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SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 4:00 p.m.

Councilors' Conference Room, City Hall (200 Lincoln Avenue)

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SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 21, 2016, 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm

City Councilors' Conference Room, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NM

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Sustainable Santa Fe Commission meeting was called to order by Commissioner Beth Beloff, chair at 4:00 pm. A quorum was declared by roll call.

B. ROLL CALL

Present:

Beth R. Beloff, Chair
Robb Young Hirsch, Co-Chair [arriving later]
Tejinder Ciano
Christian Casillas
Amanda Hatherly
Kathleen S. Holian, County Commissioner, Vice-Chair
Glenn Schiffbauer

Not Present/Excused:

Jack McGowan [excused]
Linda Smith [excused]

Others Present:

Seth Roffman, Green Fire Times
Olivia Hawkins

Staff Present:

John Alejandro, Staff Liaison
Carl Boaz, Stenographer

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Holian moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Hatherly seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote. Commissioner Hirsch was not present for the vote.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 17, 2016

Commissioner Casillas moved to approve the minutes of August 17, 2016 as presented, Commissioner Holian seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote, except Commissioner Hatherly abstained and Commissioner Hirsch was not present for the vote.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no communications from the Floor. Mr. Roffman and Ms. Hawkins introduced themselves.

F. REPORT FROM, AND ASSIGNMENT OF, ACTIONEER

The Actioneer Report was included in the packet.

Chair Beloff noted that many of these items have already happened.

Mr. Alejandro commented regarding the draft template for the Energy Report Card that the Water Division is created a water score card so we will combine efforts to do the energy/water score card together for city facilities. He hoped to have it on line very soon. He agreed to report back on it at the next meeting with a version of it.

Chair Beloff said that would be an action item for next time.

Commissioner Hirsch arrived at 4:03.

Chair Beloff reported that Commissioner Casillas had the carbon spot offset meeting. Commissioner Hirsch had the two-hour social equity workshop. The Brendle Group has been here and gave a presentation on a possible outline for the 25 Year Plan and the Commission will continue to update it. Either Andrew Erdman or Commissioner Holian will be giving an update on the Water Plan.

Commissioner Holian asked if the update was needed.

Chair Beloff said it was not necessary. It is done.

Mr. Alejandro said Mr. Victor Lucero will give the IPM (pest management) report at the October meeting. The Urban Agriculture ordinance is scheduled for today.

Chair Beloff continued the Actioneer Report with the City-County regional water planning effort and it will incorporate most of the plan recommendations. It will be reviewed by the Brendle Group and likely they will update it. The action item is that Chair Beloff and Commissioner Holian will meet with Mr. Alejandro

prior to the October meeting to determine how to forward the water report with a strong recommendation for regional water planning.

Commissioner Casillas reported that the Solar Efficiency Education event happened as part of the Santa Fe Community College seminars. The Carbon Sequestration seminar happened on Monday. He asked any members not receiving those invitations to notify him.

Chair Beloff said Mr. Alejandro was to confirm filling the vacancy. All Commissioners have interest in staying on.

Mr. Alejandro explained that the expired terms are to be published and applications taken to be fair with the community. For those whose terms have expired, he just needs a letter that you want to remain on the Commission and will be considered with any other applicants. The Mayor makes the appointments after reviewing the resumes and applications. Mr. Alejandro will get with Matt Ross for a press release and let members know when it goes out. An email would suffice for renewal requests. He still needs to get a date certain from the City Clerk.

In response to Commissioner Hirsch, Mr. Alejandro said the letter or email just needs to express your interest in staying on. Your original letter and CV are on file with the City Clerk.

Chair Beloff encouraged mentioning that our work is in process.

Mr. Alejandro said the Clerk recommended that the Chair election be done in October. Anyone who would like to Chair or Chair Beloff can express desire to continue. The Clerk also reminded him that the members have ethics forms to sign that were sent out 6-8 weeks ago and if you cannot find the ethics forms, he could send an electronic version to print out. He explained that it asks for your affiliations on that form such as non-profits, etc. Any changes after that could be done by an email to him.

Chair Beloff asked about the meeting with key people at Water/Wastewater for adapting water use to population growth.

Mr. Alejandro said that could be on the October agenda and he would contact Andrew Erdman to present the water plan and the Wastewater Director for the plan they have and then address many of those questions.

Chair Beloff said she was to contact Greg Mello with the Los Alamos Environmental Study Group regarding the impact of the plutonium pit factory. She exchanged communications on that and was still working on it. The last item is a repeat of that so she would keep the one with the phone number.

She asked about paper-saving practices at the meetings and Mr. Alejandro explained that printed versions are for the public and have to be made available in printed form.

She said Commissioner Schiffbauer was to send information on the June Water Conference.

Commissioner Schiffbauer asked to carry that over. It has a name now after the meeting on Monday.

Mr. Alejandro did send out information on the Mayor's Sustainability Awards. She asked each Commissioner to consider some nominations there and send them to the working groups.

Commissioner Casillas asked if it would be possible to download a fillable Word document or a Google form.

Mr. Alejandro said he would have done that but that capability is very limited at the City. Perhaps next year that would be possible. The Word document is available on the web. He has received three nominations from the community already. The deadline is Friday, September 29. Matt Ross will send out a press release on it.

Chair Beloff asked, since she is leaving the country first thing in the morning if the report could be sent to Mr. Alejandro.

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- 1. An ordinance amending the Land Development Code to update land-use categories, table of permitted uses to add agricultural uses; amending Subsection 14-6.2(h) of the Land Development Code to prohibit animal production and slaughterhouses, and providing for agricultural uses; creating a new Subsection 14-6.3(d)(4) of the Land Development Code to allow for agricultural home occupation exceptions; amending Section 14-8.7 of the Land Development Code to waive architectural design review of agricultural related structures by the Land Development Director; and amending Subsection 14-12 of the Land Development Code to include definitions for terms relating to urban agriculture. (Mayor Gonzales and Councilor Ives) (Mr. John Alejandro)**
 - a. A resolution creating the City Of Santa Fe Procedures and Guidelines For Urban Agriculture Activities and Uses. (Mayor Gonzales and Councilor Ives) (Mr. John Alejandro)**

Mr. Alejandro presented the report. [A copy of the ordinance and resolution is attached as Exhibit 1.] This has been in development for about two years. Initially, Katherine Mortimer was charged with it and he was then given task of completing it. He has worked closely with the Land Use Division on it and with two food-related stakeholders. The Code is silent on anything that address food for commercial purposes. You are allowed to grow fruits and vegetables for personal consumption and that is it. On a scale larger than others, many would like to sell what they grow. They have excess produce that they feel they could sell to neighbors.

There are four points on this proposal:

1. Primary is to allow agriculture for commercial purpose in all zoned areas with rules and regulations so it is not just residential.
2. To ensure those provisions and guidelines will help encourage produce in Santa Fe and minimize red tape to do so. All is designed to limit requirements while maintaining the safety and wellbeing of the public.
3. To serve all people who wish to undertake it for 50 square feet of back yard or an agriculture business for larger amounts on commercial and industrial zoned land.
4. To build up and refine it as appropriate.

So it establishes the foundation on which other things will be added. It is complex and amends many sections of the present city code besides a new section of city code in order to make sure it is in alignment with this section of the code. Over time, the community will learn what works and what doesn't work; what needs more regulation and what needs less. It is designed to be attended to continuously. So this is not the be all, end all for urban agriculture ordinance in the city.

It is important because at least 21,000 people in Santa Fe County do not know where next meal is coming from according to the Food Policy Council. According to Santa Fe Public Schools, 13,000 children, K-12 students get free or reduced lunch. Santa Fé imports over 90% of its produce. So this ordinance is designed as a way for people to take control of their food future and their health and well-being. Through this ordinance it might foster a small business environment where local food can be realized.

He said this proposed ordinance has been heard by Public Works and the Planning Commission where it was recommended to move forward. At the Planning Commission, many folks stayed until 11:15 p.m. when he made his presentation. Public testimony there and also at CBQL shared very valid concerns that make sense. There is broad-based support for the ordinance but there were also suggested changes that he believed make sense. The Water Conservation Committee also heard it last week, and had suggested changes on the water section. It was heard last Monday at Finance where a set of amendments were suggested by Councilor Lindell and he has been working with her, Councilor Maestas, Councilor Villarreal, and the Water Conservation Committee to create a comprehensive list of amendments that are reasonable in this ordinance. All of those will be presented at the PUC after the City Manager, at the request of many, referred it to the PUC for a further hearing. Given the large water section, it was felt they needed to hear it. The PUC meeting is October 5 and the full Council will hear it on October 26. Those decisions were made this morning.

Commissioner Ciano said the water section has gotten weird. If you want to truck in water from a neighbor's well you can't. The effort is to sell what is grown on their own land and he wondered how many properties could produce food and if there could be a jillion food stands across the City. If food security is the goal, being able to have produce by other farmers sold in an area where maybe less food is accessible, would help. With two farmer's markets, growers from larger farms can provide those for smaller stands to keep it reasonable and have the most access. If the goal is to feed people, that means everyone has to be growing their own food and if not, it should be made available from other local farmers. So he wondered if it is possible to have it not restricted only to what is grown on their own land.

Commissioner Hatherly agreed. She could imagine several families sharing in one food stand.

Mr. Alejandro first addressed the question about the water. On page 6 of the ordinance it talked about allowed sources. So no, you couldn't bring water from off premises to water one's garden. In line 15, treated effluent will be removed from that line because the public has no access to effluent. In the future, that could change.

Commissioner Casillas asked if grey water will stay in there.

Mr. Alejandro agreed. There are some amendments to strengthen it but now it is just discussion. Currently, a person could grow and sell produce but it is not allowed to sell off premises. In the future, that might happen or a separate ordinance could address that. Under current code you technically could get a special use permit to sell on city property. And the thought was to remove that. He explained that there is the opportunity to sell at the Farmer's Market what you grow. It is a big of a process with rules and regulations and costs. But the ordinance right now is designed to fill that void to sell directly from their property. Selling away from one's property has impacts on other code sections. It could be addressed in a better way through a new ordinance section.

The Commission asked several questions about animals.

Mr. Alejandro said there is a livestock section of the code but the current code doesn't address those well. He expects to bring forth a section that addresses chickens, goats, bees, etc. The reason it wasn't included here is that they are covered in other parts of the Code. The next version would include those animal husbandry related items. And that would affect other parts of the code. That would be in about a year.

The resolution establishes the policies and procedures for licensure from the City from the Land Use Division for urban agriculture. I would require completing a form and in certain circumstances, to provide a sketch of the property to be used up to in an Industrial area with blueprints and going through the permitting process. Existing overlay rules would apply. Virtually everything in city code has to be adhered to including a business license or a home occupancy business license.

Commissioner Schiffbauer asked if people have to get a permit for aggregated garage sale.

Mr. Alejandro didn't know but this ordinance is designed to regulate an ongoing sale on seasonal or year-round basis for produce. There is also the potential for fraud. They could seek to sell at a grocery store. That will likely be addressed in this ordinance in some way. It needs to be addressed more for that to not happen through an amendment to avoid it.

Chair Beloff asked about composting.

Mr. Alejandro said that currently, there is not any strict guidelines for composting. This ordinance is still fairly open on what you can utilize and produce for compost. That has raised concerns from the public and Councilors who are concerned with noise, smell, rodent infestations, etc. Those will be taken under consideration and voted up or down

Commissioner Ciano said the composting doesn't really address residential composting.

Mr. Alejandro said it is allowed as an accessory use but not primary use. It is covered under other sections. Once you elect to sell produce, you would come under this ordinance.

Commissioner Ciano moved to recommend passage of the ordinance to the Governing Body. Commissioner Schiffbauer seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

2. 25-Year Sustainability Plan Updates: Working Groups

Chair Beloff said they had a wonderful couple of days that were very compressed with the Brendle Group. Dealing with the 25-Year Sustainability Plan. They met for two hours with the energy efficiency and renewable energy working group. Last night they had community conversation with two classes at SFCC. The Commission will get reports from the Brendle Group on that. Today, they had three groups in the morning and, from 1 to 3, a meeting going over the plan vision and framework and began zeroing in on the framework including the preliminary table of contents. They did a SWOT analysis and set the next date tentatively on November 16, 17. She urged all Commissioners to participate in this important work. The Commission meets on November 16 and will probably finalize the working group reports then. They will be edited by the Brendle Group and work with the chairs for further refinement. The Commission will cover the working groups that have not already been covered and finalize the framework plan on or before then.

She is expecting that Brendle Group will probably have action items. And particularly for those who didn't make the 1-3 meeting, there would be annotations from the discussions on the PPT they gave. They will provide a summary of the community discussion from last night and feedback and notes from all the working group meetings including the questions asked about what would be needed from them to fill in the gaps. So the Commission should get reports from them on each working group and the greenhouse gas inventory and the community discussion. She was very delighted with this group. They bring wisdom and best practices.

Mr. Alejandro thanked those who met with them. They appreciated it as well. They said they got a lot of information and were impressed with the amount of thought going into it. We are well ahead of many others they worked with.

Commissioner Hirsch said the Social Equity Group organized a wonderful workshop and an effort to have these Commissioners and Councilors participate just to understand that there is a lot of history of oppression and mistreatment of people by the predominate culture. From that perspective, hopefully, Karen from Earth Care, who is a Lakota Sioux woman will lead it. She has done a lot of it. We learn humility and listen actively to our community members that maybe were disenfranchised from those who have screwed up our environment. That status has caused a lot of problems and the focus is on getting comfortable with that and learn how to grow as a community. We hear all of these crazy things on racial confrontations, shootings, etc., and delve deeper into those relationships and be open to change and justice and new possibilities. It really impressed Councilor Villarreal and Councilor Dominguez to attend this and the Commissioners who attended. It was a step forward and hopefully will lead to more awareness of social equity not just as a term but real life commitment to one another. That was the spirit of it.

Chair Beloff thought it was terrific and she was such a great facilitator Commissioner Casillas agreed.

Chair Beloff said the Greenhouse Gas group was also impressed by the inventory they reviewed.

Commissioner Casillas added that they have two members on their team with experience for GHG inventories. They had a number of comments and questions about what has been done. They are looking at the excel spreadsheet now. They thought it was a great first start and asked how it will integrate in the 25-year plan. We are thinking about what areas can be most impacted and focus on those areas. And then not get so much into cost/benefit with limited resources and not getting stuck in the weeds.

Mr. Alejandro worked on a project management week-by-week calendar through to year end of year and lists all of Brendle's responsibilities and the working groups and their responsibilities listed. He could send that out and that could be an action item, as well.

Chair Beloff said that working group template is useful. In the working group discussion, they talked about lots of overlap in there for transportation, land use planning, water & energy. The whole point is to integrate across boundaries. The Commission should have the matrix summary by working group of recommendations with the top 5 to 7 being highlighted but all of it in the appendix. Then many recommendations would get woven into 3-4 buckets. They recommended the three buckets be prosperous and equitable paths to parking neutrality; community resilience to environmental and economic stressors; healthy food, green jobs, affordable sustainable housing. She imagined some content could be put in multiple buckets so how it gets finessed would be the next important set of questions. She invited thoughts with they viewed the PPT for how best to simplify it and make it really sing. The Brendle Group will create their economic analyses for cost and benefits. They also talked about water budgets and carbon budgets and to look at our footprint over time and reducing all of that.

