



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; Warren Mazanec; and Heidi Rogers; Members

Thursday, May 16, 2019

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Suite 110

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

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

The following members were in attendance:

Present: Board Chair Bakosi, Vice-Chair Ward, Member Barns, Member Brown, Member MacDonald, Member Mazanec and Member Rogers.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ann LePage - 4060 Trinity with the Los Alamos Garden Club commented that she wants Los Alamos County to ban plastic straws, plastic bags and Styrofoam. She explained that it would be beneficial for the environment if we do and is willing to help with the process.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

11971-19

Approval of the April 18, 2019, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

Attachments: [A - Draft ESB Minutes April 18, 2019](#)

The motion was made by Member Barns, seconded by Member Brown, that the April 18, 2019 minutes be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

11975-19

Recycling Tax Proposal by James Tyldesley

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

The presenter was not present and no presentation was given. There was no discussion on the subject.

11974-19**Save As You Throw Overview Presentation**

Presenters: Lisa C Bakosi

Attachments: [B - SAYT Overview Presentation](#)

Member Mazanec presented an overview about Save As You Throw and provided an update to the board regarding their recent meeting and research.

Aaron Walker - 413 Pruitt Ave. commented about how it would affect families if the rates were to change.

11980-19**Discuss the 2019 Zero Waste Champion of the Year Award**

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

Attachments: [D - Zero Waste Campion of the Year Nomination Followup Questions](#)

The ESB discussed the award categories, criteria, name and process at the April 2019 meeting. The following changes were made. The award name was changed from Recycler of the Year Award to Zero Waste Champion of the Year Award to be more inclusive of all the sustainability issues. The categories were also expanded from two categories - Educational Institute and Business/Non-Profit, to five categories - Schools, Business, Small Business, Restaurant and Non-Profit Organizations. The winners will be announced at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet on June 7th, and at Chamber Fest on June 8th.

6. REPORTS**A. Chair's Report - Lisa Bakosi**

Chair Bakosi reported on the B&C luncheon which she attended on May 16th. This included Fuller Lodge receiving a nine-thousand dollar grant to use to create an interpretation of Fuller Lodge. The White Rock library has an art display called "Kites of Many Colors." The library will continue their summer reading program including adults in this program. The library also has two vacancies on their board. A big discussion on the summer concerts because of how large it may become. She was also asked about the Eco Warriors business that picks up glass at residents' curbs. Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule and Chair Bakosi also presented the ESB 2020 work plan to the County Council.

B. Board Member Reports

None

C. Liaison's Reports

1). Board of Public Utilities - Sue Barns

Member Barns reported that they are doing interviews for the Utilities Manager position, Tim Glasco is retiring this year and they have received 10 applications, 5 in-house and 5 out-of-house. They are also in the process of appointing a new member to the board. The waste water treatment plant had a couple of violations that the EPA found, regarding chlorine and PH difficulties. They met this week with DOE and NNSA to discuss about the power pool agreement. The chair of the board asked if we received the report form Robert Gibson on Green House Gas Emissions from the county. They also talked about a possible joint meeting to be presented by Robert Gibson about GHG.

2). Planning and Zoning Commission - Vacant

Chair Bakosi reported that they reiterated about the all the building that is happening in the county.

3). Transportation Board - Heather Ward

Chair Bakosi reported that the Transportation Board are included in the construction on Diamond Dr. and have sent out RFP's to fix the disintegration that happened over the winter season. They are looking into completing streets to make them safer for the public and have access to use them. They have one position open on their board.

4). Parks and Recreation Board - Heidi Rogers

Member Rogers reported that on Earth Day they had 55 people volunteer to plant 90 blue stem willows and 50 mountain mahogany tree in an area with high risks of mud slides around Ponderosa Estates. The board is going to present at the next meeting on the usage of Round Up.

5). Community Development Advisory Board - Warren Mazanec

Member Mazanec reported that he will be presenting the Save As You Throw presentation to the board. He will also be asking the board that while they are reviewing the code to look into codes about composting in backyards. Aaron Walker, CDAB liaison to the ESB, commented that they were at the farmers market a few weeks ago and received a few comments on the use of Round Up.

6). County Council Liaison - Antonio Maggiore

Councilor Maggiore reported that he liked Chair Bakosi's presentation. He also reported about the joint meeting with the schools and that Dr. Steinhaus was speaking in favor in the ESB efforts to make schools more environmentally friendly and to reduce waste going out of the schools. He also mentioned about a project he would like to do with the Eco Clubs at the Middle School and the High School. He has a plot of land that he has turned into a garden and was wondering if there was any interest in having those clubs come over and help

take care of the garden.

D. Subcommittee/Team Reports

1). Save As You Throw - Sue Barns

Member Barns reported that they had a booth at the farmers market recently and that there was sparse attendance because of how early in the year it is. They collected more comments on Save As You Throw. Their current project is to reach out to other communities about how they have implemented a Save As You Throw program in their community.

2). Los Alamos Public Schools Subcommittee - Lisa Bakosi

Chair Bakosi reported that she is excited that Kurt Steinhaus is interested in changes in the school and that he wants to continue with Operation Green Cafeteria. She sat with some teachers and talked about pulling together a Zero Waste Festival which would be a daylong event to third graders in town similar to PEEC's water festival. Susan Hettinga, Green Team Leader at Chamisa is doing a Summer Seminar to other teachers on how to make their schools more Eco Friendly.

3). Zero Waste Los Alamos - Dorothy Brown

Member Brown reported that herself and Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule went and talked to Mr. Arellano about why we should encourage the community to compost in their backyard and wanted to know what the rules were about backyard composting. He suggested that people attend a workshop on how to compost properly before starting their own backyard compost. He is also in support of backyard composting. Any nuisance issues would be reviewed on a case by case basis.

7. STAFF REPORT

11981-19

Planning for Environmental Sustainability Board Upcoming and Past Events

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Senior Office Specialist Joshua Levings talked about how Earth Day went and how with making it a Zero Waste event, 80% of waste was diverted from the landfill. There was a booth at Farmers Market and they had positive comments on Save As You Throw. We will be taking comments at the Summer Concert Series. He talked about Clean Up Los Alamos Day being rescheduled for the 18th of May. We need more volunteers for the upcoming summer concert series to help make them zero waste events. June 7th will be the Chamber fest banquet where Liaison Gurule and Chair Bakosi will present the winners of the Zero Waste Champions of the Year. June 8th we will have a booth at Chamber Fest to get more comments on SAYT and talk about Zero Waste. As well as announce the winners of the Zero Waste Champions of the Year to the public. June 20th there will be an open house for SAYT. That morning we will have a booth at Farmers Market to get more comments and talk about SAYT. We will

have a booth at Science Fest July 13th.

11972-19

April 2019 Residential Sustainability Report

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [C - Residential Sustainability Report - April 2019](#)

Environmental Services Senior Office Specialist Joshua Levings discussed April's Residential Sustainability report. The report now 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. Round Up presentation. Possibly a collaboration with all the boards to talk about the presentation.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Bakosi', is written over a horizontal line.

Lisa Bakosi, ESB Chair