



Agenda

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SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 20, 2014
Councilors' Conference Room
Santa Fe, NM
2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 15 and April 22, 2014
- E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR (5 min)
- F. REPORT FROM, AND ASSIGNMENT OF ACTIONEER (5 min)
- G. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS (5 min)
 - 1. Report on Western Adaptation Alliance Climate Leadership Academy on Enhancing the Resilience of Sustainable Food Systems through Adaptive Urban Water Management in the American West (K. Mortimer)
 - 2. Single stream resolution report (K. Mortimer)
 - 3. Update on Food Policy Council work (K. Mortimer)
 - 4. SFSWMA (A. Schlachter)
- H. PRESENTATIONS
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- I. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
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 - 2. Green Lodging Initiative resolution status (G. Schiffbauer)
 - 3. Report on progress of establishing 2014 Strategic Priorities (B. Sopoci-Belknap) (20 min)
 - 4. Reusable bag ordinance data collection and reporting
 - 5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - 6.1. ASSESSMENT: Updated tracking and reporting strategy (K. Mortimer) (5 min)
 - 6.2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (A. Romero) (5 min)
 - 6.3. ENERGY (E. Chioocchio) (5 min)
- J. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR (5 min)
- K. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION (5 min)
- L. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA (5 min)
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MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION
May 20, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Santa Fe Sustainable Santa Fe Commission was called to order by Bianca Sopoci-Belknap, Chair at 2:35PM at the City Hall Councilors' Chambers Santa Fe, New Mexico.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated a quorum for conducting official business as follows:

Members Present

Bianca Sopoci-Belknap, Chair
Esha Chiocchio, Vice Chair
Amanda Hatherly
Andrea Romero
Kim Kelly
Louise Pape
Glenn Schiffbauer

Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Katherine Mortimer, Environmental Services Division

Others Present

Zaba Angel, Earth Care AmeriCorps Member placed with the City
John Alejandro Jr., Solar Electric Light Fund
Christian Cosillas
Manda Currant, Lighting Wood Pictures
Jeff Ethan Green, Real Food Challenge
Andy Otto, Santa Fe Watershed Association
Seth Roffman, Green Fire Times
Adam Schlachter, Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency SFSWMA

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Romero informed the Commission that Farmpod was unable to attend to present for the meeting. She moved to remove their presentation (Item H) from the agenda.

Commissioner Pape asked to have time to share information about the negative health and environmental impacts of plastics.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked if Commissioner Pape could share that information during Items from the Commission, and Commissioner Pape agreed.

Commissioner Chiocchio moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Hatherly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: April 15, 2014

Commissioner Pape submitted her amendments to the Minutes of the April 15, 2014 meeting, with minor changes in writing.

Commissioner Chiocchio moved to approve the minutes of April 15, 2014 as amended. Commissioner Pape seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Mortimer explained that though the meeting held on April 22, 2014 with the representative from the Earth Day Network did not have a quorum and therefore, was not official business, she thought it would best to provide minutes for the rest of the Commission.

Commissioner Chiocchio moved to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2014 meeting. Chair Sopoci-Belknap seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Introductions were made.

Jeff Ethan Green with Real Food Challenge was present. He reported that the Great Climate March took place earlier in the month and was attended by 150 supporters and featured speakers including Craig Barnes from We Are People Here; and Chair Sopoci-Belknap speaking in her role as Program Director for New Energy Economy.

Seth Roffman with the *Green Fire Times* was present. He shared the May edition of the publication which had the theme “Las Nortenas” and featured female writers from northern New Mexico who are working on healing and supporting their communities.

Mr. Roffman noted that he is working with Chair, Sopoci-Belknap on the first of the Sustainable Santa Fe column and article as well as some articles from Earth Care and is pleased that that project is moving forward.

Zaba Angel, the Sustainable Santa Fe AmeriCorps Member from Earth Care was present. Zaba shared that they are working on the greenhouse gas emissions inventory as well as developing an internship project that will focus on sustainability outreach to local businesses.

REPORT FROM, AND ASSIGNMENT OF ACTIONEER

Commissioner Chiocchio offered to be the Actioneer.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap reviewed the items from last meeting's Actioneer report and found that all items had been completed.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS (5 min)

- 1. Report on Western Adaptation Alliance Climate Leadership Academy on Enhancing the Resilience of Sustainable Food Systems through Adaptive Urban Water Management in the American West**

Ms. Mortimer reported that the Academy was interesting but was largely focused on water management rather than urban food systems. As a result, members from the Santa Fe Food Policy Council who attended as part of the Santa Fe delegation did not find the information as relevant to the questions they are facing around local food systems.