Commissioner Hirsch spoke to the idea of a municipal electric system and the initial costs for setting it up and having self-determination; the opportunity to lock in low interest loans right now.

Chair Below said in looking at a long-term horizon, that financing might be the low cost solution. An action item would be for Commissioner McGowan and Commissioner Smith to take that into consideration with their recommendations. With what the Brendle Group having done that at Fort Collins, they would have a handle on cost/benefit.

H. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR & CO-CHAIR

1. Mayor's Sustainability Awards

Chair Beloff said the awards have been moved out to the 29th for a deadline with awards given on October 13 and then the continuing conference the Green Chamber of Commerce and Women of Green will put on.

I. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Casillas announced the last sustainability panel will be this coming Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 with a narrower scope down to electricity in commercial buildings. He solicited people to attend. All presentations will be up on the SFCC website.

Commissioner Hatherly said they are up now but require a log in.

Chair Beloff asked him to send a note when he figures that out. She was amazed at the level of information in those one-minute presentations.

Commissioner Casillas said the carbon sequestration presentation on Monday was fantastic. He agreed to circulate that presentation to the group. There are huge uncertainties in putting numbers on carbon reliefs. We took from the reports kind of a carbon stock per acre for ecological response in the County. When the land use changes, we can calculate that and it could inform the carbon impacts from developments. It would be good to bring that to the Brendle Group.

Chair Beloff asked to have it as action item to talk with the Brendle Group about sinks and carbon.

J. ITEMS FROM STAFF

1. Verde Fund Update

Mr. Alejandro said the Working Group of City staff is continuing to identify pilot programs by which we can integrate City services and the Mayor's goal is to make it a self-sustaining source for programs - how to best utilize resources and the potential allocation of \$300,000 for the Verde Fund and what kind of program could be pushed out for it next year. It is a complex issue to different parts of our community. The demographic is a challenge and that is where it stands right now. He didn't know the date of the next meeting.

The next project is a program that focuses on transitional housing for those who are fairly vulnerable such as having just moved out of homelessness. It would provide educational services or getting them in school and healthcare programs, food security programs and how to layer on sustainability. It would help determine what the most important ones are that can make or break their future. And we need to maximize the money that we have.

Chair Beloff considered it is looking at the nexus of climate and poverty.

Commissioner Ciano asked if Verde is it more climate or more sustainability.

Chair Beloff said it is more climate. She suggested it might be worth having a discussion with the Commission as a whole.

Commissioner Hirsch felt it is a healthy process to address both of them in a mix. So if we could weigh in on it, it could be helpful for our sustainability objective.

K. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Hawkins asked what the ideology for this is.

Chair Beloff said the evidence shows that those most affected by climate change are in poverty. The idea was to address the nexus which is changing more rapidly here in the southwest and we have more in poverty here.

Mr. Roffman said it seems those in poverty contribute most to climate change.

Commissioner Casillas thought one important piece is so we can start with climate change and think about how we can have large impacts on that change and we all have finite resources. So we should look at how those decisions could benefit the most who are in poverty. The Verde Fund thinks about those connection points. The Verde Fund is still working on the approach.

Commissioner Ciano suggested doing a pilot scale on integrating services.

Mr. Alejandro agreed. That is what they are looking at - starting a program on a small scale.

L. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

No other items were identified for the next agenda.

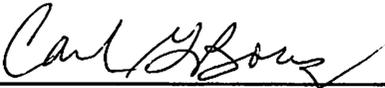
M. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to come before the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Approved by:

Beth Beloff, Chair

Submitted by:



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