



County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Minutes

Environmental Sustainability Board

*James Robinson, Chair; Heidi Rogers, Vice-Chair: Susan Barns; John Bliss; Sarah Terrill,
and Heather Ward, Members*

Thursday, January 18, 2018

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Suite 110

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The ESB Chair, James Robinson, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. The following members were in attendance:

Present: Board Chair Robinson, Member Barns, Member Loechell, Member Terrill and Member Ward

Absent: Vice Chair Rogers and Member Bliss

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[10330-18](#)

Approval of the December 21, 2017, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: James Robinson

Attachments: [A - Draft ESB Minutes December 21, 2017](#)

A motion was made by Member Barns, seconded by Member Ward, that the December 21, 2017 minutes be approved as presented.

The motion passed with four votes, Member Terrill abstained.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

Member Loechell was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Environmental Services Board, this will be his last meeting.

[10331-18](#)

Discuss and Approve Open Forum Survey Questions for Residential Collection of Yard Trimming and Recycle Roll Carts

Presenters: James Robinson

Attachments: [B - DRAFT OPEN FORUM SURVEY QUESTIONS](#)

The board discussed and made changes to the Open Forum Survey questions for residential collection of Yard Trimming and Recycle Roll Carts.

A motion was made by Member Barns, seconded by Member Loechell that the Environmental Sustainability Board approve the Open Forum Survey Questions for Residential Collection of Yard Trimming and Recycle Roll Carts as amended.

The motion passed unanimously.

10333-18 Develop FY19 ESB Work Plan

Presenters: James Robinson

The Environmental Services Board reviewed changes to the draft FY19 Work Plan. Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule, asked ESB members to email additional recommendations to her prior to the next meeting. The FY19 Work Plan will be brought back next month for approval.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair's Report - James Robinson

Board Chair Robinson reported that items discussed during the B & C luncheon included: Environmental Services' new magnets were handed out and Board Chair Robinson will provide a presentation for County Council in February. The County Attorney mentioned that there are several ongoing lawsuits with residents, if board members are asked to comment please direct questions to the County Attorney's office. Financial disclosure forms are due Friday, January 19th to Human Resources.

B. Board Member Reports

No Report Provided

C. Liaison's Reports

1). Board of Public Utilities - Sue Barns

Member Barns reported that items discussed at the Board of Public Utilities meeting included: Steve Cummins presented status updates on recommendations from the Strategic Policy for Electrical Energy Resources and the Distributed Energy Resources and Rate Structures documents, addressing the feasibility of a community solar garden, dispatchable loads, energy storage, and generation assets. Jack Richardson provided a quarterly update on water system. Highlights included: Otowi Well No. 2 construction has started, new water meters are being installed and the LA Reservoir pipeline replacement project is currently under construction. DPU has been exploring whether or not to add a next-generation nuclear power facility (using small modular reactors) to the County's energy generation portfolio to meet a 2040 goal to be carbon neutral. A public meeting has been scheduled for January 25th in Council Chambers with the project managers of the UAMPS Carbon Free Power Project.

2). Planning and Zoning Commission

Board Chair Robinson reported that items discussed during the Planning and Zoning meeting included: approved application for A19, reviewal and recommended rezoning of Oppenheimer as mixed use, and the Planning and Zoning Board is recruiting members, they will have five vacancies in April.

3). Transportation Board - Heather Ward

Member Ward reported that items discussed during the Transportation Board meeting included: Tourism Strategic Plan, and recommendations for better signage around town and in parking lots. Don Machen passed around the Tourism Strategic Plan, and noted they are available in the County Manager's office. Board Chair Robinson added that the 502 underpass is in design and is being worked on with the Arts in Public Places Board.

4). Parks and Recreation Board - Erik Loechell

Board Chair Robinson reported that items discussed during the Parks and Recreation meeting included: new board chair appointed, they are recruiting new members, they currently have four subcommittees, and the proposed flow trail.

5). Art in Public Places Board - Heidi Rogers

Board Chair Robinson reported that items discussed during the Arts in Public Places meeting included: finishing the plaques for the White Rock pottery, they are working to get rid of some items, instituting collection management software, new structures at Teen Center made from used propane tanks, open call for art projects, and looking at planning the 502 underpass.

6). County Council Liaison - Pete Sheehey

Councilor Sheehey reported that items discussed during recent County Council meetings includes: Tourism Strategic Plan - data is still being gathered, the Tourism Department is not a done deal. Parks and Recreation will be making a proposal to Council for other needs including the multi-generational pool, which will most likely rely on LANL GRT. Bids are in on the LANL contract, but very little information is available. The Flow Trail may go out for a second RFP, there is pending resolution for the Ski Hill, and stable owners subcommittee are enthusiastic for an anaerobic digestion facility. Member Barns asked about the status of the ski hill land transfer and water line money request. Councilor Sheehey advised there is two (2) million set aside in Economic Development Funds for when the ownership issue is resolved. The Environmental Impact Statement should be done and approved by next summer.

D. Subcommittee Reports

1). Los Alamos Public Schools Subcommittee - Angelica Gurule

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule reported that PAC8 will be filming the Zero Waste Lunch Video at Chamisa Elementary School on January 24th.

2). Save As You Throw Subcommittee - Sue Barns

Member Barns reported that items discussed at the January 4th SAYT meeting included: contacting other communities with demographics similar to Los Alamos County that already have SAYT in place, to ask about lessons learned, successes, waste and diversion rates, rate structures, etc. SAYT subcommittee is starting to research specific issues such as illegal dumping, rates, multi-family housing, enforcement, etc. and preparing for upcoming outreach events, tables, festivals, possible Open Forum polls, Utility bill letters, and other forms of communication. Goal is to inform, educate and gather feedback. The next meeting will be February 15th, 9 a.m. at the Eco Station.

7. STAFF REPORT

[10332-18](#) December 2017 Residential Sustainability Report

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [C - Residential Sustainability Report - December 2017](#)

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule reported that the residential diversion rate is up from 20% in November to 25% in December due to the quarterly brush collection.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of FY19 Work Plan
2. NMED Annual Report
3. Yard Trimming implementation plan
4. LA Scores- Quarterly Financial Report
5. Feedback from presentation to County Council
6. Tour of LANL/Presentation on Anerobic Digestion
7. Discuss liaison assignments: Parks and Recreation and Planning and Zoning
8. Jack Richardson presentation: Status on Los Alamos County compost

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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