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March 21, 2018, 3:30 p.m.

Councilors' Conference Room, First Floor, City Hall (200 Lincoln Ave.)

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SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION
Councilors' Conference Room
City Hall
200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 3:30 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Sustainable Santa Fe Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Beth Beloff at 3:30 pm. Roll call established a quorum was present for acting on the business of the Commission.

B. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Beth R. Beloff, Chair
Kathleen S. Holian, Vice-Chair
Tejinder Ciano
Kimberly Griego-Kiel
Bob Mang
Dan Pava
Mary Schruben

Not Present/Excused:

Robb Young Hirsch, Co-Chair [excused]
Luke Spangenburg [excused]

Others Present:

Alan Webber, Mayor
Carol Romero-Wirth, City Councilor
Claudia Borchert, Santa Fe County Sustainability Manager
Seth Roffman, Green Fire Times
Katie Parra, Outreach Coordinator, Environmental Services
Glenn Schiffbauer Executive Director, Santa Fe Green Chamber of Commerce
Christine Chávez, Manager, Water Conservation Office
Karen Gross, Senior Water Conservation Specialist, Water Conservation Office
Lynn Morgensen, Public Citizen
Dan Klein, Energy and Environmental consultant
Jan Baez, Education and Outreach for Santa Fe Solid Waste Management
Carl Boaz, Stenographer

Staff Present:

Shirlene Sitton

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Revised Agenda Order)

Chair Beloff recommended discussion of the Plan and Communication from Floor be heard before Approval of Minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Beloff moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Schruben seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

C. INTRODUCTION OF MAYOR ALAN WEBBER

Chair Beloff introduced Mayor Webber and City Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth.

Introductions were made by Commission members, staff and visitors.

Councilor Romero-Wirth said she was happy to be present and excited to learn the status of things.

Mayor Webber was glad to be present as well. He indicated he had seen many of them at forums, etc. and has talked frequently about what he wants for Santa Fe. He noted his three priorities:

1 – For Santa Fe to be user friendly; easy to work with to get things done and easy to get the work accomplished.

2 -Eco-friendly and for Santa Fe to be the most sustainable City in America for moral and quality of life. He feels Santa Fe is in a position to be a model for the rest of the country. As Mayor he intends that to be a goal and will pull the pieces together of those already working on that goal to make sure their goals are aligned.

3- To be family friendly, which fits with the other two goals and to make Santa Fe a great city to live and work in with the quality of life that is unmatched. A place where people can raise their family, have a solar powered home with recycled water that is well managed and locally produced food and waste that is recycled.

He thought the work being done by the Commission was great and his goal is to drive their work and align it and produce more results.

D. INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY COUNCILORS

Councilor Romero-Wirth was happy to be present and anxious to hear the status of the plan.

I. DISCUSSION (Amended Agenda Order)

1. 25-Year Sustainability Plan

Chair Beloff noted the PowerPoint presentation would not be presented but was provided to give an update of the sustainability planning effort and the Sustainability Plan.

Chair Beloff reviewed the presentation. She started with the history of the Sustainability Plan and Resolution 2015-57 directing City Staff to work with the Commission and advise the Governing Body on; improving the city environment and quality of life and encourage economic growth and to ensure long-term sustainability. In addition, they were to develop a 25-Year Sustainability Plan to achieve their sustainability goals and meet the City's goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2040.

The Commission was established in the fall of 2015 and working groups were established in 2016 and recommended strategies and actions. The development of the Sustainability Plan framework was rolled out last spring and four community conversations were held in four different districts. Most of the feedback received was put on an interactive web site.

The Plan was being written while the community conversations were being conducted and with \$50k from City Council the Commission hired the Brendle Group to guide them in organizing the Plan. The packet provides a Table of Contents that reflects the organization of the Plan.

The Plan was about 85% complete in November 2016 when the grant expired to extend Brendle's work. The grant was created from the Sustainability Fund at the Santa Fe Community Foundation.

