



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; Suzie Havemann; Charles Keller; Roy Michelotti; Heidi Rogers, and Steve Tobin, Members

Friday, June 4, 2021

3:00 PM

Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The June 4, 2021, RES was called to order at 3:00 pm via Zoom.

Members in attendance:

Chair Leonard
Vice-Chair Gibson
Member Barns
Member Daly
Member Havemann
Member Keller
Member Michelotti
Member Rogers
Member Tobin

Subcommittee Members in attendance:

Skip Dunn
Greg White
Jack Kennison

Staff in attendance:

Angelica Gurule, Environmental Services Manager (Staff Liaison)
Anne Laurent, Public Works Director
Joshua Levings, Senior Office Specialist
Randall Ryt, Council Liaison
Julie Habiger, Communications & Public Relations Administrator

Members of the public in attendance:

None

2. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

Greg White - 600 San Ildefonso, Los Alamos, NM made a comment regarding a new type of refrigeration technology.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Member Keller, seconded by Member Barns, that the June 4, 2021, meeting agenda be approved as presented.

Motion passed unanimously

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Michelotti, seconded by Member Barns, that the May 14, 2021, meeting minutes be approved as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

[14375-21](#)

Approval of the May 14, 2021, Resiliency Energy and Sustainability Task Force Minutes

Attachments: [A - Draft RES Task Force Minutes May 14, 2021](#)

5. TASK FORCE BUSINESS

[14376-21](#)

Establish Guidelines for LARES Meetings

Chair Leonard led a discussion regarding the conduct of meetings as the group gets larger. She proposed that one subcommittee group give a more extensive report each meeting, and the remaining subcommittees give briefer reports.

[14377-21](#)

Community Engagement Overview

Julie Habiger gave a presentation on Community Outreach. Ms. Habiger discussed the process for press releases, surveys, and various public outreach Opportunities.

Chair Leonard asked a clarifying question regarding surveys.

Member Daly asked clarifying questions regarding public outreach. Ms. Gurule has received information on having a table at the Farmers Market. She has passed this information on to Chair Leonard.

Subcommittee Member White made a comment regarding public outreach.

Member Keller asked a clarifying question regarding surveys.

Member Tobin asked a clarifying question regarding distributing flyers like the ones sent out in utility bills.

14378-21 Review LARES Charter

Attachments: [B - Charter for the Los Alamos Resiliency Energy Sustainability Task Force](#)

Katie Leonard led a discussion regarding the LARES Charter.
Subcommittee Member Dunn asked a clarifying question.
Subcommittee Member White made a comment.
Member Keller asked a clarifying question.
Member Leonard asked that all questions regarding the charter be emailed to her, and a longer discussion could be had at a future meeting, vice-chair Gibson and Ms. Gurule.

14379-21 Waste, Consumption and Natural Resources Subcommittee Update

Attachments: [WCNR.ProgressRpt.4Jun21.final](#)

Member Barns gave an update for the Waste, Consumption and Natural Resources Subcommittee.
Member Daly asked clarifying questions regarding the County purchasing policy and policies regarding storm water collection.
Member Tobin gave a comment regarding wastewater and a clarifying question regarding carbon waste.
Subcommittee Member White made a comment regarding the presentation.
Member Gibson made asked a clarifying question regarding the CEO2 Emissions.
Subcommittee Member Dunn asked clarifying questions regarding lithium batteries.
Member Havemann made a comment regarding reforestation and a program called TreeSnap.
Chair Leonard made a comment regarding the lithium batteries and the refrigerant issue.
Member Daly made a comment regarding refrigerant loss.
Ms. Gurule make a comment regarding freon management. The industry is moving towards R600-A which is isobutane and phasing out HFC's.

14382-21 Discuss and Appoint Liaison to Food Waste Composting Feasibility Study Working Group

Angelica Gurule asked Task Force Members if anyone would be interested

in being appointed as a Liaison to Food Waste Composting Feasibility Study Working Group. Members are still considering this invitation.

A. Reports

B. Chair's Report - Katie Leonard

Chair Leonard informed the task force that the Farmers Market will now allow spots for public outreach. The first available will be July 1st,. Ms. Gurule will mail Chair Leonard and Vice- Chair Gibson the list of dates available. Chair Leonard asked for interested members to e mail her. Chair Leonard informed the task force that there will be a lecture New Mexico's Changing Climate by Laura Paskus on July 8, 2021, 7:00pm - 8:00 pm.

County Council will meet June 8th in person in the Chambers and the approval to join Coalition of Sustainable Communities NM is on the agenda. There will be a Hybrid method where public can reach out via Zoom. LARES Task Force members were advised to attend via Zoom. Chair Leonard notified the task force that she is attending the Transportation Board meetings to collaborate information.

C. Vice Chair's Report - Robert Gibson

Vice Chair's Report - Vice Chair Gibson recommended that task force members log in a few minutes before the meeting to allow for the meeting to start on time. Vice Chair Gibson also recommended that questions to staff should be bundled together and be cautious regarding what the responsibility of their positions are and who needs to be the person addressing issues.

D. Task Force Member Reports

None

E. Subcommittee Chair Reports

No subcommittee reports were given

F. Council Liaison Report - Councilor Ryti

Councilor Ryti notified task force members that Council will be meeting in person on June 8th and Coalition of Sustainable Communities New Mexico will be on the agenda. Task force members will be able to join via Zoom. Public Meetings will begin in July.

Council Members will also participate at the Farmers Market.
Ms. Laurent asked a clarifying question regarding the council meeting, due to the Coalition of Sustainable Communities NM will be on consent agenda.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg White 600 San Ildefonso made a comment regarding Zoom meetings.

8. NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Future meetings discussion of dates and in-person or Zoom**
- Formation of interim report subcommittee (edits, getting everything together)**
- Subcommittee in depth report, who wants to do this?**

Chair Leonard proposed meeting in person or continue with Zoom meetings.

Member Daly made comment on meetings.

Vice Chair Gibson make comment on meetings.

Subcommittee members made comments on meetings.

Chair Leonard proposed another meeting in June. Task Force members decided that an additional meeting is not necessary.

Chair Leonard reminded staff to reach out if they would like to participate at a Farmers Market.

Next Meeting will be June 18, 2021, from 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm via Zoom.

Future Agenda item:

Transportation & Mobility Subcommittee will present a more extensive report at the June 18th meeting.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.