

SANTA FE CLIMATE ACTION TASK FORCE

MEETING NOTES: FEBRUARY 19, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Climate Action Task Force was initiated by members in attendance; quorum was not present, so agenda items discussed were limited to those that did not require a vote. The meeting was formally called to order by Chairman Ives at 5:05pm in the Roundhouse Conference Room, located at the City of Santa Fe offices on Market Street in the Railyard.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

David Van Winkle
Jack McGowan
Owen Lopez
Robb Hirsch
Councilor Ives
Beth Beloff
Joanna Whysner, Global Warming Express
Eliza Harrison

Members Absent

David Coss (excused)
Commissioner Kathy Holian (excused)
Amy Miller
Glenn Schiffbauer (excused)
Kristina Fisher (excused)
Randy Grissom (excused)
Julia Furry
Gov. George Rivera

Staff Present

John Alejandro, Renewable Energy Planner

Public Present

Ken Hughes, EMNRD
John Whysner

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Introduction of Eliza Harrison

Eliza Harrison introduced herself as the newest member of the task force. She talked about her energy conservation program “Changing Households, Changing Communities” and how it began, in addition to the future plans for it. The group welcomed her.

2. 25-year Sustainability Plan

A discussion ensued regarding the mayor’s State of the City remarks about the creation of a 25-year sustainability plan for the city. Mr. Alejandro outlined the approach to be taken in developing the plan, which included participation from members of the task force, as time would allow, and select members from each working group, in addition to public meetings to be held in each city council district in order to receive public input into the plan. Mr. McGowan asked about the time commitment associated with developing the plan, and what a timeline would look like for the deliverable. Mr. Van Winkle reiterated the need to develop specific, tangible targets to be met annually by the city, to be included in the plan, and that he would be able to help develop many of those targets. Mr. McGowan stated that it would be helpful to get some clarification on the approach to developing the plan.

3. Review of Jan. 15, 2015 Minutes

Councilor Ives joined the meeting at 5:05pm, and formally began the meeting with a quorum. The minutes of the Jan. 15, 2015 meeting were reviewed and no changes were noted.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Owen Lopez and seconded by David Van Winkle, and the motion was unanimously passed.

4. CATF EERE & Finance Recommendations Report to the Governing Body

A short discussion was held regarding new text to be added into this report, as advised and approved by the EERE and Finance working groups at a meeting held on February 12. Ms. Beloff provided background and notes to that meeting, and the language that was being recommended for insertion into the final report. The group reviewed the language and Mr. Van Winkle suggested a change to the second paragraph, noting that it should simply state that the task force recommends the city oppose the upcoming PNM rate case. The group concurred on the edit, and the report was voted on for final approval. A motion to approve was made by Owen Lopez and seconded by Beth Beloff, and the motion was unanimously passed.

5. Working Group Reports

EERE & Finance: Ms. Beloff provided a brief report on the EERE and Finance joint working group's meeting which was held on February 12, since an update was already provided during discussion of the Recommendations Report.

Waste Management & Recycling: Councilor Ives noted that this working group was getting up and running, and that an initial meeting would be scheduled for March.

3. Items from the Co-chairs

None were identified.

4. Items from the Task Force

Joanna Whysner talked about a recycling project that the Global Warming Express had undertaken to make the public more aware of the need to use reusable bags when shopping. The group intends to provide stickers and signs at stores to raise awareness, and to note on paper bags themselves as to how the public can reuse and recycle paper bags.

5. Items from the Staff

None were identified.

6. Items from the Public

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Ives adjourned the meeting at 5:55pm.