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SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION

Tuesday, August 20, 2013
Councilors' Conference Room
Santa Fe, NM
2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 16, 2013
- E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR (5 min)
- F. REPORT FROM, AND ASSIGNMENT OF, ACTIONEER (5 min)
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 - 2. Staff Adaptation Green Team update
- H. PRESENTATIONS
- I. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
 - 1. Ordinance Banning the Distribution of Single-Use Plastic and Paper Carry Out Grocery Bags approval process update (K. Kelly) (5 min)
 - 2. Community Solar resolution implementation update (E. Chiocchio) (5 min)
 - 3. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - 3.1. ASSESSMENT: STAR Communities Pilot Update (B. Sopoci-Belknap) (5 min)
 - 3.2. GREEN BUSINESS: Update on Green Business Cert. (K. Kelly) (5 min)
 - 3.3. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (A. Romero) (15 min)
 - 3.4. URBAN AG: Farm Stand and Urban Agriculture Resolution update (B. Sopoci-Belknap & K. Mortimer) (5 min)
- J. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR (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
August 20, 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
Glenn Schiffbauer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jerome Lujan, excused
Andrea Romero, excused
Maria Rotunda, excused

STAFF PRESENT:

Katherine Mortimer, Environmental Services Division
Matt O'Reilly, Land Use Director

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lisa Merrill, SF Solid Waste Management Agency
Ernest Bell, visitor
Seth Roffman, *Green Fire Times*
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: July 16, 2013

The following change was made to the Minutes of the July 16, 2013 meeting:
Page 6, 6th paragraph 1st sentence was changed to read: "*Commissioner Evans noted that they were going to do a green **business** class at the Community College but nobody signed up.*"

Commissioner Pape moved to approve the Minutes of the July 16, 2013 meeting as amended. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Introductions were made.

Ernest Bell said he is only here to observe.

Seth Roffman distributed the current issue of *Green Fire Times*, which was focused on Native American Green Indigenous Solutions. A column in *Green Fire Times* for the Sustainable SF Commission will be discussed further down on the agenda.

REPORT FROM AND ASSIGNMENT OF ACTIONEER

Commissioner Evans offered to be the Actioneer for this meeting.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap reviewed the previous Actioneer report that was included in the Commissioners' packets.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. Recycling Outreach Update

Ms. Merrill said she gave a two-hour tour to the community of the Castillo Retirement Home.

Ms. Merrill noted that the TV recycling program has been put on hold and will hopefully be on the agenda for the Joint Powers Board meeting in September. The Bicycle Reuse Program with Chain Breakers is also put on hold and will hopefully be on the agenda too.

Ms. Merrill said she, the Director (Randall), Commissioner Holian and Councilor Rivera are going to visit the new recycling facility (Freidman Recycling) in Albuquerque on Thursday.

Ms. Merrill mentioned that she has a new boss.

Ms. Merrill asked if anyone had any recycling ideas that are tangible.

Ms. Mortimer said they have talked about doing a fun flier for the elementary schools about recycling.

Ms. Merrill suggested that Ms. Mortimer contact Lisa Randall about this because they are limited on what they can distribute.

Ms. Mortimer said the City would be handing it out.

Commissioner Chiocchio said they just started up the "Go Green Team Club" at Wood Gormely Elementary. She said one of the students had an idea to do a fundraiser and have a no-waste campaign about no-waste lunch boxes and other no-waste options.

Ms. Merrill said that would be a great idea for every school; however, it can be hard to get a message across to all of the schools because the Superintendent has indicated that these things should be sent to the principals, and they decide whether they want to send it out.

Commissioner Pape asked Commissioner Chiocchio if there is any composting being done.

Commissioner Chiocchio said no, but they would like to consider doing this.

Ms. Mortimer noted that they are doing an operation analysis that will look at the City, the County and the Solid Waste Management Agency systems.

Commissioner Kelly said with regard to the pilot composting project, there were some really interesting figures as far as tonnages.

Ms. Mortimer said this was inconsistent in terms of the volume and how much they saved and they think it's because they don't have a scale for this. However, they were saving money taking it to the landfill.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked if the waste characterization is done.

Ms. Mortimer said they are not doing a waste characterization; they are doing an operations' analysis that looks at the City, the County and the Solid Waste Management Agency and then they will come back with recommendations.

Ms. Merrill said this is supposed to be done sometime in October or November.

Commissioner Kelly said Cindy Padilla was trying to find other partners in the community to do some of the recycling outreach because the Sierra Club has been distributing the bins. They were thinking that maybe the Go Green Club could be a partner. She noted that there is a sector of the population that does not have bins.

Ms. Mortimer said there would need to be an adult or parent overseeing this. They will also need to put the names in the computer.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said it sounds like it would make sense to have a recycling outreach and education campaign on the south side of town once the annexation is complete.

2. Staff Adaptation Green Team Update

Ms. Mortimer reported that she is still waiting to send an e-mail to invite people. She said there is also the adaptation work that Commissioner Chiochio is leading through the Santa Fe Watershed Association, and that is coming to fruition, in terms of developing recommendations and setting priorities.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked if this is something that will be shared with the wider public.

Commissioner Chiochio said yes, and the final report should be done by the end of November and it will be released to the public. She offered to send the Commissioners a copy of the preliminary report in October for review.

Commissioner Pape asked if the Commission will be able to give feedback before then.

Commissioner Chiocchio said she thinks that is a great idea.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations made.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Ordinance Banning the Distribution of Single-Use Plastic and Paper Carry Out Grocery Bags

Commissioner Kelly said the public hearing on the Ordinance is scheduled for August 27th, (Tuesday) at 7:00 p.m. and all are invited to attend. The Commissioners were asked to bring their friends to show support for the ban ordinance.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap noted that they will have a photo collage of people holding signs that indicate that they support the bag ban and they will be making an installation at the meeting. She requested that photos be sent to her as soon as possible to include in the installation. This could also include photos of plastic bags that are stuck in the trees, etc.

2. Community Solar resolution implementation update

Commissioner Chiocchio said they have a meeting tomorrow with PNM at the Albuquerque Headquarters. Representatives from CDC Energy Collective will be coming down from Boulder to attend the meeting and they will also do a site visit of the old land fill (as a possible site for a solar field); they will listen to music at the Santa Fe Plaza at 6:00 p.m. and will meet for dinner at The Shed at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Holian and Councilor Wurzbarger will be attending the dinner.

Commissioner Chiocchio offered to get the updated PowerPoint presentation from PNM and will email it to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Chiocchio will also send a Doodle Poll to the Energy Committee to have a meeting to do a debriefing of the PNM meeting.

3. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

3.1 ASSESSMENT – STAR Communities Pilot Update

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said she and Commissioner Kelly met and went through the indicators and tried to prioritize some areas that they would like to track. She offered to send the list of indicators to the Commissioners. They are hoping that the new Cadre Member will work on this.

3.2. GREEN BUSINESS: Update on Green Business Cert.

Commissioner Kelly said there will probably be another meeting in two weeks. She said they are looking for funding and exploring ideas on how to have a green business program. She said there is a lot of interest in having this but funding it could be difficult but they are tossing around some ideas like grant opportunities.

Commissioner Evans said if the City wants to say it is a sustainable city they cannot only have people working on these initiatives on a volunteer basis. She said they should put forth some type of funding for some of these initiatives, especially the STAR Communities Pilot Project and the Green Business Certification Program.

Commissioner Chiochio mentioned that there is a grant opportunity through the Rockefeller Foundation 100 Sustainable Cities grant.

Ms. Mortimer said she registered for this, and she has a teleconference early Thursday morning regarding this.

Commissioner Pape said last week Craig Allen made a presentation to City Council on the issue of forests and fire and it was very powerful. He said that you could burn 47,000 acres in 14 hours and can totally change the situation that you are in, from one day to the next. She said talk about adaptation; this is a major thing and we need it desperately in terms of the forest fires. She noted that she tried to get a copy of the minutes and/or recording and was unsuccessful. She suggested that all Commissioners see the presentation.

Commissioner Chiochio said this is a big piece of their plan – the continued treatment of the forest for adaptation to avoid the risk of a catastrophic fire. She said she would like to get a copy of the presentation.

Ms. Mortimer said all Council meetings are recorded and televised.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap recommended that this be placed on the agenda as a presentation item. She offered to try and get a copy of the presentation on adaptation and fire from Joe Abeyta to distribute and or view at the next meeting.

3.3 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Ms. Mortimer noted that Commissioner Romero sent an e-mail about starting the Sustainable SF Commission column in *Green Fire Times* in October rather than September.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said Commissioner Romero did a draft design for the column.

Mr. Roffman said it looked more like an ad.

Ms. Mortimer and Mr. Roffman suggested that each article have a little blurb about the Commission.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said the Committee needs a little more time to discuss the design elements of the column. She thanked Seth Roffman for allowing the Sustainable Commission space to do the column.

Ms. Mortimer noted that Food Day is on October 24th and maybe the Commission could write an article about that.

The Community Engagement group will coordinate with Seth Roffman to do a ½ page column for the October *Green Fire Times* issue.

3.4 URBAN AG: Farm Stand and Urban Agriculture Resolution Update

Ms. Mortimer reported that the Farm Stand and Urban Agriculture Resolution was pulled off the City Council agenda last night because there were several concerns raised. The City received a letter from the Farmers Market expressing concerns about allowing farm stands anywhere. What became evident was that there needs to be a process where everybody can get their concerns heard/aired, including around GAIA Gardens because there is still the perception that this is about GAIA Gardens, which it is not.

Ms. Mortimer said since the Food Plan is in under preparation, it makes sense to fold it into that, which is going to have a more extensive public outreach process in getting feedback.

Commissioner Pape said she has not seen anything on this. She asked if the Commission could see the Food Plan.

Ms. Mortimer said there were presentations on the initial items and a Food Assessment was done and published. She offered to email it to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Pape said she is more concerned about goals.

Ms. Mortimer said they are not doing an emergency food assessment, which is a whole other piece.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said the Food Plan will have policy recommendations. She suggested that Commissioner Pape attend the Food Policy Council meetings which are held on the fourth Thursday of the month.

Ms. Mortimer noted that the Food Policy Council will be meeting next Thursday. She said people can serve on a subcommittee of the Food Policy Council if they are interested in being involved.

Commissioner Kelly said they could do an article about this for the *Green Fire Times* column.

Ms. Mortimer said they could possibly get someone from Senator Heinrich's office to write an article because they are willing to help. She will follow up.

ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said Commissioner Kelly put the bug in her ear about strategic planning for next year. She proposed the idea to have a special session in October to do some strategic planning after they have had a chance to meet with the outgoing City Councilors and some of the perspective Councilors that might be incoming.

Commissioner Pape asked if someone will be meeting with the Councilors. Chair Sopoci-Belknap said yes, that is the plan. There are also some meetings already going on. She said the Commission could also have a double session (longer meeting) like in the past to do strategic planning.

Ms. Mortimer said it would make sense to set up some kind of executive committee to meet with the Councilors.

Commissioner Pape suggested that there be a set of questions that would be asked.

Ms. Mortimer said the Commissioners needs to provide an updated report/presentation to City Council and could follow up with meeting with the Councilors.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said she would rather send out a list of city councilors (current and potential) to all the Commissioners to divvy up the list to contact them to get their ideas around sustainability and Santa Fe.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap will also prepare a draft report for the Councilors and a draft list of questions.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Pape announced that Brad Lancaster will be having a public talk and book signing on the simple and effective ways to enhance the abundance of your home and community on Saturday, August 24, 2013 at the James A. Little Theater, New Mexico School for the Deaf, 1060 Cerrillos Road starting at 4:30 p.m. The suggested donation is \$10. Mr. Lancaster will sell and sign copies of his *Rainwater Harvesting for Drylands & Beyond* book. Commissioner Pape will send a pdf file about the Brad Lancaster talk to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Pape said on Sunday, there will be a day of demonstration, projects, poster sessions, workshops, tabling and discussion on Wise Water Use from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Commons on the Alameda. There will be break-out sessions for people to share their comments.

Ms. Mortimer said they can put a blog on the Sustainable SF page about this.

Commissioner Pape noted that *Time Magazine* did an article about bees.

She said there will be a fabulous system at the Community College that they got a grant for that is called "The Bioponics Training Greenhouse" on August 26th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Bioponics Institute is a super green business in the hydroponic and aquaponic food growth industry. Their mission is to localize organic food production for both people and animals on a national scale through education, training, employment support and business franchise options.

Commissioner Pape said there is another issue: the City Parks Department has been proposing a variety of poisons, which is not in line with the Integrated Pest Management Ordinance. She said she had a meeting with the Parks Department and they indicated that they have more parks to take care of but they do not have sufficient staff to do this.

She said the Public Works Director put a temporary stop to the spraying of herbicides.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked if there is a plan to deal with this.

Commissioner Pape said there is no specific plan yet but she is opening up the topic to the Commission because they all have contacts with certain people.

Ms. Mortimer suggested that they attend the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting because they are the Parks Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Evans asked what happened with Councilor Calvert and the point of sale energy audit.

Ms. Mortimer said Councilor Calvert had an initial meeting with people of the Realtors Association and it seems that this could be an uphill battle.

Commissioner Schiffbauer announced that the Eco Ground RB Tour will be coming through Santa Fe on Friday and they will be having lunch at the Santa Fe Area Homebuilders Association at 11:30 a.m. The first 20 people who sign up will get free lunch. The Tour started in Montana.

Commissioner Schiffbauer noted that there will be a "Paul Hawken" event at the Lensic on October 8th. Paul Hawken will be talking about sustainability and responsible business.

Commissioner Chiochio said they will be doing a Renewable Energy Day at the Roundhouse again this Legislative Session and they are expanding it to 24 tables this year. They would like to incorporate other renewable energy technology other than solar energy.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Craig Allen's presentation

ADJOURNMENT

Schedule next meeting/ adjournment

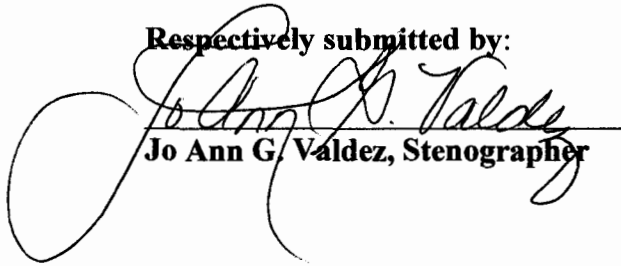
The next meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2013 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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