



County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue
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Minutes

Environmental Sustainability Board

Lisa Bakosi, Chair; Heather Ward, Vice-Chair; Susan Barns; Dorothy Brown; Amanda MacDonald; Warren Mazanec; and Heidi Rogers; Members

Thursday, June 20, 2019

6:45 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The ESB Chair, Lisa Bakosi, called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

The following members were in attendance:

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

Absent: Member Mazanec

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lisa Bakosi thanked Philo Shelton for his support for the ESB and congratulated him on his promotion to Utility Manager.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[12070-19](#) Approval of the May 16, 2019, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

Attachments: [A - Draft ESB Minutes May 16, 2019](#)

A motion was made by Member Brown, seconded by Vice-Chair Ward, that the May 16, 2019 minutes be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

[12072-19](#) Discuss Council Revisions to ESB FY20 ESB Work Plan

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

Attachments: [C - Council Approved FY20 ESB Workplan](#)

The ESB discussed Council revisions to the FY20 ESB Work Plan related to the Board's priorities and responsibilities. County Council added a task to continue to outreach to other Board and Commissions (Parks and Recreation Board and Community Development Advisory Board) regarding pesticides and herbicide use. Task is added to ensure that the 3 boards work as a team developing a policy and public education program.

12075-19

Discuss Progress and Concerns of Zero Waste Events at Summer Concert Series

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

Attachments: [D - Zero Waste Events Total Material Diverted](#)

The ESB discussed the Zero Waste Stations at the Summer Concert Series including public feedback, steps to improve, and reviewed total material collected and diverted.

Member Barns commended everyone who has been helping make the concerts Zero Waste, especially Environmental Services, Parks and Recreation, and volunteers.

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

Chair Bakosi and Staff Liaison Gurule attended the Chamber Fest Banquet to announce the Zero Waste Champions of the Year. Chair Bakosi also thanked the board and Environmental Services for their hard work on all the successful events that had been happening including hosting tables at farmers market for SAYT.

B. Board Member Reports

Member Barns reminded the Environmental Services to put out a press release of the Zero Waste Champion of the Year winners.

C. Liaison's Reports**1). Board of Public Utilities - Sue Barns**

Member Barns reported that the Utilities Board Chair gave the Environmental Services and the ESB kudos on spreading the word about the SAYT Open House. They had a kickoff meeting regarding the smart meter project in late May and will start installing the meters in August and September. The proposal for the 1mw solar array project will be presented and voted on at the BPU July meeting. The utility billing software will be upgraded in October and the board is concerned about possible issues with this. The quarterly conservation program was discussed for FY20. BPU approved the hire of Philo Shelton as Utility Manager.

2). Planning and Zoning Commission - Vacant

Staff Liaison Gurule commented on the old LASO site development which will be building 149 apartment units.

3). **Transportation Board - Heather Ward**

Public Works Director Philo Shelton reported that there will be a presentation on the "Road Diet" recommendation to the lanes on Trinity Drive from Oppenheimer to Diamond Drive.

4). **Parks and Recreation Board - Heidi Rogers**

No report was given.

5). **Community Development Advisory Board - Warren Mazanec**

No report was given.

6). **County Council Liaison - Antonio Maggiore**

No report was given.

D. Subcommittee and Team Reports

1). **Save As You Throw Research Subcommittee- Sue Barns**

Member Barns thanked everyone for being at the Open House. The event went well and she received great comments and questions. She thought the interactive poll was great. She reported that the SAYT Research Subcommittee is reaching out to other communities and that they will be putting together Frequently Asked Questions to put on the website. She also reported that there will be an open forum at the end of July.

2). **Los Alamos Public Schools Team - Lisa Bakosi**

Chair Bakosi reported that Chamisa Elementary School is hosting a summer institute about how to start a green team at teacher's schools. There will be a "roll up our sleeves" meeting with Superintendent Kurt Steinhaus on July 29th.

3). **Zero Waste Los Alamos - Dorothy Brown**

Member Brown reported Cheryl Bell is putting together a brochure about food banks and Elchin Jafarov talked about anaerobic composting and how he can expand and help the community get compost. Members of the Zero Waste team met with Los Alamos County Code Enforcement staff to discuss possible issues with backyard composting. The team is working on a School Swap in the future to help get rid of school supplies no one will use and give them to people who will use them. The Zero Waste team is also trying to promote an app called Olio to help people share food.

7. STAFF REPORT

[12071-19](#)

May 2019 Residential Sustainability Report

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

Attachments: [B- Residential Sustainability Report - May 2019](#)

Staff Liaison Gurule discussed May's Residential Sustainability Report.

12073-19

Planning and discussion for ESB Upcoming and Past Events

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

The ESB discussed past events and plan for upcoming events. Future events include:

July 13, 2019 - Science Fest Discovery Day

End of July 2019 - Open Forum Poll

Friday Night until August 30th - Zero Waste Stations at Summer Concert Series

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

1 - Open Forum Poll - SAYT end of July

2 - Robert Gibson - Los Alamos Energy Use and Green House Emissions report

3 - Yard Trimming and Recycling update

4 - Apartment complex rates for access to Eco Station

5 - Standing Item - SAYT

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Barns, seconded by Member Brown that the June 20, 2019 meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

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