- 2. Single stream resolution report**

Ms. Mortimer reported that she had been assigned to research the potential impacts of shifting Santa Fe's recycling to single stream. She clarified that we currently have what is called "modified single stream" which is single stream except that glass is separated due to handling safety issues. She explained the difference between the system we currently employ and "single stream", which would be that in "single stream" we would no longer be able to collect glass at all.

Mr. Schlachter explained that glass is currently a commodity which they have a local market and a local business that uses it in their landscaping products, and that the market is expected to expand considerably with the scheduled expansion of the business. Therefore, it is an important commodity that SFSWMA wants to ensure continues to be collected and is hoping supplies will increase.

Ms. Mortimer explained that she thinks the intention of the resolution about Single Stream was just as much aimed at increasing recycling by increasing the variety of recyclables – expanding beyond plastics 1 & 2. She explained that the waste study is going to provide important analyses of the economics of our waste system and model potential scenarios for our recycling.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked when the report is scheduled for completion. Ms. Mortimer said it should be available before the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Kelly asked if the report could be shared with the Commission as soon as it becomes available.

Commissioner Kelly asked about the status of the recycling pilot in the parks. She shared that she and Commissioner Chiocchio saw the prototype at the Railyard Park and were pleased to see that it had clearly been being used by the public.

Ms. Mortimer explained that not enough bins have been installed yet to determine the pilot's effectiveness and that there is some delay coming from Parks regarding the installation.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked if there was someone that the Commission should contact in order to ensure that progress is made.

Ms. Mortimer said that she had been in touch with Jesse Esparza from Parks and Ms. Esparza is doing her best to move things forward with other staff.

3. Food Policy Council Update

Ms. Mortimer reported that the Food Policy Council is currently focused on sharing the Draft Food Plan with various community stakeholder groups, and the general public, in order to garner feedback and ensure that the Plan is representative of the community's food needs.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked if there has been any progress on the urban agriculture issues that had come before the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission and were passed along to the Food Policy Council.

Ms. Mortimer reported that those issues were integrated into the Plan and are receiving community input.

4. SFSWMA (A. Schlachter)

Mr. Schlachter reported that the SFSWMA analysis had already been completed and he will send it out to the Commission. He will also send the City Assessment as soon as it is available. He explained that from SFSWMA's perspective, the shift of recyclables to Freedman down in Albuquerque would have an economic impact on their operations and they would prefer to keep the recyclables local. 20% of their budget is recycling revenue, so it is important to keep the recycling in Santa Fe.

Mr. Schlachter shared the SFSWMA is currently working on improving their community outreach through social media and asked that the Commission help that effort by "liking" their page and sharing it with others.

Mr. Schlachter reported that the Agency's Amnesty Day was heavily attended and was very successful. This year, the Agency experimented with consolidating previously separate amnesty days for various kinds of solid waste and though it seemed to increase popularity, it also increased wait times. The Agency will continue to improve the process for future events.

He noted that the green waste collection days will run through June to reduce fire risk. He explained that they need to do more advertising.

Mr. Schlachter would like to purchase a new processing machine that would be able to process much more glass than it is currently.

He mentioned that September 29th is a free trash day as part of the “Tos no Mas” campaign. He noted that November 15th is America Recycles Day and there will be free e-waste recycling on that day.

Mr. Schlachter announced that there would be a campus debate on June 11th at NMSU, Albuquerque Campus on House Memorial 51 that is calling for the State to adopt a 50% recycling mandate by 2020.

He said they are working on getting recycling bins into all of the parks.

Mr. Schlachter will send out a notice of upcoming events to the Commission.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Farmpod

This agenda item was removed from the agenda.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Forest and Water Climate Adaptation Plan Resolution status (E. Chiocchio)

Commissioner Chiocchio reported that the Forrest and Water Climate Adaptation Plan Resolution is currently receiving final upgrades and should be ready for the Commission’s review and approval at the next meeting.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked what the resolution’s relationship to the Sustainable Santa Fe Plan update/repackaging should be.

Commissioner Chiocchio said that maybe the two should be presented together.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap suggested that Mr. Alejandro and Ms. Mortimer who had begun work on the Sustainable Santa Fe Plan update work with Commissioner Chiocchio to consolidate the two and create a presentation that includes both.

Commissioner Chiocchio will send out the draft resolution for the Climate Adaptation Plan to Councilor Ives and Laurie Treviso.

