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SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION

Tuesday, August 16, 2011
City Councilors' Conference Room
Santa Fe, NM
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE

CITY OF SANTA FE

SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION

August 16, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

A discussion session of the City of Santa Fe Sustainable Santa Fe Commission was called to order by Bianca Sopoci-Belknap, 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 a discussion session was held.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bianca Sopoci-Belknap, Chair
Kim Shanahan, Vice Chair
Tim Rogers
Louise Pape

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Camilla Bustamante, excused (will be resigning)
D.H. Strongheart, excused
Joe Sehee, excused
2 vacancies

STAFF PRESENT:

Katherine Miller, City of Santa Fe Environmental Services Division
Regina Wheeler, City of Santa Fe Solid Waste Division Director

OTHERS PRESENT:

Marco Campos, Earth Care
Craig O-Hare, Santa Fe County
Avree Koffman
Shayla Lewis, youth representative
Seth Roffman, *Green Fire Times*
Abad Sandoval, visitor
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of the Agenda was not made due to the lack of quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 19, 2011

Approval of the Minutes was not made due to the lack of quorum.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Commissioner Shanahan introduced Abad Sandoval. Mr. Sandoval is involved with a non-profit organization called "Wave Lengths".

Mr. Sandoval gave a brief history of his background noting that he is a native New Mexican. Mr. Sandoval retired from the Los Alamos National Laboratory. He was the first Community Relations person at the lab. He started the educational outreach programs and has been connected with the regional colleges since then. Mr. Sandoval is interested in the Commission and what the Commission does.

Shayna Lewis was introduced. She is interested in serving as the youth representative on the Commission. Ms. Lewis was a former Planning Commissioner.

Mr. Roffman is working on the next issue for the *Green fire Times* publication. The September issue will focus on sustainable urban and development design. Mr. Roffman is collaborating with Brian Skeelee of Sustainable Neighborhoods on this.

Mr. O'Hare is working for the Santa Fe County Public Utilities Department. He noted that a contract was signed for New Energy Economy to review/study the issues on establishing a municipal electrical utility. The next step is to issue the "Notice to Proceed". The contract is for \$35,000.

Mr. O'Hare said one of the main questions that the public has – has to do with what the rate payer impacts are going to be. The consultant work will address this.

Mr. O'Hare mentioned that the City of Boulder, Colorado is just wrapping up their study and they are looking at establishing their own municipal electric utility; and purchasing

it from Excel, which is a large electric utility company in the mid west. The City of Boulder has spent over \$800,000 in consultation fees and services.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked Mr. O'Hare if he knew how the Boulder study was financed.

Mr. O'Hare said he thinks the money came out of their General Fund. He noted that this will go out for a public vote in November (in Colorado). He explained that this is a very complex process. He mentioned that there are quite a few municipal electric utilities around the country and the Sacramento and Boston are leaders in clean energy.

Commissioner Pape asked if there was a way to take advantage of the wind we have in New Mexico.

Mr. O'Hare said, absolutely - wind is the still the least expensive renewable energy source.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked Mr. O'Hare to advise the Commission in terms of what the Commission's role could be around a municipally owned utility.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. Report on Food Policy Council Activities

Ms. Mortimer reported that the next meeting of the Food Policy Council will be a sort of a retreat for the Council to look at where they are, in terms of the priorities they set for this year and to look at planning the budget for next year.

Ms. Mortimer said the Food Policy Council is moving forward with the food assessment, starting with the health indicators. They will look at food security; and barriers to access to food in the community, next. They will then look at supply and the potential to have more supply at the local level-and what the barriers are for this.

Mr. Sandoval said we should be looking at how the carbon footprint changed the growing patterns. This is important, not only for Santa Fe County, but for the entire state of New Mexico. He noted that Wave Lengths is presently doing a comparison of the costs of a forest fire, versus what can be done to prevent them.

Ms. Lewis said just think of the jobs and education you could create from things, like thinning the forest service out, etc. This would be sustainable.

2. Presentation of Annual Progress Report for 2010 to City Council

Ms. Mortimer noted that she sent an e-mail to the Commissioners earlier in the week, asking for examples of local economic development because the economic development page had several references to other cities and states. There was a sense at the last meeting that there are more local examples. Ms. Mortimer said this is the only think that is missing for the report.

Ms. Mortimer said the Mayor has to approve any presentations that go before City Council and she has sent an e-mail to him. However, she has not heard back from him. Ms. Mortimer thinks that the Commission's presentation may be on the agenda for the September 14th meeting.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Implementation of 2011 Objectives:

a. Green Building and Development Codes

Commissioner Shanahan reported that the City of Santa Fe has been working on revisions to Chapter 14, basically cleaning up contradictions. They have produced some changes and the Planning Commission has approved the changes and has forwarded them to the various committees to review them. They expect that City Council will approve these changes sometime in September.

Commissioner Shanahan noted that Matt O'Reilly, the City Land Use Director, has acknowledged that this is a good idea and a worthwhile thing to do. He recommended that a resolution be passed by the City Council to authorize city staff to participate in such an endeavor. Mr. O'Reilly also suggested that the Commission meet with the stakeholders and staff.

Ms. Mortimer, Commissioners Rogers and Shanahan will meet with staff to discuss this further.

b. Public Utilities Department Environmental Management System

Ms. Mortimer explained that the intent of an Environmental Management System for the Public Utilities Department is to look at organizational impacts on the environment and set goals and develop programs to reduce those.

Ms. Mortimer noted that Regina Wheeler has been doing some preliminary research into software programs that could support an EMS.

A handout regarding the Environmental Management System for the Public Utilities Department was distributed in the Commissioners' packets. The Commission reviewed the handout.

Ms. Mortimer said this has to be part of a larger business program – to look at business practices and improve them overall.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap noted that the Commission had discussed adding language to bullet number 2, regarding the fact that this should be a transparent process, but she does not see this reflected in the handout/statement.

**Of note, this was discussed at the May 23rd Commission meeting: “Ms. Wheeler said the Commission understands that leadership by example is the key; but in order to address Councilor Calvert’s desire, the Commission has to make sure that the model/template-the process of the framework for establishing an Environmental Management Systems (EMS) will be developed for any organization of the county or the city that wants to do the same thing. Another measure that goes along with this - in order to address Councilor Calvert’s concern- is that it would have to be a very transparent process and one of the goals should be that it would be acceptable to the community at large.”*

Ms. Mortimer will add this language. The timelines/dates of the objectives will be deleted.

The commission suggested that Ms. Mortimer include some case studies in the summary.

c. Greenhouse Gas Reduction for Energy Sources

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said the energy objective needs clarity; so the lead person will know what they need to do. She noted that Commissioner Strongheart will no longer be the lead person on this.

d. Public Outreach and Communication

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said the Public Outreach and Communication subcommittee needs to meet.

2. Implementation Work Planning – Coordinating all 2011 objectives

Chair Sopoci-Belknap noted that the Commission has not finalized the objectives and she was hoping that the Commission could have done this today.

ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

1. Americorps Food Cadre Program Update

Chair Sopoci-Belknap announced that the new group of Americorps Cadre members will start on August 31st. There will be 13 Americorps Cadre Members. A 4-day Orientation Session will start on August 31st and go through September 3rd. There will be a potluck on the evening of August 31st and the Commissioners were invited to attend.

Ms. Mortimer will contact Commissioner Bustamante to get her letter of resignation.

The Commissioners were asked to think of prospective candidates to fill the vacancies.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap noted that she sent an e-mail to the Commissioners about an orientation packet. She only heard feedback from Commissioner Strongheart. She will send it out again.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked the Commissioners to forward copies of their bios to include in the orientation packets for the new members, if they haven't done so.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Pape announced that there will be some presentations at the James Little Theatre this weekend. There will be a presentation on Saturday on building a local foods system.

Commissioner Pape noted that there will be a community garden tour on September 17th and a Solar Fiesta on August 27th and 28th in Albuquerque. She encouraged the Commissioners to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

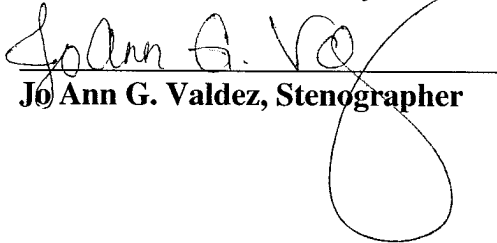
Schedule next meeting/ adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Pape moved to adjourn, second by Commissioner Rogers, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Approved by:

Bianca Sopoci-Belknap, Chair

Respectively submitted by:



Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer