



# County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Ave.  
Los Alamos, NM

## Minutes

### Los Alamos Resiliency Energy and Sustainability Task Force

*Katie Leonard, Chair; Robert Gibson, Vice-Chair; Susan Barns; Elizabeth Daly; Charles Keller; Roy Michelotti; Heidi Rogers; Oral Saulters, and Steve Tobin, Members*

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Friday, October 15, 2021

3:00 PM

Council Chambers - 1000 Central  
Avenue and Zoom

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The October 15, 2021 RES was called to order at 3:00 pm via Zoom.

Members in attendance:

Vice-Chair Gibson  
Member Barns  
Member Daly  
Member Keller  
Member Michelotti  
Member Saulters  
Member Tobin

Members Absent:  
Chair Leonard  
Member Rogers

Subcommittee Members in attendance:  
Skip Dunn

Staff in attendance:

Anne Laurent, Public Works Director  
Angelica Gurule, Environmental Services Manager (Staff Liaison)  
Amy Danforth, Senior Office Specialist  
Randall Ryti, Council Liaison  
Perry Rutherford, IT Support

Members of the public in attendance:

Edward Mazira

Dorothy Brown  
Gerald Merkey  
Wendy Swanson

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA**

None

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Member Keller, seconded by Member Barns, that the Resiliency Energy and Sustainability Task Force approve the October 15, 2021 meeting agenda as presented.

Motion passed unanimously

**4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**15016-21**

Approval of the September 24, 2021, Resiliency Energy and Sustainability Task Force Minutes

**Attachments:** [A - Draft RES Task Force Meeting Minutes September 24, 2021](#)

A motion was made by Member Michelotti, seconded by Member Barns, that the Resiliency Energy and Sustainability Task Force Approve the September 24, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

**5. TASK FORCE BUSINESS**

**15017-21**

If We Act Together Now, We Change the World! By Ed Mazria

**Attachments:** [Edward Mazria If We Acto Together Now, We change the World Los alamos pdf](#)

Vice Chair Robert Gibson introduced Ed Mazria who gave a presentation on If We Act Together Now, We Change the World!  
Task Force members gave comments and asked clarifying questions.

**15018-21**

Electrical Supply and Demand presentation by Steve Tobin

**Attachments:** [Tobin Presentation to LA-RES Oct. 2021](#)

Member Steve Tobin gave a presentation on Electrical Supply and

Demand.

Task Force members gave comments and asked clarifying questions

## 6. Reports

### A. Chair's Report - Katie Leonard

Chair Leonard met the LA Public Schools. They are very interested in joining in on sustainable practices, they are asking for guidance on this in the future. The schools are also willing to allow information to be shared via the staff and parent newsletters. Chair Leonard also has obtained contact information for the district Parent Association.

Chair Leonard reminded Task Force about the following dates:  
October 27th - Town Hall Wednesday October 27th starting at 5:30. She would like everyone to arrive at 4:30 to help set up and stay after to help clean up. She would like to encourage Task Force Members to extend personal invitations to people they know. Chair Leonard will give the same presentation that was presented to Council. There will be handouts and feedback cards for attendees. Mask will be mandated.

November 5th - RES Meeting - Subcommittee priorities need to be ready.

November 5th - Member Keller will be opening his home to the community for a green home tour from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

November 6th - Member Keller will be opening his home to the community for a green home tour from 2:00 - 3:00 pm.

December 3rd - RES - Chair Leonard will need a list of budget items to present to County Council.

December 3rd - RES Meeting - The next draft of subcommittee recommendations will be to be due.

December 14th - Budget items are due to County Council.

December 17th - RES Meeting will be to discuss the draft subcommittee recommendations.

Chair Leonard notified the Task Force that she has given a presentation to the Transportation Board and the Environmental Sustainability Board. She will present to Department of Public Utilities Board on November 17th,

2021.

B. Vice Chair's Report - Robert Gibson

None

C. Subcommittee Reports

None

D. Council Liaison Report - Councilor Ryti

Councilor Ryti mentioned that Utilities is going through a study to look at energy needs and options.

Councilor Ryti provided an answer regarding subsidies, he discussed this with the Los Alamos County Attorney, and responded that in the state of NM there is not an anti donation clause exception to use regular funds for loans or guaranteeing loans. There is an exception for income qualifying people who can obtain the home improvement loan.

Chair Ryti toured the Canyon Walk Apartments, there are 70 apartments which will be income qualified and are all electric.

Chair Ryti has also heard comments on interest for community composting, and Environmental Services has provided home composting kits to residents. There is also an interest in community gardens and if possible, certain water rates for that.

Chair Ryti notified the Task Force that he will be attending the COP 26 Conference from November 4th - 15th, he will provide information when he returns.

**7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

None

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**9. NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Next Meeting will be November 5th, 2021 from 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Interim Report Presentation to ESB on October 21, 2021 (Council Chambers and Zoom)

LARES Task Force Town Hall Meeting - October 27, 2021 at 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at Fuller Lodge

**10. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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