2. Green Lodging Initiative resolution status (G. Schiffbauer)

Commissioner Schiffbauer deferred this item to Commissioner Kelly who initiated the resolution.

Commissioner Kelly explained that the resolution was successfully moving through Committees and had received funding from the Economic Development Department as well as others. \$50,000 will come from the city to work with the hotels that have not yet participated, as well as a few pilot restaurants. This should start in September.

3. Report on progress of establishing 2014 Strategic Priorities (B. Sopoci-Belknap)

Chair Sopoci-Belknap reviewed the list of priorities that had been drafted by herself, Commissioner Pape, Commissioner Chiochio, and Commissioner Kelly and submitted to the Mayor. The list of priorities, attached, included 90 day, 6 month, and 4 year objectives.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked how more input from additional Commissioners could have been facilitated.

Commissioner Hatherly shared that it is difficult sometimes to discern which emails require action on the part of the Commission and which emails are just for people's information.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap offered that from now on Commission emails that require Commissioners' attention will be sent from herself, staff person Mortimer, or Vice-Chair Chiochio and will include OFFICIAL COMMISSION BUSINESS in the subject line.

The Commission reviewed each item on the Priorities list.

Discussion of how to complete Item #3 under 90 Day Period – *Identify Existing Sustainability Measures* concluded that Ms. Mortimer with help from Ashley Zappe, the additional Earth Care AmeriCorps Member who is placed with the City, would draft a list and send it out to the Commission electronically for additions.

Commissioner Chiochio shared that the Water Conservation Committee had begun a similar effort in the area of water. Commissioner Pape offered to follow-up with the Water Conservation Committee to retrieve that information. Commissioner Pape and Commissioner Chiochio will get the list of water-related ordinances/resolutions from the Water Conservation Committee.

Item #8 (under 6 Months Period), implementation of the Solarize Santa Fe Campaign was discussed.

Mr. Alejandro said his company is working with Santa Fe County to implement a Solarize Santa Fe campaign that will include targeted promotion and advertising. The Campaign is currently being funded by the County but the City could also contribute.

Commissioner Chiochio asked why the campaign is focused on PV solar instead of energy efficiency given the income level of the likely participants of each.

Commissioner Hatherly expressed the importance of energy efficiency as the first step to footprint reduction- tied to energy use.

Mr. Alejandro explained that his business will also be conducting an energy efficiency campaign, # 9 on the priority list – but that it does not require the same need for funding support.

Commissioner Chiocchio pointed out that additional funding for energy efficiency could expand the impact of the program.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said that it was potentially an important issue of equity in public financing, given that the energy efficiency program would benefit more modest/low-income residents, and the solar campaign would likely benefit middle to upper class residents.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap suggested that since the program is still in development, she and other Commissioners should continue to share their input with Mr. Alejandro and the County between meetings.

Commissioner Hatherly added *Mandatory Eco-footprint Reporting/Benchmarking for Large Commercial Buildings* to Item #7 (under 4 Year goals).

4. Reusable bag ordinance data collection and reporting

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

No subcommittee reports were given due to lack of time.

5.1. ASSESSMENT: Updated tracking and reporting strategy (K. Mortimer)

5.2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (A. Romero)

5.3. ENERGY (E. Chiocchio)

J. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

There were no items from the Chair.

K. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Pape shared information about the harmful effects of plastic leaching and explained that contamination of soil and water can occur even if the plastics are not touching the surface, in the case of greenhouses.

Commissioner Pape shared her concern about the Farmpod model - given its potential public health risks.

Commissioner Hatherly described some of the environmental health risks of building with plastic and other toxic materials.

Ms. Mortimer noted that she would be away from June 5th to June 22nd.

Commissioner Chiocchio will ask Nick Schiavo about John Alejandro Jr.'s appointment to the Commission.

L. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA (5 min)

None presented.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Schedule Next Meeting/Adjournment

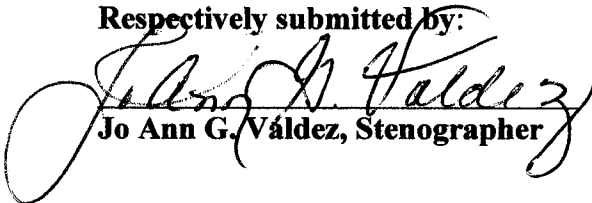
The next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2014 at 2:30 p.m.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Approved by:


Bianca Sopoci-Belknap, Chair

Respectively submitted by:


Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer