



Agenda

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SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 21, 2015
City Councilors Conference Room
Santa Fe, NM
2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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 - ii. Diet for a Livable Planet task-force update (A. Hatherly)
 - 1. Proclamation for Meat-Less Mondays
 - iii. Formation of a task-force to review the SF Green Code (A. Hatherly)
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MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION

April 21, 2015

A. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Santa Fe Sustainable Santa Fe Commission was called to order by Esha Chiocchio, Vice Chair at 2:40 p.m. at the City Hall Councilor's Conference Room, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

B. ROLL CALL

The initial roll call indicated the lack of a presence for conducting official business. A quorum was established with the arrival of Bianca Sopoci-Belknap, Chair at 3:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bianca Sopoci-Belknap, Chair [arriving at 3:15 p.m.]
Esha Chiocchio, Vice Chair
Amanda Hatherly
Louise Pape
Andrea Romero

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kim Kelly, excused
Glenn Schiffbauer, excused
2 vacancies

STAFF PRESENT:

John Alejandro, Renewable Energy Planner
Katherine Mortimer, Environmental Services Division

OTHERS PRESENT:

Andy Otto, Santa Fe Watershed Association
Seth Roffman, Green Fire Times
Katrina Rosa, Ecological Studio
Ashley Zappe, AmeriCorps Member

***E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR (moved up on the agenda)**

Introductions were made.

Andy Otto is the Executive Director of the Santa Fe Watershed Association.

Seth Roffman with the *Green Fire Times* was present. He reported that the Sustainable Santa Fe Awards will be featured in the May issue.

Katrina Rosa, Ecologic Studio said she is here to learn and see how to get involved.

F. REPORT FROM, AND ASSIGNMENT OF ACTIONEER

Commissioner Chiocchio was the actioneer for this meeting.

Commissioner Chiocchio reviewed the previous Actioneer report. Copies of the previous Actioneer report were included in the Commissioner's packet. All actions completed.

G. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Mortimer reported that there will be a personnel change at the City and that she will no longer be the staff liaison to the Commission, nor work on Sustainable Santa Fe program tasks. John Alejandro will take over these responsibilities starting May 4th. Ms. Mortimer will move into the Land Use Department and will work on green building code advancement among other things, yet to be determined.

1. Sustainability & Climate Programs Update

Mr. Alejandro reported that Councilor Ives and the Mayor have been looking at the Planning Commission and the Historic Board and want to look at the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission as well. They plan to reestablish the Commission and require expertise for membership. A draft will be ready soon and will be given to the Commission for their review as well as the Climate Action Task Force members.

He said the Comprehensive 25-Year Sustainability Plan resolution passed. There will be a group of about 10 people working on the Plan. There is no specific date provided in the resolution to be done but they are hoping eight to nine months, with a final report to City Council in about a year.

He said some upcoming resolutions include direction to Public Utilities staff to research how the City could own and operate its own solar array. Several different models will be investigated and staff will make a recommendation.

The City is also looking to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with EMNRD and to look into a services contract with ESCO for retrofitting city facilities

with energy efficiency improvements. EMNRD vetted several companies and seven were placed on the State Services Agreement.

2. Food Policies Update (Urban Ag & Southside Initiatives)

Ms. Mortimer reported that the urban agriculture policies are awaiting direction from the Mayor and Councilor Ives. The Southside healthy food initiative has held an initial community leadership meeting and another meeting is scheduled for the coming Thursday. The process follows the Empowerment Congress model where local community members take leadership roles in advancing policies the community feels best meets its needs. This process takes some time to initiate as it is not the usual process and all involved have to adjust their expectations of responsibilities and leadership roles.

3. Waste Update

Mr. Schlachter was unable to attend today's meeting. However, he sent a written report and Ms. Mortimer read his report as follows:

SFSWMA received two bids from New Mexico Based Companies for a third Party MRF Processing & Marketing Contract. The proponent names are being withheld because it's not yet public. Based on market conditions, both bids would cost more money/ton to execute than continuing to run the MRF using Agency Staff. Therefore they are currently negotiating with the top ranked company, to see if concessions can be obtained to reduce the costs associated with this change. If negotiations fail, the Agency will increase the amount of materials accepted at BuRRT and staff/operations will be altered to reduce the costs associated with the increased amount of materials that will be processed.

Education/Outreach:

An Earth Day insert will be in the *New Mexican* and the *Santa Fe Reporter* tomorrow which will feature content from the City, County & Agency. It touches on the current operations, changes and things happening within the community.

H. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. SUBCOMMITTEES:

i. Sustainability Scorecard Update

Chair Sopoci-Belknap reported that the subcommittee received a report back from John Alejandro that edited the version Ashley Zappe prepared. He added additional information from other City staff. The comments suggested that they identify concrete metrics to measure progress in each section and define how scores are given. The CATF working groups will be able to use it. Feedback will be given and the report needs to be returned to the subcommittee before the next meeting.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap will send out a draft of the Sustainability Scorecard benchmark for the Commissioners to review and provide comments. She will review the comments and incorporate them. She requested that the Commission

vote on this and decide on whether or not to forward it when they submit their comments.

ii. Diet for a Livable Planet task-force update

Commissioner Hatherly reported that a meeting was held and another is scheduled in a week. She explained that they are not trying to make the City go vegan but just trying to lower the amount people eat. They are looking into how to monitor it, possibly by asking stores to tell them how much meat they sell each year versus vegetables.