Ms. Sitton volunteered to help organize City Staff and obtained another contract to finish the Plan. The RFQ had one submittal – the Brendle Group. Brendle will start again in March and expects to complete the Plan by the end of June. They will assess over 100 strategies to find which would make the most impact and support broad sustainability, find the most cost-effective carbon solutions and financing mechanisms and evaluate a timeline for short, mid and long-term strategies.

Brendle will finalize each strategy to determine performance metrics for each strategy to meet their goals and will review and edit the draft plan in one voice.

The Plan uses the Longmont, CO Plan model will be finalized for publication and be user-friendly and matrices that are graphical. The Commission plans to present the Mayor and the Governing Body the Plan as early as June. The current summary given to everyone will be refined.

Planning objectives were threefold: 1. Reduce climate impacts through greenhouse gas reductions.
2. Improve economic vitality through infrastructure development and other drivers related to sustainability.
3. Enhance quality of life through embedding social equity and access.

There are five elements to the planning approach: 1) lead by example, 2) use a regional approach - recognizing the need to work with the County, 3) leveraging existing efforts such as Santa Fe's Water Conservation work, recycling, zero waste and the Verde Fund, and the best practices from cities around the world and 4) Community Engagement – with working groups and community and staff expertise.

Mayor Webber suggested major employers and institutions be added. He explained he met with a leader from Christus St. Vincent's and discussed water use and solarization of the hospital operation.

Mayor Webber indicated there are huge opportunities with organizations that have those plans as well as including what the SFAUD campus is planning now.

Chair Beloff agreed that should be included and noted that would make Santa Fe more attractive for employers outside of New Mexico.

Mayor Webber stated if Santa Fe gets there first they would look especially good to future-oriented enterprises.

Chair Beloff continued with #5) Integrated planning and wholistic recommendations that look across departments for problem solving.

The triple bottom line slide shows a break-out of goals and sub-sets. There are overlaps and they encourage looking for commonalities, e.g. energy/water/food nexus; transportation and urban planning, etc.

A working group structure was created, and every working group looked at other groups on how their strategies might relate. The plan was then organized moving from vision, mission and goals to the planning pathways.

The results of the triple bottom line assessment look at every strategy and weighs its impact.

The Plan elements again had over 100 strategies that have been simplified and there are preliminary priority strategies. A living plan is being discussed that can be an ongoing process and part of that is to create a sustainability organization to oversee and drive the implementation of the plan and revisions, perform metrics/monitoring, status checks, communications and reporting, website development, outreach programs and community conversation and engagement.

The last slide includes a suggestion to create a sustainability team to implement the Sustainability Plan and coordinate a Sustainability Council. That could be in Public Utilities, and Ms. Sitton as head of Environmental Services and our sustainability champion is building her staff to include sustainability people.

Ms. Sitton added this has historically been funded out of Utilities.

There are others who can be engaged, and a sustainability council would have to be resourced. Collaboration with Santa Fe County has been discussed and Ms. Borchert has been driving this from the County side. The packet includes ideas on how to better collaborate.

Building a sustainability coalition, they recognize would require changes at the State level and there will likely be a political system. There are changes to the PUA that is necessary and working with the PRC to encourage things like community choice aggregation etc. that allow the City to implement renewable energy on a wider scale.

Building a coalition between cities and counties that want to be more sustainable will be required and work through existing or new coalitions to advocate and set up for change.

A subset under coalition is education and if a consortium of institutions of higher learning could be created with the national labs and organizations like SFI that focus on sustainability technologies and classes to support sustainability education, that would also help the City move toward more sustainability.

Lastly, the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission would probably need a resolution and someone to bring that forward to support implementation and moving forward to achieving their goals.

Councilor Romero-Wirth commented that the plan appeared very ambitious.

Chair Beloff agreed. She added that to be 100% carbon neutral by 2040 is also and is not achievable without sequestration. She explained environmental attorney Jim Blackburn, a professor at Rice University would come with six students to do their practicum.

Mr. Blackburn and company will work with the Commission on how to make carbon neutrality work. They will test their ideas being developed in Texas on carbon trading to see if they can be expanded to New Mexico. They have backing from some industries in Texas who want to offset their carbon emissions.

Councilor Romero-Wirth asked if the plan would be ready to go when it comes forward in June and the timeframe for the short-term, mid-term and long-term goals and if there were specifics the City could move forward with, etc.

Chair Beloff explained the immediate strategies were within the next two years and most have been funded or could move forward with a small amount of money. Mid-term is 2-5 years and they could begin laying the foundation for those. The long-term is five years out and would change over time and the focus is really on near and mid-term and what could be done immediately.

Commissioner Mang added this is a blueprint for the potential of what Santa Fe could become. It is a set of opportunities for development and becoming more environmentally sound and bringing social equity.

Mayor Webber thought the important pre-work was the structure, people and processes. Putting those together and having them aligned makes the programs and policies easier to identify where they would be and who would be in charge and where things fit together.

Commissioner Schruben said to follow up, she would propose the design process for SFAUD be a public event rather than by invitation only. Then everyone could attend and contribute their expertise to the evaluation of the designs. She has heard that some are very good.

Mayor Webber said he saw two designs that were halfway there. He was not aware of the eco-district concept (ecodistrict.org) that looks at the economic advantages of creating economic-district infrastructure investments that set the ground for development.

Regarding the public engagement, he was told there will be two meetings with 100 people and a third meeting that would be like a marketplace for everyone.

Commissioner Schruben noted that the Santa Fe community is engaged and wants to participate.

Mayor Webber said another way to think about the process is that what they are doing now is market research; not planning. What will come out of it is capacious design guidelines rather than a land use plan. He agreed this is an opportunity staring them in the face and it touches on all the things mentioned.

Commissioner Pava commented there are many different archetypes that they can choose from that could still be unique and public input is important for the process for buy in.

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Sitton asked to comment while the Mayor was still present because if he was going to be in the U.S. Conference of Mayors, she is on the steering committee of the Municipal Waste Management for the Conference.

She explained last year the committee introduced an electronics product stewardship resolution that speaks to an immediate strategy in the Plan and the Mayor of Los Angeles sponsored the resolution. He made changes that changed the nature of the resolution and the committee will reintroduce the resolution this year. They are looking for sponsors.

Citizens expect the City to handle more toxic waste and recycle everything. Product stewardship puts the responsibility back on manufacturers, retailers and partners to redesign the product, or take their product back at the end of its life. Many states have product stewardship resolutions.

She was a founding member of the Texas Product Stewardship Council which got two laws passed related to electronics. She hopes to do that in New Mexico.

Ms. Sitton said she would follow up with the Mayor later to see if he is interested.

Mayor Webber said he would be happy to sponsor the Boston event in June.

Mayor Webber had to leave the meeting at this time.

Ms. Sitton said the Sustainability Awards were in and were made of handmade recycled and repurposed glass. She passed around an award and offered to set up a contract with the maker of the award if the Commissioners liked them.

Mr. Doug Pushard with the Water Conservation Committee said he is a co-organizer of the Next Generation Water Summit. He has previously asked that the Santa Fe Water Conservation Committee be included in this process because they have decades of water management from around the country, not just in New Mexico.

It is now March and the City Councilors have not yet engaged them in the process. The committee has 20 or 30 ideas and are now asking again at the end when there are already ideas that have been put in place. He encouraged the Commission to use not just the Water Conservation Committee but other committees in the City. There are a lot of dedicated citizens as well as professionals that want to be engaged in the process and to date they have not been.

Mr. Pushard thought there could be a problem moving forward for approval if a committee voted against this, because it would be hard to get City Council approval. He encouraged the Commission to get back to the process of how the City operates and it would help them get through the City process.

Chair Beloff replied they would look at how they could better late than never, engage the Water Conservation Committee. She asked if Mr. Pushard was the contact person.

Mr. Pushard said Christine Chavez is the contact person and new chair.

Ms. Sitton noted she had included the draft timelines with several committees and the procurement process took longer than expected and was why she excluded the committees.

Chair Beloff said they could not start the planning process over but could get that piece reviewed because Brendle would be looking at the document.

Ms. Sitton said that Andrew Erdman had also been looking at the document and it things could still be changed, and those things could be considered.

Mr. Pushard said he would assume they have projections of where they should be in 20 years from a carbon perspective because water is 20% of their carbon footprint.

Ms. Sitton replied that Brendle had been working on part of the carbon calculations.

Commissioner Pava asked if Mr. Pushard had an opportunity to attend any of the workshops as the process was developing.

Mr. Pushard replied he unfortunately set his travel schedule around the Water Conservation Committee. That is the committee that advises the City Council on water policies and is the committee everything is supposed run through; not for their ten members to go to other committees. His schedule did not allow him to attend but he had requested a copy that he never received.

Commissioner Pava noted the process had been very legitimate. He said Mr. Pushard's concerns were well-founded, but he was feeling antagonism and some threats.

Mr. Pushard responded that there had been no threats. He offered to provide the resolution for the Water Conservation Committee which was founded to advise City Council 20 years ago on water policy issues. They have recruited good people in the City and County.

He was bothered when they bypass the process. The committee puts in about 40 hours per month in volunteer work and he had requested 5 months ago a copy of the report and it was never received.

Commissioner Pava said he has sat on the Planning Commission and other committees and in his experience City staff has been very responsive. He added for the record that the Commission had done a thorough public involvement process and in deference to City procedures, it is incumbent on various committees and boards to get involved.

Commissioner Pava said he was happy that Mr. Pushard was present now and he was looking forward to the value-added information he, with the combined experience of others in Water, and any other specific special interests of importance had for the Sustainability Plan.

Commissioner Pava reiterated that Chair Beloff and staff had done an incredible job.

Chair Beloff thanked Commissioner Pava. She added that Mr. Pushard's concern is noted and they could determine with the consultant how to engage him in the process. They are creating a framework that would never be complete and they need to find a way to incorporate the expertise that has not been tapped.

Action Item – Chair Beloff wants to look at how the Water Conservation's input could be incorporated before completion of the Plan.

Ms. Borchert invited everyone to participate on April 28 in their first Fix-it Clinic at the Make Santa Fe Space from 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. They need people who are handy in various areas to be fix-it coaches in addition to people who come with their broken blender or bicycle or a sweater that needs a seam sewn, etc.

Mr. Glenn Schiffbauer mentioned the second Next Generation Water Summit would be on April 29 & 30th and May 1st at the Convention Center. There are 40 speakers and the Keynote will be delivered by Senator Tom Udall and State Senator Peter Wirth and Jonathan Overpeck, a Nobel prize-winning researcher/speaker on climate change.

They are trying to fill booths and get sponsorships and get the word out. The Mayor mentioned on the radio that Santa Fe is one of the top water conservation cities in the U.S. and people want to know what Santa Fe is doing because of that.

Mr. Schiffbauer hoped some of the technologies could be adopted and people would leave with the knowledge of how they could do the same in their communities. There were about 120 attendees 10 different states last year and they hope to exceed that this year. And there are upcoming classes at the SFCC on water audits among other things.

Ms. Chavez added the classes are on green water, green water harvesting, and commercial water audit training.

Unidentified said an article was in the Santa Fe Reporter on work with China and how that impacts them locally. The County and Solid Waste management is working to coordinate communications with

constituents and customers about what is going on in other places that affects them locally.

Also, on the Plan, it has come up a couple of times about community participation. She wanted to advocate for stronger language about how the community has participated in the Sustainability Plan from the past and will do so in the future. She hoped to see if there could be some engagement before the Plan is officially adopted to create buy-in.

Chair Beloff replied those could be action items.

Action Item - consider community engagement more strongly.

Ms. Chavez re-emphasized that the Water Conservation Office would help in any way to move the Plan forward. She noted City Staff had not had an opportunity to review the draft and offer comments and the Water Conservation Office had so much to offer. They work in subcommittees frequently and could probably produce edits and feedback quickly and she would help in any way.

Chair Beloff thought, although she would defer to Ms. Sitton, that Ms. Chavez could receive a copy of the draft sent to potential consultants and highlight areas where there was substantive input. That feedback could be shared with the caveat that this is "*a train that is moving*" if Ms. Chavez could quickly get that back to the Commission.

Ms. Chavez said staff is excited to be a part and there are many people that want to be part of this and other committees as previously mentioned that want to be also. She thought it would help the process to incorporate as much as they could, although it would be hard to get everyone's input and stay within the timeframe.

Chair Beloff added an action item for Ms. Sitton:

Action Item – Ms. Sitton should ensure the Water Conservation Committee receives a copy.

Ms. Sitton agreed and indicated the intent with Brendle is to work more with the City staff that may or may not have had input thus far.

Chair Beloff said it was worth sharing the RFQ draft if there was the understanding it is not one voice and the analytic piece had not been completed.

Commissioner Ciano asked if there was a theme because they heard from two different organizations. He wondered if there would be more.

Ms. Sitton explained when she suggested writing the draft that is what they did, and key City Staff had input. Andrew was involved, and she assumed Ms. Chavez was as well, however, she understood Staff felt as experts they were not consulted enough.

Her plan in the approach with Brendle is to ensure each of the strategies are reviewed and understood by Staff and that they have Staff's input.

Chair Beloff stated when forming the working groups, they met with Brendle and looked for gaps. The process was designed to have critical staff engaged with the working groups. She thought that was done through John Alejandro and they can correct that, it is not too late.

Chair Beloff noted that in establishing and designing a Sustainable Council they must have the right people, and these are places they should have. They need to reach into the appropriate committees.

Commissioner Mang suggested when the report comes out it should be in the context that this is a living document and the framework to build from and part of the implementation is they want input from everyone who works on something related. He suggested looking at this from an evolutionary perspective rather than something that would not change.

Ms. Sitton added that part of the process is also referencing other plans. The Sustainability Plan is not to usurp any other plan and should be a supplement. Staff has tried to identify existing or future plans such as the Watershed Plan, and this Plan should be supplementary and complementary to the main plan.

Chair Beloff commented that expertise could be drawn from other resources also and be expanded as well. This will never be the final plan, but a living process and a process that is not exclusionary.

Commissioner Pava said he is hearing this Plan is like the City's General Plan. It is an overarching document to tie off and not greatly detailed but specific enough to empower and employ and associate with the other plans that are closer to implementation, such as water or air quality, etc.

In a comprehensive or general city plan there are all kinds of plans. He sees the Sustainability Plan as finally putting it all together. He thought it would only facilitate to improve what the Commission has been trying to do and they could work together on that.

Commissioner Pava added, he did not mean to imply something nefarious was going on.

Mr. Pushard asked to make a final comment about the importance of the Plan. He mentioned measurements and targets because the Water Office needs overarching guidance. They do not measure the carbon footprint, although they might want to start that if they are trying to get to carbon neutral.

That area must link because if the link is missing they have a great carbon plan, but it would be unsuccessful. And they do want to make it successful.

Chair Beloff noted his point about the carbon footprint of water was well taken, but she was not sure they have done the calculation and that was something with Brendle, could be fixed. She appreciated his comment.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 28, 2018

MOTION: Commissioner Pava moved to approve the minutes of February 28, 2018 as presented. Commissioner Griego-Kiel seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

H. ACTION ITEMS REPORT

Chair Beloff reviewed the Action Report:

- Seth and John will continue to work on deliverables at Green Fire Times.
- John will close the loop on Lisa Randall's Sustainable Education Plan and plan a briefing for the Commission.
- Kathy will send updates on the field trip to the ranch.
- Jim Blackburn will come April 13 and 14th and probably spend time at the City on Saturday (14th).

Commissioner Holian confirmed through a show of hands that Commissioners wanted to visit the ranch in the morning. She offered to shuttle people from the Glorieta Baptist Church to her place. Action Item - **Kathy will confirm date and time and provide instructions (April 14th at 10:00 a.m.)**

- They will hold off on future speakers until the Plan is completed.
- The Commission should plan a public meeting after City Council accepts the Plan.

Chair Beloff said it was suggested the Plan go through the three committees with City Councilors for review and she thought that would take them through June.

Ms. Sitton thought the Plan would not be *passed* in June but was aiming just to present the Plan in June.

Commissioner Schruben pointed out June through August was packed, and some people would be gone, and they should consider September, so they have plenty of time.

Chair Beloff agreed, because it also takes time to get in shape for the community outreach.

Ms. Sitton explained they were operating on a timeline set a few months ago and the contract with Brendle will end July 31st and the funding and path has to be identified. Brendle had facilitated the public meetings.

She suggested an action item could be to direct her to work on that because it was not part of Brendle's contract.

Commissioner Schruben said Brendle did not facilitate the public meetings.

Ms. Sitton explained they facilitated the Staff meetings. She asked the Commission to consider the concept of the living plan and a manual update, etc.

Chair Beloff said because of their expertise Brendle would be great to help with the roll out. She would ask how to handle a roll out and a product time frame; how it could be financed and who would be involved and if Brendle would participate. They could discuss that at the next meeting.

Ms. Sitton said that would be too soon. They are waiting on a lot of direction and Staff would offer ideas for structure but hoped to get the plan in a final form and then provided direction going forward.

Chair Beloff replied that could be a topic for a future meeting and they would plan roll out in early fall, ideally September.

Commissioner Ciano thought if being a living document is paramount they should have the document done to have a new life.

Chair Beloff explained a past issue was they had to scrape to get resources for the four community conversations and had to work hard to get foundation support at the 11th hour. Some milestones set had a lot to do with how the Governing Body views resourcing the Commission's work and that of the sustainability team and sustainability council and if there are resources available for fundamentals to make a living plan work.

She said it is more complicated than just setting a milestone, even though she believes there should be a target for a public rollout. How they get there is part of the larger organization and resources question that needs to be resolved.

Commissioner Ciano suggested there could be more support potentially if they had something more solid to offer for feedback. They need to be creative but also need buy-in from places that may have the roots.

Chair Beloff agreed. The document talks about outreach and conversations and they could build in milestones on how they want to do this.

Ms. Sitton added that the consultant would assist with that and is within their scope to help answer these questions.

Chair Beloff said they would bring back a timeline and milestones in more detail and how they want to roll them out. She invited Commissioner Ciano to serve on the subcommittee.

She asked members to send Seth Roffman suggestions for board members for Green Fire Times.

She asked if there was an update on the Mid-Town Campus evaluation dates.

Commissioner Schruben indicated she sent an email asking that Commission members be on the invitee list for one of the three sessions. She noted the Mayor's new information that Sunday April 15th

would likely be an open session.

She urged Commissioners to attend, especially if they have contacts with people who would be interested in doing evaluations of the presentations of the five groups selected. The groups will provide design and functional components of buildings, trees, etc. That will be part of the final report on the SFUAD. Action Item - **Chair Beloff will follow up with Matt to see how the Commission could be engaged.**

Chair Beloff explained that they had addressed Jim Blackburn. He and his students will come in April. His students have asked for a task that is meaningful around carbon neutrality that would not interfere with the consultant's work. The students are very knowledgeable about carbon tax policy, carbon trading and some carbon sequestration and volunteered to review the strategies for anything that might be missing.

Commissioner Schruben noted on the second bullet - the Tree Board is still working with the GIS Office to integrate the tree data into the geocortex.

She thought the LIDER data had not been calculated and there is a lot of data, but it has not been uploaded from the last two years of inventories. She suggested an activity for the students could be to meet with the Geocortex people to see if that is structured correctly.

Chair Beloff suggested following up on that. Also, they have talked about the Quivira coalition and it would be great to have a farming entity to address issues.

Commissioner Holian agreed, thing such as responsible grazing, etc.

Chair Beloff asked for suggestions on who the team should talk to about sustainability design around carbon neutrality. She thought the Water Conservation Committee could meet with Mr. Blackburn and the students.

Commissioner Ciano said he would be happy to. The Committee does most of that as far as carbon sequestration, etc.

Chair Beloff indicated she would include Commissioner Ciano in the set up for the day. She asked if there should be a posted Commission meeting in the morning of the 13th so the students could meet the Commissioners.

Action Item - Mr. Alejandro should post a morning meeting on Friday, April 13th around 9 a.m. and for April 14th at the ranch.

Commissioner Holian confirmed she should invite people from Quivira to the meeting on the 13th of April.

Chair Beloff offered to work on the arrangements for the meeting on the 13th of April.

Commissioner Ciano excused himself from the meeting at 5:22 p.m. but added that if anyone wanted to tour the Verde Fund, they should email Beth and she would coordinate a tour.

Commissioner Mang suggested Matt Brown be invited to the Commission meeting or have a separate meeting with Mr. Blackburn. Mr. Blackburn's proposal on carbon trading/carbon sequestration has great potential for Santa Fe and relates to the urban forest and the Quivira Coalition and is an opportunity for new development around economic development.

Chair Beloff agreed to contact Mr. Brown in addition to talking about Midtown and ask him to set aside time, as well.

Ms. Borchert indicated she was scheduled for strategic planning on the two days and could not come.

Chair Beloff thought when talking about farm and ranchland that is in the County it would make sense for someone from Ms. Borchert's team to join the Quivira Coalition.

Action Item – Mr. Alejandro should ensure that Ms. Borchert and the County is aware of all Sustainability Commission meetings.

Chair Beloff offered to inform them of the schedule via email.

She reiterated she would like the Blackburn group to meet with the Commission, Mr. Brown, Quivira, Water Conservation, the County and possibly independently on carbon footprint and carbon trading.

Ms. Chavez asked to be excused at 5:27 p.m.

I. DISCUSSION (continued)

2. DISCUSSION: Organizational Structure Sub-committee

Chair Beloff suggested they discuss how to address building of the sustainability team and connecting with the County, coalition building and changing the Commission by resolution in the packet at the next meeting.

3. DISCUSSION: Rice University Project

Previously heard information.

J. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR & CO-CHAIR

There were no other items from the Chair and Co-Chair.

K. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

There was nothing further.

L. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There was nothing further.

M. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Previously discussed.

N. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA -

The agenda will include a debriefing on the Blackburn visit and an update for the Sustainability Plan.

Commissioner Mang stated he was not sure the best time to present to the Commission the Public Bank Task Force final report. One of the recommendations is related to creating community financing for the 2040 carbon neutral. The report will be presented the end of April to City Council.

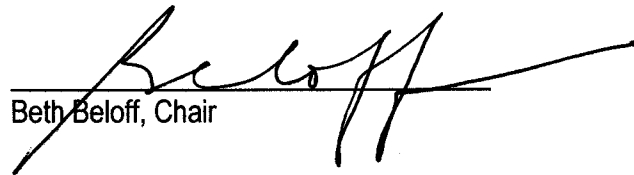
Chair Beloff will put the report on the next meeting's agenda and it could move to the following month.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Schruben moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Mang seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

NEXT MEETING: April 18, 2018

Approved by:


Beth Beloff, Chair

Submitted by:


Carl Boaz for Carl G. Boaz, Inc.