

SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSIÓN

Tuesday, June 21, 2011
City Councilors' Conference Room
Santa Fe, NM
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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- F. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS
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 - 2. Americorps Cadre Members Report of Activities
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 - 2. Commission skill/knowledge Gap Analysis
 - 3. Update on Annual Progress Report for 2010
 - 4. Implementation of 2011 Objectives:
 - a. Green Building and Development Codes (K. Shanahan)
 - b. Public Utilities Department Environmental Management System (R. Wheeler)
 - c. Greenhouse Gas Reduction for Energy Sources
 - d. Public Outreach and Communication
- H. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR
- I. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION
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Next Meeting: - July 19, 2011

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MINUTES OF THE

CITY OF SANTA FE

SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION June 21, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

A discussion session of the City of Santa Fe Sustainable Santa Fe Commission was called to order by Camilla Bustamante, Chair at 3:05 p.m. at the City Hall, City Councilors' Conference Room, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the lack of the presence of a quorum for conducting official business; therefore the Commission held a discussion session and reviewed the Draft Annual Report for 2010.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Camilla Bustamante, Chair Louise Pape, Vice Chair Tim Rogers D.H. Strongheart

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robert Haspel, excused Rosa Moreno, excused Joe Sehee, excused Kim Shanahan, excused Bianca Sopoci-Belknap, excused

STAFF PRESENT:

Regina Wheeler, City of Santa Fe Solid Waste Department Director

OTHERS PRESENT:

Craig O'Hare, Santa Fe County Jenny London Seth Roffman, *Green Fire Times* Brian Skeele, Sustainable Neighborhoods Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of the Agenda was not made due to the lack of quorum. However, the agenda was amended to add the review of the Draft Sustainable Commission Annual Report of 2010 Activities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 23, 2011

Approval of the Minutes of the May 23, 2011 meeting was not made due to the lack of quorum.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Brian Skeele said he has been on a mission to do sustainable neighborhoods and has put together a plan to do a sustainable neighborhood on St. Michael's Drive. He distributed a handout on collaborating and designing a thriving, resilient and sustainable neighborhood on St. Michael's Drive. He asked what would make the design of a St. Michael's Drive Sustainable Urban Village so compelling that people would want to move in. He said that St. Michael's Drive has the potential to evolve from an uninviting, generic commercial boulevard into a higher density, vibrant, alive, pedestrian-centered, mixed-use area that is visually appealing, welcoming and livable.

Mr. Skeele noted that polls have shown that one-third of the Boomers want a simpler and "walkable" lifestyle. 88% of their children want to live in a more alive, creative, urban environment.

Mr. Skeele explained that an extensive planning process is required to quantify this plan, and to create the supportive mechanisms. He believes that funding for the planning will come forward based on the demonstrated strength of the demand. He said the public is asked to share their ideas and vision on creating a sustainable neighborhood and provide comments or ideas by August 5th. Also, the September issue of *Green Fire Times* is going to be a compilation of ideas and visions. For more information, people can visit the website at www.sustainablesantafe.com.

Mr. Skeele noted that he is a contractor and he built 16 units in Tierra Contenta; however it was not a profitable endeavor for him.

Commissioner Strongheart suggested that they also consider other areas for designing sustainable neighborhoods.

Mr. Roffman asked the Commission to give a brief synopsis on each section of the Sustainable Santa Fe Plan for the September issue of *Green Fire Times*.

REVIEW OF THE SSFC ANNUAL REPORT OF 2010 ACTIVITIES

[Copies of the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission Annual Report of 2010 Activities were distributed in the Commissioners' packets. A copy is hereby incorporated to these Minutes as Exhibit "A".]

The Commissioners reviewed the draft of the Annual Report for 2010.

Commissioner Pape noted that she had some suggestions or corrections for the Annual Report.

Ms. Wheeler suggested that she send her comments electronically to Ms. Mortimer.

Commissioner Pape said she already sent her comments to Ms. Mortimer but she will send them again.

Chair Bustamante noted that the Commission should say how the baseline for greenhouse gas has progressed. She thinks this would be an opportunity for the Commission to somehow emphasis how this is being done.

Commissioner Strongheart said one of the Commissions' objectives for this year is to try to work towards realizing a City of Santa Fe municipal utility and the company "New Energy Economy" is working on this. They have funding to conduct a feasibility study and one idea that came up is that there is a solar map that New York City put out; and possibly this would be a potential thing that the City of Santa Fe should have.

Commissioner Pape noted that she wrote something on the ecological adaptation activities because she feels that the plant adaptation portion needs to be revised. She read it for the Commissioners. She mentioned that other cities and states are coming up with adaptation plans that have very little to do with mitigation because they are planning from a public health point of view.

Commissioner Strongheart said he did not see anything about the human impact on the climate. He noted that he sent his comments to Ms. Mortimer. He said the latest version of the report that Ms. Mortimer e-mailed had a section for climate adaptation, plant adaptation and mitigation.

The Commission discussed the drought, water and plant adaptation.

Commissioner Pape said that she would somehow want to bring this dialog in the report.

Chair Bustamante said for the purposes of addressing the issues of water, the Commission recognizes that there are things that are outside of the Commission's control; and there are things that the Commission can actually affect.

*The following 10 agenda items were not discussed due to the lack of quorum.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Report on Food Policy Council Activities
 No report was given.
- 2. AmeriCorps Cadre Members report of activities No report was given.

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ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Bustamante said that Governor Susana Martinez is cutting back services of the Rail Runner. She questioned if there are other ways to subsidize the operating costs of the Rail Runner.

Commissioner Rogers noted that there will be two events this weekend where they will be addressing this. He said the Bicycle Coalition of New Mexico is in support of the Rail Runner initiatives and they will also be promoting the use of bicycles for public transportation.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

There were no items from the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Schedule next meeting/adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Pape moved to adjourn, second by Commissioner Strongheart, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

	Approved by:	
	Camilla Bustamante, Chair	
Respectively submitted by: March March		