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SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

4:00 p.m. Councilors' Conference Room, City Hall (200 Lincoln Ave.)

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SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION
Councilor's Conference Room
200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NEW MEXICO
Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Sustainable Santa Fe Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Beth Beloff at 4:00 pm. Roll call established a quorum was present for taking action on the business of the Commission.

B. ROLL CALL

Present:

Beth R. Beloff, Chair
Robb Young Hirsch, Co-Chair
Kathleen S. Holian, Vice-Chair
Tejinder Ciano
Kimberly Griego-Kiel

Not Present/Excused:

[Four Vacancies]

Others Present:

Shirlene Sutton
Mary Schruben
Seth Roffman, Green Fire Times
Bob Mang
William Finnoff
Carl Boaz, Stenographer

Staff Present:

John Alejandro

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Ciano moved to approve the agenda as published. Commissioner Griego-Kiel seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 16, 2017

MOTION: Commissioner Holian moved to approve the minutes of August 16, 2017 as presented.

Commissioner Ciano seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Bob Mang, Mary Schruben, Seth Roffman and William Finnoff introduced themselves.

F. ACTION ITEMS REPORT

Commissioner Griego-Kiel volunteered to be Actioneer.

Chair Beloff reviewed the Action Items Report.

Of the new items on the report, all were shown as completed except Chair Beloff to meet with the Mayor to review and discuss applicants for open Commission seats so that appointments can be made at the last City Council meeting on August 30, 2017. Chair Beloff said she corresponded with the Mayor by email regarding new Commissioner appointments. The Mayor will put forward new members for the Commission, including Bob Mang, Luke Davenport, Mary Schruben and Daniel Pava to fill the vacancies. She briefly shared the background for Daniel Pava.

From the Ongoing List, the first item, identifying groups to participate in implementing the recommendations, is now being done through the drafting of the 25-Year Plan and was removed. Some sections of the Plan have been drafted and are in the Drop Box. All members have access to the Drop Box. A subcommittee will be formed to develop this as they move forward by sections.

Commissioner Ciano asked about implementation. Chair Beloff said there is a whole section on implementation that considers who the right players are for each part. The Brendle Group will be helping to write it and a work session held on methodology. Mr. Alejandro has edited the Commission's work with comments and questions and put it on the web site. After the Commissioners had dealt with it, the Brendle Group will quantify the time needed to fill in the blanks and identify work yet to be done. That should be accomplished in the next two weeks.

2. Mr. Roffman is continuing to integrate articles about the Sustainability Commission in forthcoming issues of Green Fire Times.
3. Chair Beloff to work with Jim Blackburn. He is busy right now and has been tapped to talk about climate change. He will need a condensed packet of information to feed the Rice University group on Santa Fe data and the surrounding area and some of the pieces the Commission has completed like GHG inventory. She might be looking for people to pull the information together.

Mr. Alejandro suggested it would be best to use the web site and each department. Chair Beloff will asked him for a list of things he needs.

Commissioner Hirsch proposed to get the New Mexico Ranchers Plan for sequestration issues and

how to seek a market and identify potential collaborators. Commissioner Holian said Leslie Allison is Head of Western Land Owners Alliance and knows all the ranchers.

Chair Beloff asked to make that contact an action item.

4. Chair Beloff has followed up with Citizen's Climate Lobby and has an outline for their all-day education conference on climate change on October 28 and what can be done on local, state and national policies. She will chair the initiative on local policy and asked members to let her know if they want to be a panelist.

Action Item - Chair Beloff will send the information on the conference and how it is constructed with plenaries and panel discussions all afternoon by topic. She said the speakers have been identified but there is always room for more. Commissioner Ciano was interested to be on the panel for local initiatives.

Commissioner Hirsch is involved with the youth forum which is one of the panels and invited any young people who might be interest to a meeting on October 7 from 10-12 at Counter Culture Café.

The last item was for Commissioner Holian to invite Eytan from the Forest Steward Guild; Ms. Schruben to invite someone from the Forest Service Office; and Chair Beloff to invite Porfirio Chavarria from City of Santa Fe to provide presentations about the fire shed issue at a future meeting.

Chair Beloff suggested they be invited to the January 2018 meeting.

Ms. Schruben said Jennifer Bann runs the Urban Forest Council for the State Forestry Division and has a good presentation on trees.

There were no other action items to add to the list.

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- **Sustainability Awards**

Mr. Alejandro said the awards ceremony is on November 2 late in the afternoon at the County Commission Chambers. Last year, there were 11 award categories and had 31 nominations and gave out 29 awards. That didn't include City Staff awards, so there were close to 50 awards. It was held at the Convention Center the previous year. This year, it is up to the Commission for what to do for the number of categories and how to proceed and who would receive awards.

Chair Beloff recalled that last year they discussed making the awards inclusive and awarded a lot of people with importance in sustainability. The Commission recognized youth, community organizations, and government at city, county and state levels. She suggested using the categories in the plan but realized they would have crossover on some of them. Or they could put those into three categories: quality of life; resource management and infrastructure and start grouping those categories into this framework. Mr. Alejandro said last year, they reached a lot of different entities. It is however the Commission wants to

combine them.

Commissioner Hirsch noted that with lots of awards, those people who were awarded came and brought their friends so there was good attendance. It was a little overwhelming, though. Maybe five categories that incorporate the triple bottom line would be best.

Mr. Alejandro recalled they received self-nominations as well as nominations of others. Either way works. All Commissioners need to reach out to the community.

Mr. Roffman proposed an article on the award categories.

Chair Beloff agreed and put that as an action item.

Commissioner Griego-Kiel suggested having an article on nominees and an article on the winners.

Mr. Roffman didn't think he could get an article in before the event but said he could just announce that nominations are being taken for the awards. He could provide winners' names for the November issue if that was determined by mid-October.

Mr. Alejandro agreed to reserve the facility.

Commissioner Griego-Kiel offered to write the 50-word article for Mr. Roffman. She apologized that she could not be present on November 2 for the ceremony.

Chair Beloff wanted a few people on a steering committee to look at all the documents created last time and replicate them, depending on how we run the categories. Last year we had a scoring system for evaluating the applications. The steering committee would come up with that system.

Commissioner Ciano volunteered to be on the steering committee and Ms. Schruben also volunteered.

Chair Beloff asked Mr. Alejandro to send the materials from last year to Ms. Schruben, Commissioner Griego-Kiel and Commissioner Ciano. They agreed to meet on Monday afternoon at the Railyard.

1. 25-YEAR SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Ms. Schruben asked if Chair Beloff wanted other people to help write what was still missing.

Mr. Alejandro said there is a lot of missing content. Staff took the recommendations from January and put them in the drop box after reorganizing them like the Longmont plan was laid out. It showed the gaps in goals, metrics, etc. They did their best to infill that missing content and added more policies and programs that are in existing city plans. Then they added the questions like where did this information come from because they were not familiar with it and who came up with the specific goals. They were not all marked. They were only concerned about content right now, not format or grammar.

Chair Beloff saw no comments on any of it. Mr. Alejandro asked them to put comments at the end of each section. There will be lots of comments and needed to maintain version control.

Mr. Alejandro commented that the City Manager is concerned with all the Staff time being put into it. Chair Beloff said at the end of the second draft, it would go to the Brendle Group for final editing. Mr. Alejandro said once it is together, He and Ms. Sutton will put it all together. Everyone is using the same template from the working groups. He put the Longmont plan in the drop box so the members could see how it was organized. He will use that same formatting when submitting it to the Brendle Group. Then he and Ms. Sutton and Chair Beloff will format it.

Chair Beloff said she and Commissioner Holian and Commissioner Hirsch will be the editorial group and will pick a date pretty soon along with Mr. Alejandro and Ms. Sutton once all comments are in. We should add the four new commissioners too.

Mr. Alejandro clarified that it is not our intent to rehash or renegotiate what is in the content but the Commissioners could put comments in the Drop Box in case something is incorrect or missing. The second comprehensive draft must go to Brendle at least by October 20.

Chair Beloff said that was why she had suggested two meetings per month with Staff to be really productive.