Commissioner Hatherly noted that Marshall Texas has done this by focusing on the health benefits to the community. As a result they have had little pushback from the animal agri-businesses.

1. Proclamation for Meat-Less Mondays

[Copies of the sample Proclamation for proclaiming Mondays as “Meatless Mondays” were distributed in the Commissioners’ packets. This included a list of the cities that have passed Meatless Monday resolutions.]

Commissioner Hatherly reported that a number of Cities around the Country have done this already. The sample in the packet states that proclaiming Mondays as Meatless Mondays is for both health and environmental reasons. This could be used as a method of education and outreach to explain why they are doing this.

Ms. Zappe mentioned that she has been putting meatless recipes on the City’s social media in recent months and this has generated a lot of interest.

Commissioner Pape distributed a handout that obtained data in regards to how much of GHG is attributable from animal agriculture.

Commissioner Hatherly replied that there is data with tremendous variation based on how it is calculated. She said rather than get into that debate, they want to focus on reducing the impacts.

Commissioner Pape said she asked a number of people about what effort they think they should focus on and all of them said to eat locally as much as possible. This also brings in adaptation benefits, by expanding markets for local food producers before the costs increase.

Commissioner Hatherly suggested that the two groups work together towards the same goal by asking people to eat local non-meat products.

Commissioner Romero said that demonizing all meat producers is not supportive of producers that are producing it sustainably.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said the Meatless Monday effort is seen as an educational effort to raise awareness. She said then the community could take the lead towards more aggressive actions.

Commissioner Chiocchio agreed that it is a contentious subject and that there is reason to be careful and not alienate any group. Also, given the great variation in statistics, the Commission needs to be careful not to let that also create controversy that gets in the way of the message. She said Meatless Mondays seems like a first step to address a complex issue.

Mr. Alejandro suggested that this be brought to both the Food Policy Council and the Water, Land Management, Food Security subcommittee of the CATF.

(Bianca Sopoci-Belknap arrived at 3:15 establishing a quorum)

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Item H1 (*Recommendation to incorporate Water Efficiency Rating System*) was moved before Item D (*Approval of the Minutes*).

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

D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: March 17, 2015

The following changes were made to the Minutes of the March 15, 2015 Meeting:

Page 2, under “*Communications from the Floor*”: Leslie Lakind should be referred to as “he” not “she”.

Page 5, Commissioner “Hathaway” should be Commissioner “**Hatherly**” throughout. Also, on page 5, the last sentence was changed to read: “*Commissioner Hatherly mentioned that the Santa Fe Community College is having two free showings of the movie on April 21st.*”

Commissioner Chiocchio moved to approve the Minutes of the March 27, 2015 as amended. Commissioner Pape seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Committee continued with the Agenda as follows:

iii. Formation of a task-force to review the SF Green Code

Commissioner Hatherly reported that the group has met twice and will be meeting weekly. The first task is to work to integrate the WERS into the RGBC and

then review the Green Code to see how it should be updated to include lowering of the required HERS score.

Commissioner Pape suggested including Melissa McDonald for the water portion.

iv. Climate Action Task Force Subcommittee Updates

Chair Sopoci-Belknap mentioned that the Energy Subcommittee was given a presentation from Rocky Mountain Institute on how Fort Collins could make very radical carbon reduction from energy.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap will send the PowerPoint presentation from the Rocky Mountain Institute about the municipal utility in Fort Collins.

She noted that New Energy Economy will follow up with the woman who made the presentation to see how this could be implemented here.

Mr. Otto said the sub-subcommittee on watershed adaptation met with the Finance Subcommittee to see how the proposed actions might be paid for. He noted another meeting is coming up.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap reported that there was a school garden event last weekend and there were lots of energy ideas that need to be processed before they come back to the Subcommittee.

Commissioner Pape said the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee needs someone to join in and take leadership to promote the community gardens or they may not survive.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked how the rooftop gardens idea would work here with the heat and dryness.

Commissioner Pape replied that the grocery stores would hire someone to assist with this.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said some young people she is working with want to start a rooftop gardening business but has big concerns about how that would work.

Discussion ensued about the City's role and what the community's role would be. It was agreed that the City's role is not to lead the work but to respond to community needs identified by people exploring how to develop food-based local businesses.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap wondered if maybe another set of events, like the transition town model, would be good to have to let the community explore options.

In the meantime she will connect Commissioner Pape with the young people wanting to start the rooftop gardening businesses or an urban agriculture program.

Mr. Alejandro reported that he will be preparing the report for the transportation subcommittee. He mentioned that there are both green bike lanes and bike paths.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked about exploring added capacity of busses to carry bikes.

She said with regards to waste, Councilor Bushee will be introducing a bill soon to expand the materials that can be recycled and moving towards single stream residential collection.

I. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Sopoci-Belknap announced that the Public Regulations Committee is hearing the PNM's response to the Power Replacement Plan tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked if there was anyone in Climate Masters who would like to support the existing community gardens rather than start a new one. She noted that Earth Care will be moving their garden on April 24th and all are invited to help.

Ms. Zappe will add the Earth Care garden workday on the website calendar and social media.

J. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

There were no items from the Commission.

K. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

There were no items for the next agenda.

L. ADJOURNMENT

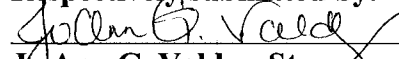
The next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Approved by:


Bianca Sopoci-Belknap, Chair

Respectfully submitted by:


Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer