



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, August 15, 2019

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Suite 110

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

ESB Chair, Lisa Bakosi, called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm.

The following members were in attendance:

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

Absent: Member Mazanec

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Member Barns, seconded by Vice-Chair Ward, that the agenda be approved as amended.

Removed item 12210-19: Removal of Environmental Sustainability Board Member.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

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

A motion was made by Member Rogers, seconded by Member Barns, that the July 18, 2019 minute be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

Update on Save As You Throw Research Subcommittee Progress

Presenters: Susan Barns

Attachments: [B - SAYT Update on July-August 2019 Actions](#)

Member Barns provided the ESB an update on the Save As You Throw Research Subcommittee progress.

Susan Wahl, representing San Ildefonso Pueblo, Los Alamos County resident, wants the

cost information of what it costs to divert material through compost, recycle and yard trimming versus landfilling.

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

6. REPORTS

A. Chair's Report - Lisa Bakosi

No report was given.

B. Board Member Reports

No report was given.

C. Liaison's Reports

1). Board of Public Utilities - Sue Barns

No report was given, meeting was held August 22nd.

2). Planning and Zoning Commission - Vacant

No report was given.

3). Transportation Board - Heather Ward

No report was given.

4). Parks and Recreation Board - Heidi Rogers

Member Rogers reported about the upcoming projects that were going to happen. FTE Architect will be designing the new kiddie pool. August 28th will be a special meeting about the design proposals and the design study on the construction that will begin spring 2020. Golf Course irrigation project has been given to MRWM Landscape Architect and there will be a presentation on the design. The project is planned to be from March to September 2020. The construction for the Ice Rink locker room will be from March to November 2020.

5). Community Development Advisory Board - Warren Mazanec

No report was given.

6). County Council Liaison - Antonio Maggiore

Councilor Maggiore reported that the council is proud of all the volunteer hours being put into the Summer Concert Series.

D. Subcommittee/Team/Working Groups Reports

1). Save As You Throw - Sue Barns

All updates for this subcommittee was given during the updated presentation that Member Barns gave.

2). Green Schools Task Force - Lisa Bakosi

Chair Bakosi reported that the team had met with Kurt Steinhaus, Susan Hettinga, Laurence Pena and Connie Goettee. At that meeting they established a Green Schools Task Force working group that would be working on increasing sustainability in the schools. The group will meet once a month.

3). Zero Waste Los Alamos - Dorothy Brown

I. Recycling Block Captain Program by Katie Leonard

Katie Leonard, new member of the Zero Waste Los Alamos team, talked to the Zero Waste team about the Recycling Block Captain Program from Corvallis, OR. The program included having 'Captains' for neighborhoods or for a street that were volunteers that would pass out information to the neighborhood every 3 months. Each Captain can pick how many houses they want to do. There are meetings they can attend to get the flyers to hand out. Corvallis also offered to help design flyer for Los Alamos and the Zero Waste Los Alamos team will share all the information they have and articles that are written monthly.

II. Sub-Group Update - Each sub-group will have 3 minutes each to give an update on what they have been doing. After each update there will be a 2-minute time frame to comment.

a. Schools - Angelica, Jody, Katie

Have started a working group to figure out ways to get schools greener and funding for the schools to go that route such as Grants for sustainability or the RAID grant. The Eco Challenge is coming up in October and it would be great to get all the schools on board this year.

b. Restaurants - Jody, Julia, Desaree, Katie

Katie gave the report that the restaurant sup group will be designing a poster to help create positive habits that say, "Did you remember your reusable mug or thermos?" and hand them out to the coffee places. Blue Window wants to go completely green and the restaurant group would like to pitch the idea for them to host a green lunch for other businesses to show how it can be done. This group will also be going to different businesses and asking if they could change from Styrofoam to fiber containers.

c. Food Rescue/Food Banks - Cheryl

No report given. Besides the Food sharing article Sheila is writing.

d. Composting - Elchin, Tiffany, Dorothy

No Report given

e. Retail/Groceries: Jody, Sue

Co-op has a new general manager and is interested in hosting Zero Waste classes, putting up ads, etc. Katie Leonard currently does teach a few classes.

f. Residents - Sue, Dorothy, Heather, Angelica

Tiffany currently has a booth at the Farmer's Market and has been giving out food waste reduction flyers to everyone that comes to her table.

g. Recycling Block Captain Program - Katie Leonard

Gave presentation today.

III. Zero Waste Festival for LAPS 2020 (20 minutes)

- a. What would a Zero Waste Festival for LAPS include?
 - i. Focus on 4th Graders possibly in the fall. PEEC is interested in hosting the Zero Waste Festival but would need funding. Talked about different swag items to give to the students.

IV. Daily Post Articles - 5 minutes (ideas for articles)

- a. **Late July** - Recycle School Supplies - Heather Ward
- b. **Early August** - Food Sharing Article - Sheila Molony
- c. **Late August** - ABC's of Zero Waste - Katie Leonard
- d. **Early September** - October Eco Challenge - Angelica Gurule/Sue Barns
- e. **Late September** - The Science of Recycling/Zero Waste
- f. **Early October** - Saving Energy - Possibility of Utilities to write
- g. **Late October** - Recycling Block Captain Program - Katie Leonard
- h. **Early November** - Thanksgiving meal - Sue Barns
- i. **Late November** - Composting leaves
- j. **Early December** - Zero Waste Christmas
- k. **Late December** - Zero Waste Resolutions

Note these are just idea for articles and are subject to change as needed

Future Outreach Activities:

- **Friday Night Concerts** - Every Friday night from 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm at Ashley Pond
- **Bear Festival**
- **Zero Waste Events**
- **Recycle Fashion Show**

Side Notes:

- Talk about having the Zero Waste articles published in PEEC's media.
- Fund raising with calendars with information about zero waste tips or seasonal fruits and vegetables.
- Having information at a booth during the open house evenings at the schools.

Next meeting will be September 18, 2019 at 9:00 am in the County Municipal Building, room 200.

7. STAFF REPORT

Zero Waste Events Update

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [C - Los Alamos Summer Concert Series - Zero Waste Stations](#)

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule discussed the Zero Waste Stations at the Los Alamos Summer Concert Series and reviewed total material collected and diverted. There are three concerts remaining and volunteers needed for each concert.

The ESB has also been invited to participate and provide zero waste services at PEEC Bear Buffet on Friday, August 23rd.

July 2019 Residential Sustainability Report

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [D - Residential Sustainability Report - July 2019](#)

The ESB reviewed and discussed the July 2019 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.

The yard trimming program resumed on March 18, 2019.

Most recent additions to the report include greenhouse gas emissions reduced by recycling and composting. Since the program has been in existence one full year, there has been data added that compares tonnages of material collected over each year.

Environmental Services Business & Operation Updates

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [E - Resource Recycling - Feature - LA Eco Station - August 2019 Issue](#)

Environmental Services operates as an enterprise fund. The Eco Station operates seven days per week and provides residential and commercial trash and recycle collection. The ESB is routinely provided with updates regarding business and operations.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

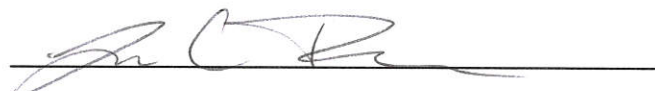
1. Yard Trimming and Recycling Updates - Staff
2. Biodigester Presentation - Steve Hanson, SFCC, Biofuels Center of Excellence.
3. Feed Composting - Erik Loechell

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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Lisa Bakosi, ESB Chair