The subcommittee set October 3 from 1:00 - 5:00 for their meeting.

Mr. Alejandro said the City Manager wants to review the final document. We've always done that with City Manager and the Mayor.

Chair Beloff agreed and suggested that the Commission might invite all mayoral candidates to a meeting to talk about sustainability issues very soon after the plan is completed. Mid-December would be the earliest possible time.

Ms. Schruben said Public Banking and Long-Range Planning are also upcoming presentations.

Chair Beloff asked that Mr. Alejandro request at least a brief presentation of the Plan at a Council meeting and a briefing for the candidates would be good, perhaps as a public forum.

The Commission discussed how to provide it and get people to attend.

Mr. Alejandro said the Governing Body understands about sustainability and how the environment directly relates to what they can get done and what the tangible benefits would be to save money, improve health and well-being. For the CIP it is to manage stormwater better and save costs.

Chair Beloff recommended giving questions to the Sierra Club to ask mayoral and council candidates. That is an action item. She asked if that should be at the December meeting. The schedule has December 20 for the next meeting but they might want to move it up a week. But December 13 is the date for the December Governing Board meeting. She suggested 2-4 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Ms. Schruben suggested December 12 from 2-5 p.m.

Mr. Alejandro agreed to talk with the City Manager and City Clerk to see what the protocol is.

Chair Beloff recommended they have an open meeting either on December 12 or December 14 to discuss the finalized plan and the members of the Governing Body and Council candidates would be invited as well as the public.

H. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR

Commissioner Holian mentioned an interesting article about a deadline for fixing the carbon issue. Daniel Rothman at MIT looked at extinctions over past years. Five major mass extinctions and dozens of smaller ones have occurred when the carbon cycle is disrupted over a short time. At the rate we are going, enough gigatons of carbon will go into the ocean by 2100 to trigger that disturbance. So we have about 73 years to fix it. That is our deadline and 90% of all species could become extinct by then.

Mr. Mang said that in Halcken's book, Drawdown, to reverse that in the ocean is a good way to lift it up. He opens the way that we can still do something. We can actual draw down carbon and create conditions for the ocean and other things.

Chair Beloff said that's why we need the partnership with Jim Blackburn on carbon sequestration. She recommended everyone get that book by Paul Hawken called "Drawdown."

Chair Beloff commented that she has been alarmed with PED to strike from the science curriculum anything about climate change, evolution, and age of the earth. So she drafted a letter to the editor and would love to have the Commission send the letter. The PED decision is in the paper today about watering down the science curriculum. A hearing on it will be on October 16 at 9 a.m. at Mabry Hall, 300 Don Gaspar.

Mr. Alejandro encouraged everyone to attend.

Chair Beloff suggested letters to oppose this decision. Comments can be received until October 16.

I. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

There were no items from the Commission.

J. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

There were no items from Staff.

K. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

An unidentified man in the audience asked about sustainable resources to be in the Plan. He suggested a person involved in sustainable architecture whom Chair Beloff said she would reach out to.

L. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

The Commission with a full slate of members will consider the draft of the Plan.

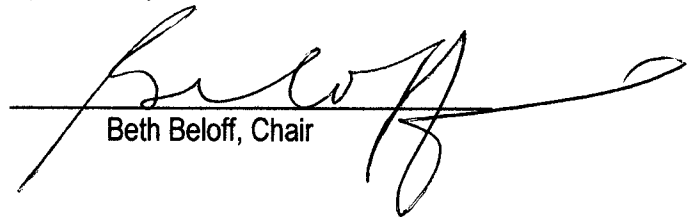
Mr. Mang apologized that he could not be present for the October meeting.

Chair Beloff invited him to join by phone.

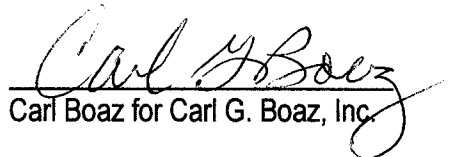
M. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Approved by:


Beth Beloff, Chair

Submitted by:


Carl Boaz for Carl G. Boaz, Inc.