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SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION

Tuesday, February 15, 2011
City Councilors' Conference Room
200 Lincoln Avenue
Santa Fe, NM
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

- A. CALL TO ORDER
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 - 2. Food Systems (L. Pape & B. Sopoci-Belknap)
 - 3. Ecological Adaptation (L. Pape)
 - 4. Green Building Codes (K. Shanahan)
 - 5. Education (B. Sopoci-Belknap or C. Bustamante)
 - 6. Energy (Vacant)
 - 7. Water - Special Presentation (D.H. Strongheart)
 - 8. Transportation (T. Rogers)
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- I. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR
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MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION
February 15, 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
Rosa Moreno, excused
1 vacancy

STAFF PRESENT:

Katherine Mortimer, City of Santa Fe
Regina Wheeler, City of Santa Fe Solid Waste Division Director

OTHERS PRESENT:

Gary Clause
Janeane Harwell
Jennie London
Seth Roffman, *Green Fire Times*
Brooke Sanford, National Park Service

D.H. Strongheart, student, Santa Fe Community College
Matthew Young, AmeriCorps Cadre Member
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended: Items G1 and G3 were combined to read: *“Working Session Proposal for Work Plan 2010.”*

Commissioner Pape moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Rogers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 18, 2011

Commissioner Pape made the following changes to the Minutes of the January 18, 2010 meeting:

Page 3, 5th paragraph, last two words were changed to: ***Agriculture***

Page 4, 1st paragraph, last sentence was changed to read: *“Mr. and Mrs. Hatton are interested in having large greenhouses near Buckman because food might be cut off in the future.”*

Page 5, 6th paragraph, 1st sentence was changed to read: *“Ms. Wheeler announced that **“Soilutions”** – a company out of Albuquerque...”*

Page 6, 3rd paragraph, 2nd sentence was changed to read: *“She said it is quite exciting that this level is now recognizing organic farming and **green manures.**”*

Page 6, 6th paragraph, 1st sentence was changed to read: *“Commissioner Sopoci-Belknap said one of the things they are in conversations with the Rail Yard about is piloting a **grain** garden there **with corn and amaranth.**”*

Page 8, 2nd paragraph was changed to read: *“Commissioner Sopoci-Belknap noted that Lisa Randall’s position (the Energy Conservation position) at the public schools has already paid itself **in a few months.**”*

Page 9, 5th paragraph, the acronym (ASHTO) was changed to read: **AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials)**

Commissioner Shanahan moved to approve the Minutes of the January 18, 2011 meeting as amended. Commissioner Sopoci-Belknap seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Janeane Harwell distributed a handout (*Exhibit A*) on the Common Security Club. The Common Security Club is a place where people can come together to increase personal security in a rapidly changing world by:

- Courageously facing the economic and ecological challenges, learning together about root causes.
- Building relationships that strengthen our security and undertaking concrete steps for mutual aid and shared action.
- Rediscovering the abundance of what we have and recognizing the possibility of a better future. Seeing ourselves as a part of a larger effort to create a fair and healthy economy that works for everyone.

In the process, a common security club allows neighbors (co-workers, etc.) to get to know one another, find inspiration, have fun, and strengthen community.

Ms. Harwell referred to page 2 of *Exhibit A* which talks about the “Facilitators Corner” - a section where people can find tools that club facilitators can use to foster vibrant discussion about the issues that matter in their community. People can find resources available to help them come together to start a club and organize facilitator training opportunities. There is also a Facilitator Guide available.

Ms. Harwell noted that there will be an on-line Common Security Club Webinar on February 16th at 3:00 p.m. at <http://commonsecurityclub.org>.

Ms. Harwell requested that the Commission send their thoughts or comments to her at janeane18@yahoo.com.

Chair Bustamante invited Ms. Harwell to look at the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission Plan that is available on line.

Mr. Roffman distributed the latest issue of the *Green Fire Times* publication. He noted that the current issue is around healing arts. The March issue will focus on a mix of sustainability-related issues; and the April issue will be on tourism-focusing on eco-tourism, cultural tourism and creative tourism. Mr. Roffman mentioned that the Governor’s Conference on Tourism is coming up in April.

Mr. Roffman is also developing an issue around sustainable agriculture and regional foods systems. He invited the Commissioners to contribute to the issue.

Mr. Clause said he is interested in seeing what the Commission is doing. He gave a brief history of his background noting that he was a former City Councilor in Silver City.

Mr. Clause mentioned that there is discussion to cut transit services; he feels it is very important for people to ride the bus.

Ms. Brooke Sanford said she is very interested in getting involved. She noted that she works with the National Park Service in the sustainability field.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. Report on Food Policy Council Activities

Ms. Mortimer reported that the Food Policy Council is putting together a similar assessment/progress report on what has been accomplished thus far and what they will focus on next year. An update report will go to City Council on February 23rd. Ms. Mortimer suggested that this Commission do the same (present an update to the City Council).

Ms. Mortimer noted that the Food Policy Council will be having some changes in their membership and they have developed a nomination committee to look at what skills members should have, etc.

2. AmeriCorps Cadre Members report of activities

Mr. Young reported that the AmeriCorps Cadre Members are continuing to work on the Food Assessment as well as some other projects. They are laying the ground work for a new food collaborative and getting the logistics together to have a compost bin sale in April. There will be a meeting to flush out the details, i.e. determine the site and date of the sale, etc.

Mr. Young said that he has gone back to the implementation updates of the Sustainable Plan to see where progress has been made or where there needs to be more action done. In particular, he spoke with Nick Schiavo recently to get an “on the ground” assessment on where city operations stand; where city energy momentum stands and what still needs to be done.

Ms. London gave an update on the Food Assessment noting that they are doing some research and conducting the health and behavior analysis, looking to see where the gaps are in terms of information; then they will try to combine this with the mapping that

the County has already done to try and key in where the low-income communities are and figure out the areas where they will conduct their assessment.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Working Session Proposal for Work Plan for 2011

Commissioner Sopoci-Belknap said at the last meeting, the Commission talked about the format that the Commission wanted to use to report back to the governing body; and the format on how the Commission wants the information to be reflected back to the community; and in that discussion some ideas were raised about moving forward strategically in the next year in terms of policies, procedures and objectives-something more tangible. Commissioner Sopoci-Belknap had some suggestions for both the reporting process and the implementation process. She said this is only a proposal and she would like feedback from the Commission. She noted that Ms. Mortimer attached a sample of a possible template in the Commissioners' packets. Also attached are copies of the Solid Waste Management Agency's report.

Commissioner Sopoci-Belknap said last year there were implementation task groups that were responsible for filling in the information and this happened, to some degree; however, a lot of this fell on Ms. Mortimer's plate. She said the point is, that there are some barriers in having the Commissioners do some of the sections and this is why she is offering another structure. The structure she is suggesting is that everyone would go through the Excel spreadsheet (that Ms. Mortimer e-mailed the Commissioners) and articulate the questions that they cannot answer, or that they need a city staff person to answer. The other thing is to develop a list of questions that could be sent out to community groups that are doing work in the area that the task force is working on-to capture other grassroots' work and hear what their objectives are, and how they helped implement the plan.

Commissioner Sopoci-Belknap said the next phase is to have the report serve the Commission in moving forward in the implementation. She asked the Commissioners to go through the list of the implementation task groups and see what they are working on. She requested that the Commission assess what their role is; who the Commission is; why the Commission exists; and also assess what the community is doing. She said she would be happy to help facilitate some kind of retreat for the Commission.

Commissioner Pape suggested that there be a separate URL link for the Sustainable Santa Fe Plan.

Chair Bustamante agreed that the Commission would benefit from a retreat.

There was consensus to schedule a retreat to develop a strategic plan for the work of the Commission in 2011.

2. Annual Progress Report for 2010 Format

This was discussed above.

PLAN IMPLEMENTATION TASK GROUP REPORTS

1. Solid Waste Reduction

Chair Bustamante reported that there was an email from the New Mexico Recycling Coalition about a request that was made for any information with regards to projects for scavenging, recycling, re-directing of solid waste. She said the Coalition is gathering information with regards to diversion. She said the request at the table is that something be created at the gate of the Landfill that addresses this, and people would have an incentive to do this.

Commissioner Shanahan said that the Commission really has to think about moving forward with diversion ordinances that specifically address construction waste.

Ms. Wheeler noted that the SWMA Plan was adopted last week.

2. Food Systems

Chair Bustamante reported that there are several bills at the Legislature presently with regards to food systems and they could affect our ability to have access to local food.

Ms. Mortimer said the Commission could support or oppose specific legislation. She said the Commission could lobby on behalf of the city.

3. Ecological Adaptation

Commissioner Pape reported that she went to the Semi-Arrad Café and there were a lot of people there and they were very knowledgeable. She suggested to the group that they participate in ecological adaptation. She has been looking at different levels of adaptation plans and they are broader than ecological. She said she is at a point to ask if this is ecological adaptation or if it is adaptation, which is very multi-dimensional.

In response, Chair Bustamante said this would be very good dialog for the retreat.

Chair Bustamante said the Sustainable Agriculture Program at the Santa Fe Community College will be starting soon. She said it might be of interest to this body to

request that they focus and emphasize on dry-land farming. She noted that the Sustainable Agriculture Program is in the development phase.

4. Green Building Codes

Commissioner Shanahan reported that Ms. Mortimer is making changes to the existing Green Building Code. However, they have not been successful in making any revisions to Chapter 14, which is the Development Code – the city has done this without including anything with regards to the Sustainable Santa Fe Plan. He felt that it is time to get people to see the advantages about it – about having energy efficiency buildings.

Commissioner Pape said it would be great that this would be a joint city/county and homebuilders' collaborative. She said it would be a good time to talk about this and for people to see the advantages, given what people experienced with the recent cold weather. She recommended that an article be written about this in *The New Mexican* and the *Green Fire Times*.

Chair Bustamante said there were many elements that people didn't think about and there are a lot of other things that we need to think about.

5. Education

Commissioner Sopoci-Belknap reported that she has started to put together some highlights for the Report.

Chair Bustamante thinks there have been some really wonderful grass roots education opportunities to get the dialog going with our current Governor.

6. Energy

This was briefly discussed above.

7. Water-Special Presentation

Mr. 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. He noted that he sent a copy of their report both to Commissioner Pape and Ms. Mortimer. He presented the findings of their report (*Exhibit B*) as follows:

- **2.1** Work to include the long-term projections of global change-such as those presented by the International Panel on Climate Change – in the strategies for long-range water resource management in Santa Fe.
- **2.2** Examine the political, economic social, nutritional and ecological dimensions of freshwater resources and the possible ways that these interlinking factors could affect the long-term supply of freshwater resources in Santa Fe.
- **2.3** Prepare a plan – clearly differentiated from existing water conservation plans – which provides an in-depth examination of the above two recommendations. Include a clear guide for policy makers regarding how these considerations can inform the development of laws, ordinances and regulations.
- **2.4** Help to create a global network among cities that are vulnerable to climate change in many of the same ways as Santa Fe, as a basis to share best practices, effective innovations and lessons learned.
- **2.5** Increase multi-stakeholder collaboration between the water conservation efforts at the municipal level and experts at the state, federal and international level, including national and international NGOs.
- **2.6** Increase collaboration and information sharing between the Santa Fe Water Conservation Committee, the Santa Fe Water Conservation Office and the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission and elect a member of the Water Conservation Committee to attend the meetings of the Santa Fe Commission.
- **2.7** Emphasize water conservation leadership in business, industrial and municipal operations, with particular emphasis on the latter. Report municipal water consumption as a separate sector in future Annual Water Reports.
- **2.8** Focus public outreach and education efforts on public sphere initiatives, and examine ways that water conservation can be infused into the cultural identity and cultural heritage of Santa Fe and its citizens. Water conservation strategies must explore ways to introduce water conservation into Santa Fe's

cultural heritage. An annual festival commensurate with Fiesta weekend in scale and festivities – a “Water Week”-should be started in Santa Fe.

- **2.9** Focus on participatory approaches to water conservation.
- **2.10** Explore innovative financial mechanisms that can help to pay for ambitious future water conservation measures.
- **2.11** Focus on synergistic and innovative solutions to water conservation in a broad sense, rather than strictly focusing on technological solutions.
- **2.12** Advance an official proclamation, to be signed by the mayor and members of the city council, which declares the sustainable management of freshwater resources as one of the highest priorities for Santa Fe’s long-term future.

8. Transportation

Commissioner Rogers reported that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has started a Bicycle Masters Plan for the Metropolitan area and this will benefit pedestrians, as well as bicyclists.

Commissioner Rogers noted that there would be a Santa Fe Trails meeting tomorrow from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. where they will talk about budget cuts. There will also be a public meeting on Sunday. He explained that the Rail Runner is scrambling to justify their existence.

Commissioner Rogers would like to write an article on tourism and bicyclists in Santa Fe. He mentioned that the International Mountain Bike Association will be coming to Santa Fe in May to talk about recreational trails and their positive economic benefits and he would like to piggyback on this to write about Bicycle Friendly/Tourism Friendly Santa Fe.

9. Economic Facilitation

Commissioner Sehee said that he has been exploring the idea of getting hotels, restaurants, ski resorts and golf courses to embrace sustainable practices and eco-tourism possibilities for Santa Fe and he was surprised to learn that some people in the city - who are involved with conventions - do not think there is a market for green amenities.

Commissioner Sehee said he is talking with Audobon International about possibly working with them on doing some kind of eco-certification and maybe there would be an opportunity to tie it with the State Tourism eco effort.

Chair Bustamante said there is still a huge communication about what is clean about the tourism industry and what is not. She said they need to look at the bigger picture in terms of the economics of sustainability.

ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Bustamante said she will ask Commissioner Sopoci-Belknap and possibly another Commissioner to have a meeting with Mayor Coss with regard to the Commission's role and where the Commission stands.

Chair Bustamante noted that D. H. Strongheart has expressed an interest to serve on this Commission.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION INCLUDING YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

Commissioner Pape distributed a handout on Creating the Santa Fe Sustainability Center, Phase One (*Exhibit C*).

Chair Bustamante asked that this be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Commissioner Pape noted that the State's first passive home is here in Santa Fe off of Baca Street.

ADJOURNMENT

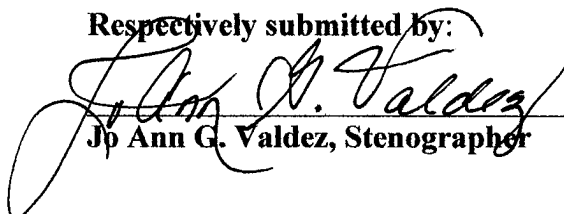
Schedule next meeting/ adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for March 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