Sue Barns delivered a presentation to the ESB on food waste prevention and discussed the tools that can be used to educate the community. This education includes online tools that residents can use to reduce food waste at home.

11409-18 Boots on the Ground Presentation

Presenters: James Robinson

Attachments: [C - Boots on the Ground Presentation](#)

Environmental Services, Senior Office Specialist, Joshua Levings delivered a presentation to the ESB on the 2018 Boots on the Ground Illegal Dumping Conference that he attended and updated the Board on illegal dumping in Los Alamos County.

11410-18 Preliminary Results of Recycle and Yard Trimming Roll Cart Survey and Approval of Proposed Action to Place Additional Cardboard Recycle Dumpsters

Presenters: James Robinson

Attachments: [D - Residential Recycle and Yard Trimming Survey Preliminary Results](#)

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule presented data that was collected and compiled during a residential recycle and yard trimming roll cart survey. Ms. Gurule requested the board support additional cardboard recycle collection sites for residents during the holiday season.

A motion was made by Member Barns, seconded by Member Ward, that the ESB approve the placement of additional cardboard dumpsters at County locations to accommodate the needs of customers during the holiday season.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. REPORTS**A. Chair's Report - James Robinson**

ESB Chair Robinson reported that he has been elected to County Council and will no longer be on the ESB as of January 2019. He attended the Boards and Commissions luncheon.

B. Board Member Reports (3 Minutes Per Member)

Member Barns reported on the Recycle Craft Fair and Fashion Show held at Chamisa Elementary School and noted the event was zero waste.

C. Liaison's Reports (3 Minutes Per Member)**1). Board of Public Utilities - Sue Barns**

No report provided

2). Planning and Zoning Commission - Vacant

Chair Robinson reported that items discussed during the last Planning and Zoning Commission meeting included approval of a lot split and lot line adjustment. LANL project manager, Dan Pava, presented on land transfer and conveyance. Dan Erickson from Los Alamos County Traffic and Streets discussed traffic calming measures implemented by the County near the golf course and the new A19 development in White Rock.

3). Transportation Board - Heather Ward/Don Machen

Member Ward reported that items discussed during the last meeting of the Transportation Board included a contract has been awarded for the major highway 502 road work including the roundabout at the intersection of Central Ave. and Trinity Dr. A request for approval of the installation of a rapid flashing rectangular beacon for pedestrian crossing near the golf course has been sent to Council for approval. NM 4 and E. Jemez Rd. intersection reconstruction to include a parking lot for the National Park Service. The fence project at the Los Alamos Municipal Airport is well underway and the hangar project is nearing completion. Atomic City Transit had 96,000 riders took the shuttle to Bandelier.

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

Chair Robinson reported that items discussed during the last Parks and Recreation Board meeting included that the CIP projects including the pool, splash pad, shade structure and golf course improvements are on hold until the LANL tax status is settled. Selection of a flow trail site is moving forward with Bayo Canyon being eliminated. Canyon Rim Trail Extension is moving forward.

5). County Council Liaison - Pete Sheehey

Council Liaison Pete Sheehey reported that the Council approved to go ahead with financing for the new Waste Water Treatment Plant in White Rock. Construction and operation of a columbarium at the Guaje Pines Cemetery was approved. He commented on the County Council election and that a vote to take away the sunset date for NCRTD funding passed.

Due to Christine Chandler being elected to the State Legislature the Council will appoint a replacement.

D. Subcommittee Reports**1). Los Alamos Public Schools Subcommittee - Angelica Gurule**

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule reported on the Recycle Fair and Fashion Show and thanked the participants and all who helped with the event.

Member Bakosi reported that the presentation to the Walden School has been moved From December to January.

2). Zero Waste Los Alamos - Sue Barns

Member Brown reported that items discussed at the Zero Waste Team meeting included setting specific goals on how to reduce food waste. Desirae Jimenez is willing to help with presentations and developing pilot programs for reducing food waste at Los Alamos Public Schools.

The Zero Waste Team toured Reunity Resources, a food composting facility in Santa Fe. The November Article for the Daily Post will be about zero waste holiday ideas by Member Ward.

7. STAFF REPORT

[11411-18](#)

October 2018 Residential Sustainability Report

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [E - Residential Sustainability Report - October 2018](#)

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule reported that the residential diversion rate of yard trimmings increased by 65%, recycling stayed flat with a 0% change and trash decreased by 6%. The overall residential diversion rate increased by 26%. Yard trimming will not be collected from December to February and will begin again in March. In January holiday tree collection will take place.

Member Barns delivered a comment from a citizen on the schedule for yard trimming collection.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Chair and Vice-Chair elections
2. Composting presentation
3. Discuss revising the Sustainability Plan

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

James Robinson, ESB Chair

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