



County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Minutes

Environmental Sustainability Board

Erik Loechell, Chair: Hermann Geppert; Makayla Lui; Amanda MacDonald; Brendon Parsons; and Dina Pesenson, Members

Thursday, August 19, 2021

5:30 PM

Council Chambers - 1000 Central
Avenue
ZOOM

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1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Chair, Erik Loechell, called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm. The following members were in attendance.

Present: Chair Loechell, Member Geppert, Member Lui, Member MacDonald, Member Parsons.

Absent: Member Pesenson.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[14761-21](#) Approval of the July 15, 2021, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: Erik Loechell

Attachments: [A - Drafted ESB Minutes July 15, 2021](#)

A motion was made by Chair Loechell, seconded by Member MacDonald, that the July 15, 2021 minutes be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

[14763-21](#) Recycle Coach Update

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [B - Recycle Coach Presentation](#)

The ESB received a presentation from Jeff Galad with Recycle Coach about the app that is currently in use within Los Alamos County. Mr. Galad updated the ESB on how well the App has been received by Los Alamos County Residents since being launched in December 2019. Year over year comparison shows the total users, campaign interactions, and resident interactions. There has been a small decrease in new users, material searches, and content page views which is normal as users start learning and don't have a high need for the tool. Recycle coach has options to help increase these numbers for new users.

[14764-21](#) Discuss Potential Exceptions to Bear Resistant Roll Carts

Presenters: Erik Loechell

The ESB discussed potential exceptions to the bear resistant roll carts for residents. Items discussed included exceptions for medical necessity. The ESB will continue to work through this policy in preparation for the mass roll out.

Dorothy Brown commented that it would be good to have roll carts that were able to use by someone in a wheel chair.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair's Report - Erik Loechell

None

B. Board Member Reports

None

C. Los Alamos Resiliency Energy and Sustainability Task Force - Dina Pesenson

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule, reported that the LARES Task Force will be presenting

their interim draft report at the August 24, 2021 County Council meeting.

1). **Board of Public Utilities - Erik Loechell**

Chair Loechell reported that at the July 21, 2021 BPU meeting the Utah Association of Municipal Power Systems provided a presentation on the NuScale Modular Reactor project. NuScale system has upgraded the power output from 60 mega watts to 77 mega watts and are looking at a full 12 module plant with a total output of 127 mega watts. The project is anticipated to be online in 2029 with a cost per mega watt hour of \$58.00.

2). **Planning and Zoning Commission - Vacant**

None

3). **Transportation Board - Anne Laurent**

The Transportation Board did not have a meeting this past month due to technical difficulties.

4). **Parks and Recreation Board - Dina Pesenson**

None

5). **Community Development Advisory Board - Carol Kay Carr**

None

6). **County Council Liaison - Sean Williams**

Councilor Williams reported that during the recent County Council Meetings they proclaimed August Bear Month and voted to continue to stay with the carbon free power project. There was also a discussion on whether to continue using the hybrid format for council meetings. The final decision was to stay with the hybrid format at this time.

D. Team Reports

1). **Los Alamos Public Schools Team Subcommittee - Angelica Gurule**

Angelica Gurule, Staff Liaison, reported that Environmental Services Staff attended the Staff/Teacher Back to School presentation at Sullivan Field. There is a K-12 recycling webinar coming up soon, LAPS Acting Superintendent, Jennifer Guy, will send information on this webinar to teachers.

2). **Zero Waste Los Alamos - Sara Martinez**

Angelica Gurule, Staff Liaison, reported that the Zero Waste team did not attend the Farmers market this month due to the increase in COVID-19 cases.

7. STAFF REPORT

[14767-21](#)

Environmental Services Business & Operation Updates

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Environmental Services operates as an enterprise fund which provides solid waste services to businesses and residents of the community. Environmental Services Manager,

Angelica Gurule, gave an update to the ESB regarding business and operations, as well as ongoing outreach and programs that Environmental Services is working on.

14762-21**July 2021 Residential Sustainability Report**

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [C - Residential Sustainability Report - July 2021](#)

The ESB reviewed and discussed the July 2021 Residential Sustainability Report. The report now includes more data and graphs that will increase overall diversion as a result of the new yard trimming program which began July 9, 2018.

Most recent additions to the report include greenhouse gas emissions reduced by recycling and composting.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Salting the roads
2. Pesticide presentation
3. Bee City
4. Exception to Bear Resistant Carts

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by member MacDonald, seconded by Chair Loechell, that the ESB meeting be adjourned. With no objections the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

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