



Agenda

DATE 2/14/13 TIME 12:58pm

SERVED BY Katherine Mortimer

RECEIVED BY SSC

SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION

Tuesday, February 19, 2013
Councilor's Conference Room
Santa Fe, NM
2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 15, 2013
- E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR (5 min)
- F. REPORT FROM AND ASSIGNMENT OF ACTIONEER (5 min)
- G. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS (10 min)
 - 1. Recycling outreach update
 - 2. Staff Adaptation Green Team update
- H. PRESENTATIONS
 - 1. Plastic Bag Ban
- I. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
 - 1. Santa Fe Public Power & Community Solar Initiative Update (E. Chiochio) (10 min)
 - 2. ASSESSMENT - STAR Communities Pilot Update (K. Kelly & A. Evans) (5 min)
 - 3. EMS: Update on Community EMS Template (K. Jennings) (5 min)
 - 4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - Update on SSF Awards (K. Mortimer) (5 min)
- J. UPDATES AND OPPORTUNITIES (10 min)
- K. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR (5 min)
- L. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION (5 min)
- M. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA (5 min)
- N. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: – March 19th, 2013

NOTE: Persons with disabilities in need of accommodations, contact the City Clerk's office at 955-6520, five (5) working days prior to meeting date.

**INDEX OF MINUTES
SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION
February 19, 2013**

ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	PAGE(S)
A. CALL TO ORDER	Convened	1
B. ROLL CALL	Quorum	1
C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Approved	2
D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 15, 2013	Approved [as amended]	2
E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR		2-3
F. REPORT FROM AND ASSIGNMENT OF ACTIONEER		3
G. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS		
1. Recycling outreach update		3
2. Staff Adaptation Green Team Update		
Informational		3-4
H. PRESENTATIONS		
1. Plastic Bag Ban	Discussion	4-5
I. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS		
1. SF Public Power & Community Solar Initiative Update		5
2. Assessment-STAR Communities Pilot Update		6
3. EMS-Update on Community EMS Template		6
4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT		
I. Update on SSF Awards		6-7
J. UPDATES AND OPPORTUNITIES		7
K. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR	None	7
L. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION		7-8
M. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA		8
N. ADJOURNMENT		8-9

MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION
February 19, 2013

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 2:38 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
Esha Chiocchio
Kim Kelly
Louise Pape
Glenn Schiffbauer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Andrea Romero, excused
Maria Rotunda, excused
2 vacancies

STAFF PRESENT:

Katlynn Jennings, Americorps Cadre Member
Katherine Mortimer, Environmental Services Division
Cindy Padilla, Environmental Services Division Director

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jessie Anderson, Zero Waste
Amanda Evans, Santa Fe Community College
Victor Hageman, Student Sustainability Club, St. John's College
Nancy Ko, Student Sustainability Club, St. John's College
Lisa Merrill, SF Solid Waste Management Agency

Andrea Romero, prospective candidate for Commission vacancy
Seth Roffman, *Green Fire Times*
Teresa Seamster, Northern Group Sierra Club
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Pape moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Schiffbauer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 15, 2013

The following changes were made to the Minutes of the January 15, 2013 meeting:

Page 10, 3rd paragraph, last sentence, “*Booted Lands*” was changed to read: “***Rooted Lands***”.

Page 10, 4th paragraph, Energy Day at the Legislature is scheduled for March 1st.

Commissioner Kelly moved to approve the Minutes of the January 15, 2013 meeting as amended. Commissioner Chiocchio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Introductions were made.

Seth Roffman distributed copies of the current issue of *Green Fire Times*. He noted that the February issue was around healthy living and the healing arts. The next issue of *Green Fire Times* will focus on a building a sustainable regional economy. There were so many submissions about this that it will be carried over to the April issue. The theme of the May issue will be around green/sustainable tourism.

Victor Hageman and Nancy Ko are part of the Student Sustainability Club at St. John’s College and they wanted to see what the Commission is all about. They are also considering an internship as well.

Amanda Evans said she is the Director of the Santa Fe Community College and may be joining the Commission.

Jessie Anderson is with Zero Waste and the Sierra Club.

Teresa Seamster is with the Northern Group Sierra Club.

REPORT FROM AND ASSIGNMENT OF ACTIONEER

Commissioner Chiocchio offered to be the Actioneer for this meeting.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. Recycling outreach update

Ms. Merrill announced that Gary Liss will be conducting a workshop on Zero Waste this coming Friday.

At the prior Commission meeting, Ms. Merrill mentioned that Capital Scraps is now accepting all recyclables, including all plastics. Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked Ms. Merrill if she knew how they were doing that.

Ms. Merrill said Capital Scraps does not share how they do this.

Ms. Merrill noted that Friedman Recycling is scheduled to open their doors on May 1st.

Ms. Mortimer mentioned that the City and Sierra Club have been giving away recycling bins and will be distributing them at the Genoveva Chavez Community Center tomorrow from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Bins will also be distributed in March and April as well.

2. Staff Adaptation Green Team update

Ms. Mortimer said she had a conversation with a woman who has been doing her doctoral dissertation on how communities are integrating adaptation. She has been tracking and following other communities and has been able to give staff advice or input on this.

Ms. Mortimer noted that there is a gathering in Arizona as part of the Wal-Mart grant in June to talk about water and adaptation and they can send a team, up to six people. They are trying to figure out which member(s) of the Green Team will go.

Commissioner Chiocchio mentioned that she is working with the Santa Fe Watershed on developing a climate adaptation plan for the Santa Fe River.

Ms. Mortimer reminded the Commission that Renewable Energy Day is March 1st at the Legislature and the press conference will be from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. She said it would be good for people to sign up to sit at the table.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Plastic Bag Ban

Commissioner Kelly and Ms. Mortimer attended the last Business and Quality of Life Committee meeting. Commissioner Kelly mentioned that the name of the Ordinance was changed to “Reusable Bag” Ordinance. She said it seems like they are trying to start some kind of forum to get the business community and other communities to come in and brainstorm about the Ordinance.

Ms. Mortimer said the BQL Committee wants the Ordinance to go to other committees and this Commission was mentioned. She noted that the Commission has reviewed the Ordinance but was not able to come up with a recommendation, so the Commission left it without a recommendation at that time.

Ms. Mortimer said there was discussion about the real name of the bill and whether it was about reducing plastic bags or if it was about encouraging or pushing commercial recycling. She said at the moment it seems like the bill is trying to do two things and there was question as to whether that was the intent but there was no resolution and this is why a decision was made to go out to the community.

Commissioner Kelly noted that there are no environmental groups attending the meetings and Simon Brackley of the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce seems to be the only member of the public who attends the meetings. She said possibly they need to start a grass roots campaign/movement to get other groups involved or to participate.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said it has been unclear what the process is.

Ms. Seamster said the Ordinance is so comprehensive and she thinks that there is going to be a lot of push back from the businesses. She explained that paper costs 100x more than plastic and some businesses could feel that they would lose customers. She said everyone has to be on the same page and maybe they should start interfacing with the big box stores first.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap feels like the Commission could have a role in helping to clarify how the community fits in all of this and to spread the word. She said it would be helpful to get clarity about the process and she is interested in following up about the bill.

Councilor Rebecca Wurzbarger walked in the room and was informed that the Commission was discussing the Ordinance and is in support of the concept but felt that the Ordinance was trying to do too many things.

Councilor Wurzbarger explained that the BQL Committee would like to take some action on this at their next meeting. She asked that the Commission come up with some recommendations for the BQL Committee to consider at their meeting.

A subcommittee will meet to discuss this further and come up with recommendations. Chair Sopoci-Belknap, Ms. Mortimer, Commissioner Kelly and Lisa Merrill will be part of the subcommittee. Fabian Trujillo will be invited to the meeting.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. SF Public Power & Community Solar Initiative Update

Commissioner Chiocchio said several people have met over the last couple of months and talked about looking at both the Santa Fe Public Power and the Community Solar Initiative and it seemed like they focused more on the Community Solar Initiative. She mentioned that the Community Solar Initiative Bill died but Commissioner Kelly created a petition that is being circulated.

Commissioner Kelly mentioned that there may be a resolution at the County level to show support of the Community Solar Initiative. They are looking at April 10th to make a presentation to City Council. She noted that PNM has taken an interest in this.

Commissioner Schiffbauer said an engineer at PNM is looking at the feasibility of this and they are more favorable in terms of them owning it; however, yesterday they mentioned the possibility of a third-party/PPA.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said it seems like the subcommittee should continue to meet and she invited anyone who is interested to attend the meeting.

2. Assessment-STAR Communities Pilot

Mr. Mortimer said they have come out with an official energy and greenhouse gas emission form. She said this is moving forward but it has been a challenge to get everybody to meet and she will do a new doodle poll for a new set of meeting times.

3. EMS-Update on Community EMS Template

Ms. Jennings reported that she should have the final edits on the EMS Template done and the draft form should be ready to take it out to the community soon.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked if they had any thought to the idea of piloting this as an institution or organization.

In response, Ms. Mortimer said she was thinking of potentially asking the Homebuilders Association. It was noted that there was a Homebuilders Association Board meeting on Thursday.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

I. Update on SSF Awards

The Commissioners were encouraged to send nominations for a category in the Sustainable Santa Fe awards.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said she would like to have a different process for judging the awards. She suggested that previous awardees be invited to be included in the judging process. She noted that she will be calling a subcommittee meeting to ensure that they are reaching out to the previous award winners to review the nominations.

Ms. Mortimer said there are a couple of aspects: the selection of the award winners and putting together outreach materials as a result of this. Award winners will have to be prepared to have an image and more description about their projects. There is also the award ceremony on April 27th and there is some planning that needs to be done. She mentioned that there will be poster boards about the projects displayed at the El Dorado Hotel on April 23rd from 6-7 p.m.

Commissioner Chiochio asked who was on this subcommittee. The members are: Glenn Schiffbauer, Seth Roffman, Bianca Sopoci-Belknap, Andrea Romero and Maria Rotunda.

Ms. Mortimer said in terms of community engagement, they are ready to do a soft launch of the Joule Bug and they will be working with students.

Ms. Jennings added that they want to organize a meeting with college students from various colleges in the area to see where they can support one another. She has met with people from the St. John's College, the Environmental Group from the Santa Fe Community College, as well as the bio-fuel leader and the sustainability leadership group at IAIA.

Ms. Mortimer announced that she would be attending a behavioral change symposium around sustainability issues in mid March at the Garrison Institute in Garrison, New York. She will report back at the next Commission meeting.

UPDATES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Chair Sopoci-Belknap thanked Ms. Jennings for her work on the website and for the material that can be distributed at general events.

ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

There were no items from the Chair.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Chiochio announced that there are a couple of films coming out that the Commissioners should see. The Santa Fe Farmer's Market Film Series is beginning next Wednesday with the film "Climate Refugees". This is an excellent film about the global impacts of climate change and will be followed by presentations regarding relevant local initiatives. There is also a film entitled "Rooted Lands" that will be shown on February 27th and it is about the fracking issue in Mora and San Miguel County.

Commissioner Kelly announced that there would be a meeting where PNM will be talking about San Juan at the Homebuilders Association. She offered to send out information about this. She noted that James Henson will talk about climate change at the Lensic tomorrow night.

Commissioner Pape said she knows that Councilor Bushee has been working on the GMO issue and she asked if the Commission will have any involvement in this. She would like to be involved with it as it is directly related to sustainability.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked Commissioner Pape to follow up on this and contact Councilor Bushee. She noted that there is a group meeting called "Food Justice for Thought" and the next meeting is scheduled for the first Sunday in March. She suggested that Commissioner Pape attend this meeting.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap mentioned that the GAIA Gardens needs a license to use the land that they are presently using as a farm model/urban agriculture. She noted that that they met with the Land Use Director and basically there is a need to look into the requirement for a residential-business license.

Ms. Mortimer said any home business has to have a license and you can have a farm stand but GAIA Gardens set up their farm on City land and they will need to obtain a license to use the land. The other concern is that they have tents where people live in all season long and this is not allowed because there are no permanent bathroom facilities and this is not in compliance with City code.

Commissioner Pape noted that she attended the New Mexico Organic Farming Conference last weekend and there were 775 people signed up, which means this is now twice the size of any other agriculture meeting in the State of New Mexico. She said she found the Conference fascinating and a sign of success in beginning to understand what needs to be done.

She noted that there was a talk on drought and Climate Change reports on the drought monitor. She said this is all done by volunteers and is not government sponsored.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Green Building certification update
Report on Garrison Institute Conference

ADJOURNMENT

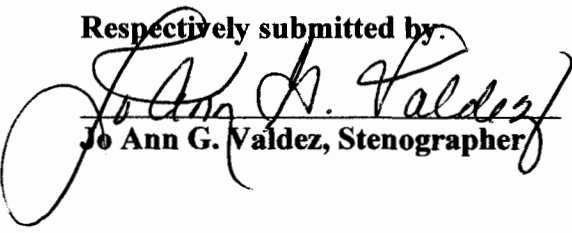
Schedule next meeting/ adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2013 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Having no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Approved by:


Bianca Sopoci-Bellnap, Chair

Respectively submitted by:


Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer