



# Agenda

DATE 11/9/11 TIME 2:00pm

STAFF BY Katherine Mortimer

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## SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION

Tuesday, November 15, 2011  
City Councilor's Conference Room  
Santa Fe, NM  
3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 18, 2011
- E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR
- F. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS
  - 1. Report on Food Policy Council activities
- G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
  - 2. 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 from Energy Sources
    - d. Public Outreach and Communication (B. Sopoci-Belknap)
- I. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR
- J. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION
- K. ADJOURNMENT

**Next Meeting: – December 20, 2011**

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**MINUTES OF THE**  
**CITY OF SANTA FE**  
**SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION**

**November 15, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the City of Santa Fe Sustainable Santa Fe Commission was called to order by Bianca Sopoci-Belknap, Chair at 3:33 p.m. at the City Hall, City Councilors' Conference Room, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bianca Sopoci-Belknap, Chair  
Kim Shanahan, Vice Chair  
Louise Pape  
Joe Sehee  
D.H. Strongheart

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Shayna Lewis  
Tim Rogers, excused  
2 vacancies

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Katherine Mortimer, City of Santa Fe Environmental Services Division  
Erin Lloyd-Ortigiza, Americorps Food Cadre Member

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Seth Roffman, *Green Fire Times*  
Abad Sandoval, prospective candidate for Commission vacancy  
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Item Gb (*Public Utilities Department Environmental Management System*) report will be given by Erin Lloyd-Ortigiza.

**Commissioner Pape moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Commissioner Strongheart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**October 18, 2011**

**Commissioner Strongheart moved to approve the Minutes of the October 18, 2011 as submitted. Commissioner Shanahan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Seth Roffman invited the Commissioners to submit articles for *Green Fire Times*. Articles should be submitted by the middle of the month for the next month's issue.

Mr. Roffman noted that there is an article on the Albuquerque energy-saving building code in the November issue. He said the September issue was around urban villages, using St. Michael's Drive as an example.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked if it would be OK to do an article on the goals of the Commission; report on what the Commission is doing; and summarize some of the highlights of the report.

Mr. Roffman said yes.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap suggested that the Commissioners table this discussion; and anyone who wants to contribute to the article could meet later, to possibly have an article for the January or February 2012 issue.

Commissioner Strongheart said the Commission could have some kind of monthly update in the *Green Fire Times* to let the community know what the Commission is working on.

Abad Sandoval introduced himself and gave a brief history of his background. Mr. Sandoval may be a prospective candidate to fill one of the Commission vacancies. He asked the Commission if they had any kind of strategic plan or goals, if so, he would like a copy. He wants to evaluate whether or not he will serve on the Commission.

Mr. Sandoval liked the idea of the Commission doing some kind of update to let the community know what the Commission is doing.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said the Commission does have a strategic plan and the Sustainable Santa Fe Plan, which includes the Commissions' goals and objectives.

Ms. Mortimer added that the agenda includes the 2011 objectives.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said the Commission would like to have a clear sense of what elements of the Sustainable Santa Fe Plan candidates are most interested in and what they feel they will bring to the table. She said the Commission will need a letter of interest and a resume from interested candidates.

Mr. Sandoval asked if the Commission goes out for available grant funding.

Commissioner Shanahan explained that the Commission is an advisory board for the City Council.

Ms. Mortimer noted that the City applied for a grant for the Sustainability Demonstration Center, with the assistance of Commissioner Pape.

#### STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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

Ms. Mortimer reported that the Farm Bill is also moving along. The Farm Bill will include a large number of items that will affect the local food system including funding for SNAP and other programs designed to reduce hunger. The Food Policy Council will make recommendations to Congress about certain aspects of the Farm Bill around the first of the year.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked Ms. Mortimer if she had anything new on the white paper. Ms. Mortimer said no.

Ms. Mortimer noted that the schedule of the meeting dates for 2012 is included in the Commissioners' packets.

Commissioner Pape asked if there was any progress on what the Commission wants to do about the federal Farm Bill.

Ms. Mortimer said there was a meeting yesterday and she has not heard how the meeting went.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said the New Mexico Food Policy Council sent out their briefing on the Farm Bill.

Commissioner Pape said the Commission should review this. She said it would be helpful for all the organizations to show support for the Farm Bill. She asked if Chair Sopoci-Belknap could send the Commissioners the information on the Farm Bill; and she agreed.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said the Food Policy Council will be meeting Thursday at 9:00 a.m. and there will probably be discussion on this. She invited the Commissioners to attend the meeting.

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Implementation of 2011 Objectives: a. Green Building and Development Codes**

Commissioner Shanahan noted that there have been some changes to the Green Building National Standards.

Ms. Mortimer said the City is in the process of reviewing the Residential Green Building Code and incorporating the existing Building Code. They are streamlining the code, focusing more on water and energy conservation.

Commissioner Shanahan explained that they are getting a little bit of push-back with the Green Building Code because of the current economic situation.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked about the process of approving the new Green Building Codes.

Ms. Mortimer said the Residential Green Building Code should be in effect February 2012. She said Councilor Calvert would like them to work on the Commercial Green Building Code after the Residential Green Building Code is approved and in effect.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said given all the work around the Green Building Code, where is the City in terms of the revisions to Chapter 14.

Commissioner Shanahan said the revisions of Chapter 14 have been stalled. Chapter 14 amendments have been fully adopted by the County and need to be approved by the City. In addition, it has been suggested that a resolution be created and approved, directing staff to do this.

Commissioner Strongheart said there were some interested people on the Water Conservation Committee who want to take part in this.

**b. Public Utilities Department Environmental Management System**

Ms. Lloyd-Ortigiza had to leave early. Ms. Mortimer reported that the Environmental Management System was presented to the staff of the Public Utilities Department. As a result, they received some feedback and made some changes to the presentation. They are identifying the impacts and received ideas for alternative approaches and uses.

Ms. Mortimer noted that Ms. Lloyd-Ortigiza has been riding along with every type of garbage collector to get some further input and feedback. She mentioned that they are also doing some surveys/forms and are handing out the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission business cards. They also have a Steering Committee to work on this and to decide how to move forward.

Commissioner Strongheart would like to be included.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked if they could come up with some kind of tag line.

Ms. Mortimer said that would be fine.

Ms. Mortimer mentioned that Gilda from Santa Fe Beautiful asked for some information.

**c. Greenhouse Gas Reduction for Energy Sources**

Commissioner Sehee said he made a presentation to potential green programs and one of them was Audubon. He has also been having discussions with the Chamber of Commerce about engaging the business community but he has not made any headway.

Commissioner Sehee said another organization that is worth exploring is the Green Business Bureau. He said they do these sorts of customized programs for cities. The difference is that they are a for-profit organization and charge a minimal fee. They allow the city to take ownership and essentially provide the backing.

Commissioner Pape said she would be interested in learning more about this.

Commissioner Sehee said possibly they could set up some kind of webinar on how the program works.

Mr. Roffman noted that there is an article on page 5 of the current *Green Fire Times* on what the New Mexico Green Chamber of Commerce is doing.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap suggested that Commissioner Sehee bring this information to the Public Outreach/Campaign workgroup meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at Earth Care. They will be talking about getting people involved in reducing the greenhouse gases.

The Commission will discuss an outline for engaging the community at the next meeting.

Ms. Mortimer noted that the Regional Planning Authority has allocated \$25,000 to do the next study for a municipal utility.

Commissioner Pape said there was a subcommittee at the Energy Summit on Friday who talked about a municipal utility. She said they will need a lot of grass roots support and they have to make the public aware of the issue, to get input from the community. She suggested that they contact Boulder, Colorado to come to Santa Fe and talk about their model.

Commissioner Strongheart said the model at Boulder, Colorado is totally different than what is being proposed by New Energy Economy.



Commissioner Shanahan noted that the City Attorneys are in negotiations with PNM on a potential Franchise Agreement.

**d. Public Outreach and Communication**

As noted above, the Public Outreach and Communication workgroup is meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at Earth Care.

**ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR**

There were no items from the Chair.

**ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION**

Commissioner Strongheart announced that there is a day-long discussion about the active water resources and climate change on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Community Convention Center starting at 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Unfortunately, Commissioner Strongheart will not be able to attend.

Commissioner Pape announced that she will be hosting a celebration for those individuals who participated in the Carbon Economy Series on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Commons. The Commissioners were invited to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Schedule next meeting/ adjournment**

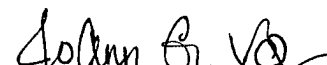
The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday**, December 12, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. due to the Christmas holiday.

Commissioner Pape moved to adjourn, second by Commissioner Shanahan, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

**Approved by:**

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**Bianca Sopoci-Belknap, Chair**

**Respectively submitted by:**

  
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**JoAnn G. Valdez, Stenographer**