



# Agenda

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## SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION

Tuesday, January 18, 2011  
City Councilors' Conference Room  
200 Lincoln Avenue  
Santa Fe, NM  
2:45 to 4:45 p.m.

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- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
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  - 3. Ecological Adaptation (L. Pape)
  - 4. Green Building Codes (K. Shanahan)
  - 5. Education (B. Sopoci-Belknap or C. Bustamante)
  - 6. Energy ()
  - 7. Water (C. Pavel)
  - 8. Transportation (T. Rogers)
  - 9. Economic Facilitation (J. Sehee)
- I. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR
- J. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION INCLUDING YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
- K. ADJOURNMENT

**Next Meeting: – February 15, 2011**

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**MINUTES OF THE**  
**CITY OF SANTA FE**  
**SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION**  
**January 18, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the City of Santa Fe Sustainable Santa Fe Commission was called to order by Camilla Bustamante Chair at 3:04 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Camilla Bustamante, Chair  
Louise Pape, Vice Chair  
Tim Rogers  
Joe Sehee  
Kim Shanahan  
Bianca Sopoci-Belknap

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Robert Haspel, excused  
1 vacancy

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Regina Wheeler, City of Santa Fe Solid Waste Division Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Donald Hatton  
Kay Hatton  
Janeane Harwell  
Jenny London  
Seth Roffman, *Green Fire Times*  
Eero Ruuttila  
D.H. Strongheart, student, Santa Fe Community College  
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Commissioner Shanahan moved to approve the agenda as published. Commissioner Sehee seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.**

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 14, 2010

Commissioner Pape made the following changes to the Minutes of the December 14, 2010 meeting:

Page 1, Camilla Bustamante was **excused**.

Page 1, Bert Damon was changed to: **Burke Denman, Green General Contractor**

Page 5, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence was changed to read: *“She said they will be able to calculate this ton-per-capita.”*

Page 6, 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence was changed to read: *“Ms. Wheeler said she would like to have a big back yard composters sale.”*

Page 7, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence was changed to read: *“Commissioner Pape said about half of the **elected** republicans are “climate deniers” and...”*

*\*Of note: The Stenographer had to leave the December 14, 2010 meeting to attend another meeting; Commissioner Pape requested that the following statement be added on page 9, 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph:*

*”She said she is not qualified to move forward on this. The topic of how much energy our current water systems require is critical, and we need qualified people to do an official, complete study. We need to reduce, reduce, reduce! With Buckman Diversion increasing our City’s energy usage by 50%, it is the wrong answer to just use renewable energy. We must first reduce water usage! It is dumb to flush with drinking water and to not collect water on site. Energy requirements for water vary, from apparently .6kw/1,000 gallons to 21kw/1,000 gallons. Her “grand conclusion” is that we must reduce water usage because of the large amount of energy required to follow current practices.”*

Page 8, last sentence was changed to read: *“Commissioner Pape said she would really like to analyze the issue of water pressure because **high pressure wastes vast amounts of water.**”*

Commissioner Rogers requested the following statement be added on page 9, under *Transportation*:

*“Commissioner Rogers reported that there will be a Climate Masters class in the spring semester here in Santa Fe that is being organized by the New Mexico Environment Department.”*

**Commissioner Pape moved to approve the Minutes of the December 14, 2010 meeting as amended. Commissioner Rogers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote. (Chair Bustamante abstained from voting having being absent at the December 14, 2010 meeting.)**

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Janeane Harwell said she is new to Santa Fe and has a PhD in Sustainable Development. She was interested in seeing what was going on.

Eero Ruuitilla said he has been an organic farmer for 30 years. He is presently in the process of working with the Dean of the Santa Fe Community College to create a new program on Sustainable Air Culture.

D.H. Strongheart is a student at the Community College. Mr. Strongheart and other colleagues are taking a water harvesting class and have analyzed the Water Conservation section of the Sustainable Santa Fe Plan. The students have completed a final report. Mr. Strongheart requested some time on the agenda at the previous meeting to present the findings; however, this was not on the agenda. Chair Bustamante requested that he send a copy of the report to Commissioner Pape and she will send a copy to the Commissioners.

Jenny London said she is a farmer and is presently working for Earth Care on the food assessment.

Donald Hatton asked if there was any plan to allocate a percentage of the water obtained from the Buckman Diversion Project to sustainable farms around the Rio Grande, which at some future time might enable the population of Santa Fe to survive a major food shortage. He also asked who would be the contact person to ask this question.

Kay Hatton is a retired Geologist and is interested in her husband's ideas for sustainable farming and food transportation in the future. Mr. and Mrs. Hatton are interested in having a large greenhouse near Buckman.

Mr. Roffman distributed the latest issue of the *Green Fire Times* publication. He noted that he is currently developing some issues on food systems of the region. He requested some assistance from the Commission on developing an issue around the Sustainable Santa Fe Plan to inform people on the different areas of the Plan and get the word out. He mentioned that Commissioner Pape did a great introductory article in the current (January) issue.

## **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

### **1. Report on Food Policy Council Activities**

Commissioner Sopoci-Belknap said in terms of local procurement, a proposed resolution went before City Council last week and was expected to pass.

Commissioner Sopoci-Belknap said the Food Policy Council is moving forward gradually on the food assessment and have been collecting some health indicators. She noted that Jenny London has been working with her and Ms. Mortimer and the Food Policy Council in doing the food assessment and in expanding some of the health indicators that they are looking at. She offered to send the Food Assessment out to the Commissioners once it is completed. Commissioner Sopoci-Belknap mentioned that the Food Policy Council will be meeting next week.

### **2. Americorps Cadre Members report of activities**

Commissioner Sopoci-Belknap reported that they will be hosting their first "meals on green" night that is part of the food assessment on Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. This pilot event will be held at the County Jacobo Affordable Housing Project. They hope to open up community conversation and have people participate in focus groups around food security. Commissioner Sopoci-Belknap said they hope to have the survey ready for the event. The survey will be county-wide and will help them get a sense where and how people access their food; where they are shopping; how far people travel to get to grocery stores; food attitudes and behaviors, etc.

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Annual Progress Report for 2010**

Chair Bustamante said this is the Commission's first meeting in 2011 and the Commission should be able to report on each of the Plan Implementation areas on what has been accomplished in 2010. She is hoping as the Commission members review the

following Plan Implementation Task Group Reports, they can articulate on what the Committee will report progress on - with respect to each of the sections.

Ms. Wheeler said the first Annual Report looked more like a working document and was hard to read. She suggested that the Commission consider getting a copy of the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Report to use as a possible template for the Annual Report; possibly focusing on goals, highlights and progress. They could also add a narrative in.

Chair Bustamante explained that the Plan itself is a working document.

Commissioner Sopoci-Belknap said one possibility would be to have subcommittees who would focus on specific work, for example, policy work, etc.

Chair Bustamante suggested that there be a special working group meeting between now and the next Commission meeting where they could focus on the Commissions' activities and what the next steps will be (come to concurrence on what the objectives will be). She asked if Commissioner Sopoci-Belknap would be interested in taking the lead for this group. Commissioner Sopoci-Belknap agreed. Seth Roffman was also asked if he would be interested in participating and he agreed. The public is also invited to participate.

## **PLAN IMPLEMENTATION TASK GROUP REPORTS**

### **1. Solid Waste Reduction**

Ms. Wheeler announced that "Soil Lesions"- a company out of Albuquerque who does really great work with food recycling in the commercial sector - has shut down their construction wood waste recycling program for the lack of a market for the materials and because of difficulties in sorting out contamination.

Ms. Wheeler said she noticed that there are a lot of reference to things in last year's Annual Report that the Commission was hoping to get into the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan – some got in the Plan and some did not. She said this will be good information for the update to this year's Annual Report.

Ms. Wheeler gave an update on the City's "Save a Ton" Campaign which is a campaign to double recycling this coming year. She said that there are lots of things going on with recycling: There is a new person working at the Buckman/Caja del Rio Recycling Center and he has identified 240 tons of material that can be recycled; the City of Santa Fe is recycling Christmas Trees again this year and people are starting to recycle

more; and the City of Santa Fe Solid Waste Division is now using retread tires on the trucks.

## **2. Food Systems**

Commissioner Pape reported that the Santa Fe Community Gardens has been asked to guide and support the Village Sage - which are low-income rental apartments - to have a community garden. She said they would also like some diversity on the Santa Fe Community Gardens Board.

## **3. Ecological Adaptation**

Commissioner Pape referred to a new book entitled "*State of the World 2011*", which indicates that we need local foods; we need empowerment; we need to help farmers learn how to build soil, and to better capture water and how to do multi-cropping, etc. She said it is quite exciting that this level is now recognizing organic farming and greener manure. The book is available at Collective Works.

Chair Bustamante asked how much of the dialog with the work that is being done with the community gardens has to do with local resources and traditional water waste. She said when we look at the amount of food that we would be able to grow locally in Santa Fe County alone, how much dialog is around looking at northern New Mexico; and acknowledging that our food sources/agriculture has always been along the Rio Grande. Our food system is not only in Santa Fe County.

In response, Commissioner Pape said we will need it all, and one is not to exclude the other. For example at one of the projects, they recognized that they could water the entire community garden with captured tank water.

Commissioner Sopoci-Belknap said one of the things they are in conversations with the Rail Yard about is piloting a green garden there. She said this is an educational endeavor and they are talking about things that are supplemental.

Mr. Hatton suggested that they consider involving the gated communities because a lot of them have large lots where they could possibly grow community gardens; but they may have restrictions that prevent them from doing so.

Chair Bustamante questioned how they would communicate these issues in a way that is acceptable and understood; to get people to really look at these issues. She said it is very important to talk about adaptation and what the fiscal elements are for the



community. She said in this day and administration, economics is the bottom line and maybe economics should be a huge element on what the Commission's focus should be.

Mr. Hatton noted that he used to work at the Department of Energy and Minerals and he would be happy to check on what they are doing.

#### **4. Green Building Codes**

Commissioner Shanahan reported that the Green Building Code is moving along; both the Commercial and Historic Green Building Code Groups have basically finished their work and it is going through the City's process for review. He said the one they are looking forward to- is the existing buildings and remodeling code. He noted that they expected to have a public draft by spring 2010 and we are already coming to spring of 2011 and he was not sure there would be one by then.

Commissioner Shanahan explained that they are realizing how hard it is to create a performance-based code for remodeling and they are finding the same thing at the national level - they are wondering whether or not remodeling can be folded into this one big broad green building code. The Green Building Code Work Group met today and discussed the possibility that there be a prescriptive building code for remodeling; and maybe have the remodeling code should be specific to what they know is important for us, which is energy and water. The conclusion is that there would not be a Remodeling Green Building Code anytime soon.

Chair Bustamante asked if there were any incentives and if they are partnering with entities that may be supportive in the development of the Green Building Code.

Commissioner Shanahan said yes, there was an attempt to do that.

#### **5. Education**

Commissioner Sopoci-Belknap said that there were no updates in terms of primary and secondary education. She noted that they are developing the curriculum for the Eco Schools Campaign to take into the schools. They are also working on getting teachers and students educated around the GO Bond process and active in the use of those funds.

Chair Bustamante reminded the Commission that the Tri-County Focus group that emerged from the Estuyantes Verdes group out of Northern New Mexico College will be visiting the recycling facilities to understand what recycling really is and start

illuminating what the market is. She thinks energy efficiency is a huge opportunity for schools to keep their doors open.

Commissioner Sopoci-Belknap noted that Lisa Randall's position (the Energy Conservation position) at the public schools has already paid for itself.

Chair Bustamante mentioned that this is the first year that the Sostenga Program will have funds to hire five interns who will be residential at a place that has not been disclosed as of yet.

Mr. Ruutila said that he is supposed to sign a contract with the Community College later this week to fundraise to get a program going. They are looking at creating a certifiable program for new entry commercial farmers. Presently, there is very little money to fund the program. They are also looking at partnering with the other educational institutions that already exist; and looking at whether or not there are ways to link with them. Mr. Ruutila noted that IAIA also want to have a sustainable agriculture program there. He said he is hoping to have a class next fall related to agriculture.

#### **6. Energy**

No report given.

#### **7. Water**

Commissioner Sopoci-Belknap said the City recently had a meeting on the Water Analysis Report on the 1,000 acre feet of water that is allocated to the river. There were between 80-100 people in attendance. The next meeting is scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Convention Center. They will be compiling input from the public community. Commissioner Sopoci-Belknap said she cannot attend the next meeting. Commissioner Sehee said he would attend the meeting.

Commissioner Pape noted that Commissioner Pavel gave a remarkable speech on water and energy at the December 14<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting and she feels that the Commission needs to raise awareness about the energy requirements for the water that we use and how we develop systems. Commissioner Pape asked if one of the Commissioners could go to the Water Conservation Committee to ask how we can get a formal report on this.

Commissioner Sopoci-Belknap said the students from the Community College (D.H. Strongheart and others) analyzed the Water Conservation section of the Sustainable SF Plan and at the prior Commission meeting, Mr. Strongheart requested some time on

the agenda at this meeting to present the findings, however, it was not on the agenda. Mr. Strongheart noted that one of the findings was that there was no exchange between this Commission and the Water Conservation Committee. Chair Bustamante requested that this be an agenda item for the next meeting.

### **8. Transportation**

Commissioner Rogers reported that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is developing a Bicycle Masters Plan for the Metropolitan area and the public meetings will be February 8<sup>th</sup> and February 12<sup>th</sup>.

He mentioned that the Association for Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals is holding a webinar on bike sharing programs. These are programs where people can rent a bike off a rack. This is a public transit thing and does not necessarily have to be profitable. He noted that Albuquerque has been interested in this in the past.

Chair Bustamante asked the Commission if there was any more thought on the discussion that the Commission had the meeting before last regarding the awkward placements of the bike routes and the concern of bicyclists riding their bikes on the streets. She asked if there is an engineering logic to this.

Commissioner Rogers said yes, there are excellent engineering guidelines (ASHTO) and they are emphasizing that the County and the City embrace the existing guidelines. He said bicyclists have to learn to ride with traffic.

Commissioner Sopoci-Belknap asked if they have done any outreach with the Driver's Education Program.

In response, Commissioner Rogers said yes, there is a lawyer who is working with the Motor Vehicle Department to get them to include more questions on bicycles on the driving test. He said this is new, there is statewide interest and he will ask her if this is actually getting implemented in the educational programs.

Commissioner Rogers said there is also a local advocacy group called "Bike Santa Fe" and they are trying to push legislation through about a 5 foot passing law. This is an awareness type activity in addition to interesting legal implications. However, he did not know if this is realistic because there is not always five feet available.

## **9. Economic Facilitation**

Commissioner Sehee said in looking at the Sustainable SF Plan and the Santa Fe Alliance Social Enterprise Economic Development Report that was provided, it was compelling to him that there was an opportunity to carve out an eco-tourism program. There are no hotels that are green certified, the golf courses or ski resort are not involved with any program. He said there is a lot of eco-tourism in northern New Mexico and Santa Fe should be tied with that.

Commissioner Sehee spoke with Keith Toler, the Executive Director of the CVB, Mr. Simon Brackley of the Chamber of Commerce and Audobon International- a certification firm who has a sustainability program and works with resorts, municipalities and golf courses-about this and he learned that there are conventions that are deciding on destinations based on the amount of green amenities. However, Mr. Toler did not believe that this is the case so Commissioner Sehee is working on providing him evidence otherwise. Commissioner Sehee said he is thinking of organizing a meeting with Keith Toler, Katherine Mortimer, and Simon Brackley about this idea of putting Santa Fe on the map as an eco-tourism destination; or at least having an eco-certification program for hotels and resorts.

Commissioner Pape said there is also the issue of restaurants being green; she suggested that the restaurants be incorporated with this.

Mr. Roffman noted that the State of New Mexico has a major Eco-Tourism Program.

## **10. Other Task Groups**

No report given.

## **ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR**

There were none.

## **ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION INCLUDING YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD**

There were none.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

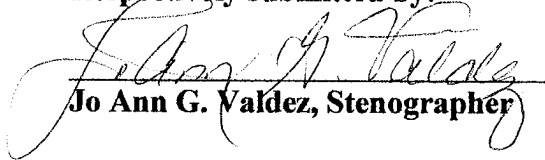
### **Schedule next meeting/ adjournment**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Pape moved to adjourn, second by Commissioner Sehee, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Approved by:

Camilla Bustamante, Chair

Respectively submitted by:

  
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer