



# Agenda

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## SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 16, 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 – June 18, 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
- I. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
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  - 4. Community Solar resolution implementation update (E. Chiocchio) (5 min)
  - 5. ASSESSMENT - STAR Communities Pilot Update (B. Sopoci-Belknap) (5 min)
  - 6. GREEN BUSINESS: Update on Green Business Cert, Update on EMS Template (K. Kelly, K. Jennings) (5 min)
  - 7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (A. Romero) (15 min)
  - 8. URBAN AG SUBCOMMITTEE (B. Sopoci-Belknap & K. Mortimer) (5 min)
    - Support for Urban Ag Task Force
    - Farm Stand Resolution

### UPDATES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- J. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR Vice Chair & Committee Chairs (5 min)
- K. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION (5 min)
- L. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA (5 min)
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**MINUTES OF THE**  
**CITY OF SANTA FE**  
**SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION**  
**July 16, 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 2:46 p.m. at the City Hall, City Councilors' Chambers, 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  
Amanda Evans  
Kim Kelly  
Louise Pape  
Andrea Romero  
Maria Rotunda  
Glenn Schiffbauer

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jerome Lujan, excused

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Katlyn Jennings, Americorps Cadre Member  
Katherine Mortimer, Environmental Services Division

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Lisa Merrill, SF Solid Waste Management Agency  
Susan Turner, visitor  
Seth Roffman, *Green Fire Times*  
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 18, 2013**

The following changes were made to the Minutes of the June 18, 2013 meeting:

Page 3, last sentence was changed to read: *"However, this is not producing large quantities of food to actually replace other sources of food."*

Page 8, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence was changed to read: *"Commissioner Kelly announced that La Montanita Coop is considering the possibility of eliminating disposal paper shopping bags..."*

Page 8, 2<sup>nd</sup> to last paragraph, 3<sup>rd</sup> line and 4<sup>th</sup> line were changed to read: *"..and they are using deep drip 4 inch pipe. She has trees that were suffering and brought them back to life."*

Commissioner Chiocchio noted that she had additional information on the Western Adaptation Alliance action and focus items. This is incorporated to the Minutes as Exhibit "A".

**Commissioner Pape moved to approve the Minutes of the May 21, 2013 meeting as amended. Commissioner Rotunda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Introductions were made.

Susan Turner said she is the citizen who resides next to the GAIA Gardens and she filed the formal complaint on February 12<sup>th</sup>. She said she does not consider the Garden a kosher garden for changing the City Code for many reasons. She offered to bring a copy of the complaint to the Commission at another time. She explained that she is for sustainability and she is heading up a group of approximately 25 concerned citizens for sustainability. They feel that it is a very fine balance. She said this is a residential neighborhood that has been there for many years paying taxes. She said for a year and a half now they have been

subjected to a commercial business and an agricultural crop grow, which are both prohibited. She feels that it is very important to move cautiously into this process of creating a resolution for the entire city. She noted that there has been heavy equipment for three months in the area. They have also dumped 30 tons of fresh manure 3 feet from her kitchen window. There have been unbelievable amounts of bees and there have been farm workers, who camp out in vehicles and in tents with no sanitation. They worked in the Garden for long hours and had lots of people and school buses.

Ms. Turner said the group of concerned citizens is expanding and they are concerned about balance. She asked if people would like to live where she lives and experience 18 months of this activity. She noted that she is an organic gardener and has gardened for 50 years. She said after hours of research, she found that many communities are building community gardens on public land with public water. She feels that community gardens do long belong in residential areas.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said it sounds like Ms. Turner has a lot of research that will help inform the discussion about urban agriculture and the Commission would love to have Ms. Turner make a presentation. She requested that Ms. Turner get in contact with her or Ms. Mortimer about getting on a future agenda. She noted that the Commission will be discussing urban agriculture later in the meeting and Ms. Turner is welcome to be part of the discussion as well.

Seth Roffman distributed the current issue of *Green Fire Times* noting that the issue does not have a particular theme. The August issue will focus on the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Native American green indigenous solutions.

Mr. Roffman noted that this issue is the 52<sup>nd</sup> monthly edition of *Green Fire Times*.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked Mr. Roffman if it is possible for the Commission to have a monthly column in *Green Fire Times*.

Mr. Roffman said yes.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked him if the Commission could send him information about the Ordinance Banning the Distribution of Single-Use Plastic and Paper Carry Out Grocery Bags. Mr. Roffman said sure.

Commissioner Pape mentioned that she is reading a book entitled "*Growing Food in Hotter and Drier Lands*". She said this is a pretty serious issue.

## **REPORT FROM AND ASSIGNMENT OF ACTIONEER**

Chair Sopoci-Belknap offered to be the Actioneer for this meeting. She briefly reviewed the previous Actioneer report that was distributed via email. A copy was also included in the Commissioners' packets.

## **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

### **1. Recycling Outreach Update**

Ms. Mortimer reported that the City is annexing 5,500 new customers and it is supposed to start July 31<sup>st</sup> but they haven't been able to drop off trash and recycling bins as of yet.

Ms. Merrill said she is trying to work on the Bicycle Reuse Program.

Ms. Merrill mentioned that Councilor Rivera toured the facility today.

### **2. Staff Adaptation Green Team Update**

Ms. Mortimer said she received approval to form a group and prepared a draft e-mail to send out.

Ms. Mortimer announced that this is Katlyn Jennings' last day. Ms. Jennings was acknowledged for the great work she did while serving as an Americorp Cadre Member.

### **3. White House Teleconference on Obama's Climate Action Plan**

Ms. Mortimer noted that she attended a teleconference with the White House staff on Obama's Climate Action Plan today and they talked about local governments' role in implementing the Plan. The components of the Plan include: reduce GHG emissions; prepare communities to adapt and lead the way internationally. She said they see communities playing a role mostly in adaptation. They talked about strengthening roads, shorelines, etc., to adapt to climate change. Local government will play a critical role and there are three ways that they will do that:

- 1) Partnering with communities to ensure infrastructure is stable
  - a. any new roads/infrastructure built to address anticipated storms
  - b. remove barriers to incorporating adaptation strategies
- 2) Protecting critical sectors of economy and natural resources
  - a. Energy sector resilience study

- b. Hospital resiliency
  - c. Farmers/AG
- 3) Use best available science
- a. New tools for decision makers – climate data accessibility

Ms. Mortimer said there was also a question and answer session. She offered to send her notes to the Commissioners.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations made.

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Support for Draft Ordinance Banning the Distribution of Single-Use Plastic and Paper Carry Out Grocery Bags**

Commissioner Kelly reported that the Ordinance was unanimously approved by the Public Utilities Committee. Councilor Calvert suggested a modification to the Ordinance which would *not* require a minimum of 40% recycled content (for the bag). There would be no requirement. The Ordinance went before the Finance Committee last night and was also unanimously approved.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap mentioned that Commissioner Schiffbauer held a “green” radio show today. He noted that they received many calls with positive responses and all call-ins were in support of the Ordinance.

Commissioner Kelly said it was great to see all of the supporters at the meeting, particularly the youth from Earth Care. She said it would be great to have people in the audience again for the Public Hearing that is scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>. People were asked to be at the meeting before 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Mortimer noted that the Ordinance has to be published for public comment and it will be on the City Council agenda for the Councilors to approve this.

Ms. Mortimer said there will be a meeting at Albertson’s tomorrow at 2:30 p.m., however, Ms. Mortimer has a conflict and cannot attend. Commissioner Kelly offered to attend the meeting. She said this would be good to bring to the Community Engagement group because there may be opportunities to do some outreach.

Ms. Merrill mentioned that Keep Santa Fe Beautiful made a motion to support the Bag Ban Ordinance.

**Commissioner Kelly moved that the Commission support the Bag Ban Ordinance. Commissioner Pape seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**2. Community Solar resolution implementation update**

Commissioner Chiochio said they have a meeting tomorrow at New Energy Economy at 11:00 a.m. with CEC out of Boulder, who is helping them formulate a proposal to PNM about community solar. She noted that she has put a summary together of what has happened so far and she will send it to Commissioner Romero.

**3. ASSESSMENT – STAR Communities Pilot Update**

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said there is nothing new to report on this agenda item.

**4. Green Business Update on Green Business Cert. Update on EMS Template**

Commissioner Kelly said the postponed the meeting because she was out of the country but they will be meeting in another week.

Commissioner Evans noted that they were going to do a green building class at the Community College but nobody signed up. She said part of the problem is that this did not go into the Community College schedule. There was also not enough PR done about the class on the Sustainable SF website. Ms. Mortimer said they did not know anything about it.

**5. Community Engagement**

Commissioner Romero said the Community Engagement group held their second meeting last week and came up with some great ideas. The first one is that they would like to have a point person on each subcommittee that they can communicate with, which would most likely be the chair of the subcommittee. They would like the Sustainable SF Commission to be kind of a one-stop shop for information about sustainability. The second thing would be to have a meeting template for the notes from each subcommittee so that the notes can be distributed before the Commission meetings. All sub-committee chairs should use this form to report progress between SSFC meetings.



Commissioner Romero said the Community Engagement group would like to focus on what they can do to help the subcommittees be more vocal on what the next steps are. They would also like to get involved with the Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance. They talked about having a regular monthly blurb in *Green Fire Times*. They would also like to make Earth Day a huge event connecting all of the people concerned about sustainability, which will include researching what Earth Day events exist; and possibly hosting the Sustainable SF awards at this kind of event.

Commissioner Kelly asked how many people are on the Sustainable SF e-mail list.

Ms. Mortimer said about 30-40 people.

**6. Urban AG Subcommittee**

**a. Support for Urban AG Task Force**

Chair Sopoci-Belknap reported that she attended the Food Policy Council meeting last month and spoke about the Commission's interest in looking at the policies as they pertain to urban agriculture. The Land Use Policy Subcommittee (out of the Food Policy Council) was invited to sit with the Urban AG Subcommittee to look at some of the issues brought forward about urban agriculture and the present policies, to get clear on the issues; and possibly changing the policies with regard to urban agriculture. She said the farm stand is one issue around local food but it has more to do with distribution than it does with production.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said she and Commissioner Pape will be members of the Urban AG Task Force.

**b. Farm Stand Resolution**

[Copies of the *Draft* Farm Stand Resolution were distributed in the Commissioners' packets. A copy is hereby incorporated to these Minutes as Exhibit "B".]

The Resolution directs staff to draft amendments to the City Code and the established policies and procedures related to the establishment of a permitted use in certain zoning districts for farm stands and urban agriculture including the conditions under which such uses would be permitted; and directs staff to collaborate with local non-profit organizations to develop a local farm stand plan so the residents of Santa Fe will have the ability to purchase fresh produce from community gardens and orchards.

Ms. Turner mentioned that research shows that satellite farm stands did not endure.

The Commissioner reviewed the Resolution and had the following suggestions:

- Language be added about urban food production and farm stands.
- This will be added on page 2, line 15. Line 15 now reads: “...*in certain zoning districts for **urban food production and farm stands**, which will include provisions...*”
- Another change will be made to line 21 – “*to develop a local **urban agriculture farm plan so the residents of Santa Fe will have the ability to grow and purchase fresh produce from community gardens, orchard sites and organic farms.***”

Chair Sopoci-Belknap suggested that a number 5 be added at the end of page 2 with regards to the above suggestions.

Ms. Mortimer offered to make the revisions to the Ordinance noting that the sponsor of the Resolution (Councilor Bushee) has to approve the changes.

**Commissioner Pape moved to support the Farm Stand Resolution as amended. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

## **UPDATES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

None presented.

## **ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR/VICE CHAIR & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

There are no items from the Chair/Vice Chair and Committee Chairs.

## **ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION**

Commissioner Pape noted that there will be an Amigos Bravos “Water Matters” Lecture series starting today right after this meeting. It will be held at the Santa Fe Community Foundation at 5:30 p.m. and the featured speaker is William Brown and the topic is about climate change and the water and energy future of New Mexico. The Lecture Series

will be hosted on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Santa Fe Community Foundation.

Commissioner Pape said she learned that the Santa Fe Community College did not get the grant and there seems to be a lot of turmoil at the College presently. She noted that they are looking for farming and food production teachers to look at doing agriculture classes under continuing ed.

Commissioner Chiocchio noted that there will be a Rights of Nature workshop from July 26<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup> at the Academy for the Love of Learning. The Santa Fe Watershed Association is a co-sponsor. Mr. Roffman mentioned that there is information about this in the *Green Fire Times* calendar.

Commissioner Evans announced that Senator Udall doing a 4-hour conference on August 12<sup>th</sup> on investing on energy (gas and oil). He is working on some new legislation. People will need to sign up for the conference.

Commissioner Schiffbauer announced that there will be a Bus Tour coming in on July 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. called "I will Act on Climate Change". It is about the kind of impact climate change has done on local businesses regarding the wildfires. They are actively looking for businesses who have felt the impact and may want to speak on this tour. He offered to send more information via e-mail.

#### **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

None presented.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

##### **Schedule next meeting/ adjournment**

The next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2013 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Approved by:

  
Bianca Sopoci-Belknap, Chair

Respectively submitted by:

  
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

Western Adaptation Alliance  
Institute for Sustainable Communities  
June 3-5, 2013

**Western Adaptation  
Alliance Communities**

- Aspen, CO
- Boulder, CO
- Denver, CO
- Flagstaff, AZ
- Fort Collins, CO
- Las Vegas/Southern Nevada
- Park City, UT
- Phoenix, AZ
- Salt Lake City, UT
- Santa Fe, NM

The Basics:

Teams of 6-7 members were sent from each city to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Regional Climate Leadership Academy for the Western Adaptation Alliance (WAA). This year's conference, which was focused on water, was held in Phoenix, AZ from June 3-5, 2013.

Based on population, precipitation patterns and comparable challenges, Santa Fe found the Flagstaff, AZ and Tucson, AZ teams to be particularly relevant partners in brainstorming solutions and exchanging ideas. We all expressed our interest in collaborating and exchanging ideas on a regular basis.

Team Members: Katherine Mortimer, Claudia Borchert, Melissa McDonald, Grace Perez and Esha Chiochio

Team Action Items:

- Modification of the Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper Certification Program (QWEL). Melissa McDonald will be teaching part of this course this Fall and is integrating climate change predictions. Her course is on passive water harvesting.
- Triple Bottom Line Impact Report. Develop and approve a city-wide assessment form that accompanies city actions like purchases, ordinances, contracts, resolutions, plans, and requires staff to evaluate the impacts of actions based on a triple bottom-line of people, profit and planet.
- Align public water budget according to community values and long-term climate predictions. Ensure that the long-range water supply plan identifies and budgets the uses of water that our community values in light of the pressures of less water availability due to climate change.
- Encourage water infiltration. Encourage City to redesign storm water drainage to irrigate roadside vegetation, and encourage rainwater harvesting (both passive and active) throughout the City on public and private land.
- Restore arroyos. The City and the SFWA will be launching a pilot project to restore a couple of key arroyos, however, the magnitude of this endeavor will need sustained effort and funding. The Commission should work to both facilitate the restoration of arroyos and minimize further damage through increased rainwater harvesting and infiltration.

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-\_\_

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Patti Bushee



A RESOLUTION

**DIRECTING STAFF TO DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CODE AND THE ESTABLISHED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMITTED USE IN CERTAIN ZONING DISTRICTS FOR FARM STANDS AND URBAN AGRICULTURE INCLUDING THE CONDITIONS UNDERWHICH SUCH USES WOULD BE PERMITTED; AND DIRECTING STAFF TO COLLABORATE WITH LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO DEVELOP A LOCAL FARM STAND PLAN SO THE RESIDENTS OF SANTA FE WILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO PURCHASE FRESH PRODUCE FROM COMMUNITY GARDENS AND ORCHARDS.**

**WHEREAS,** the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2009-53 on May 13, 2009 for the purpose of establishing a City of Santa Fe Community Garden Program with related policies and procedures; and

**WHEREAS,** the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2008-93 adopting the Sustainable Santa Fe Plan which includes actions to set a target for local food and to design and implement a City Harves program.

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DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY

*M/Melissa/Resolutions 2013/Community Garden*