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SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 19, 2013
Councilors' Conference Room
City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue
2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 19th, 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
 - 3. Report from Sustainability Behavior Change Symposium
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 - 2. Santa Fe Public Power & Community Solar Initiative Update
 - 3. Community Solar resolution – local ownership (B. Sopoci & K. Kelly)
 - 3. ASSESSMENT - STAR Communities Pilot Update (K. Kelly & A. Evans) (5 min)
 - 4. EMS: Update on Community EMS Template (K. Jennings) (5 min)
 - 5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - Update on SSF Awards and Ceremony (B. Sopoci) (5 min)
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- K. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR (5 min)
- L. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION (5 min)
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MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION
March 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 2:37 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
Amanda Evans
Kim Kelly
Jerome Lujan
Louise Pape
Andrea Romero
Maria Rotunda
Glenn Schiffbauer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lisa Merrill, SF Solid Waste Management Agency
Seth Roffman, *Green Fire Times*
Elaine Scott, New Mexico Acequia Association

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 19, 2013

The following changes were made to the Minutes of the February 19, 2013 meeting:

Page 3, under *Staff Communications*, 2nd paragraph, 1st sentence was changed to read: *"At the prior Commission meeting, Ms. Merrill mentioned that Capital Scraps is now accepting all recyclables, including all plastics, 1 through 7."*

Page 7, under *Items from the Commission*, 1st paragraph, last sentence was changed to read: *"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*

Page 8, 6th paragraph, 1st sentence was changed to read: *"She noted that that there was a talk on drought and Climate Change reports on the Drought Monitor's website.*

Commissioner Pape moved to approve the Minutes of the February 19, 2013 meeting as amended. Commissioner Chiochio 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 March issue was around 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.

Mr. Roffman said *Green Fire Times* has been invited to be a sponsor partner of the New Mexico Community Foundation and it looks like they will be doing that.

Ms. Elaine Scott noted that she is with the New Mexico Acequia Association. She was interested in knowing what projects the Commission is working on.

REPORT FROM AND ASSIGNMENT OF ACTIONEER

The report from the Actioneer Report from the prior month was reviewed. Commissioner Chiochio offered to be the Actioneer for this meeting.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. Recycling outreach update

Ms. Padilla announced that Manuel Sanchez has been hired as the new State of New Mexico General Services Administrative Manager. They are also in the process of hiring a recycling manager. Ms. Mortimer noted that the Sierra Club has been giving out recycling bins at the Chavez Community Center. Look for recycling bins at sporting events.

Earth Hour

Ms. Padilla reported that Councilors Bushee, Calvert and Ives introduced a Resolution accepting the Earth Hour City Challenge of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and encouraging governmental entities, businesses and residents of the City of Santa Fe to participate in Earth Hour on March 23, 2013 at 8:30 p.m., which is WWF annual campaign to raise awareness of environmental challenges.

The Resolution explains that cities across America are currently facing the staggering costs of weather driven to extremes by climate change. The WWF Earth Hour City Challenge is a year-long competition among cities to prepare for increasingly extreme weather and promote renewable energy. U.S. cities that participate will receive resources and gain recognition for their efforts to curb carbon pollution and prepare their communities for the harmful consequences of climate change. On Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 8:30 p.m., thousands of cities around the world will go dark for one hour during Earth Hour, WWF's annual campaign to raise awareness of the environmental challenges, such as climate change.

GMO Resolution

Ms. Mortimer noted that she is the staff person for the GMO Resolution passed by City Council. Commissioner Pape stated that the GMO issue is definitely related to climate change because of the agricultural implications but noted that the resolution is very general and will require more research and development. She is willing to be of assistance.

Ms. Mortimer spoke about Earth Care's Global Youth Service Day. Earth Care's fifth annual Day of Service in celebration of Earth Day and Global Youth Service Days will take

place on April 25th, 2013, from 9 AM - 3 PM at the Zona del Sol building on the Southside. Over 275, 3rd through 12th grade public school students from across the District are expected to attend, and will take part in art and service learning activities led by Earth Care and over ten other community organizations. This is an opportunity for young people from across Santa Fe to come together to learn and get their hands dirty for environmental sustainability. Classes who have received a Sustainable School Award will be publicly recognized for their work. Volunteers are needed for the Earth Care's Global Youth Service Day.

Ms. Padilla mentioned that the City will not reach a zero waste goal unless food wastes are processed. Payne's Nursery will be starting a food waste composting pilot program. There was discussion about the fact that the capacity at Payne's Nursery could be maxed out; and possibly the City should consider starting a city food waste composting program.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap suggested that a draft resolution be done.

Ms. Merrill will help Ms. Padilla draft language for a City resolution. Ms. Merrill said that the Hazardous Waste facility is celebrating its 6 month in operation and 50,000 pounds have been diverted already. Materials like paint can be obtained for free at this facility, and there is a need to let the public know, possibly through the website, and FreeCycle and the *New Mexican's* list of free materials.

Commissioner Pape will be going to Boulder, Colorado and will do a field trip to document the Boulder food waste program.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap suggested that this be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Ms. Merrill mentioned that the manager of the BURRT facility is leaving.

2. Staff Adaptation Green Team update

Ms. Mortimer noted that the Western Adaptation Alliance retreat will be held in Arizona on June 3-5. This is part of the Wal-Mart grant to talk about water and adaptation. They can send a team, up to six people and they are trying to figure out which member(s) of the Green Team will go. Ms. Mortimer will check whether or not individuals (other than staff members) can attend. The Commissioners agreed that Commissioner Chiochio should attend.

Commissioner Pape mentioned a report entitled "***USDA Climate Change and Agriculture in the United States- Effects and Adaptation***". She e-mailed the Commissioners the link to the report. She noted that this document is an important document because it could influence our food supply as climate changes- which plants adapted to a prior climate do not like. Currently, the USDA administration has placed its faith on GMO's, yet these are monocultures, toxic, and so limited in many ways.

Commissioner Pape feels that we really need a complete revision which is not likely to happen unless our citizens keep pushing. She would like to have a committee to work on this, but the deadline is April 15th; therefore there is not much time for such a complicated and lengthy document.

3. Report from Sustainability Behavior Change Symposium

Ms. Mortimer attended the Sustainability Behavior Change Symposium that was held at the Garrison Institute in New York from March 13-15, 2013. The Climate, Mind and Behavior (CMB) presented its second annual Climate, Cities and Behavior symposium, this year entitled "The Human Dimensions of Resilient and Sustainable Communities: People, Organizations and Networks." This national gathering of urban sustainability leaders addressed sustainable resource use and how to communicate with and engage diverse populations and communities to help make cities effective at combating climate change and resilience in dealing with its effects. The Climate, Mind and Behavior (CMB) Initiative connects new insights from social and behavioral sciences about the drivers of human behavior with new thinking about solutions to climate change and other sustainability issues.

Ms. Mortimer said that using social ties-being part of a group-is important and that activities should be fun, not just doom and gloom. Campaigns should incorporate humor and fun into their campaigns -to get people to feel part of a group. This can motivate people to change. If they feel that they are part of a group, they will do things that the group feels are important. Youth campaigns that use appropriate rebelliousness and the creating of a feeling of "tribe" have proven successful in other campaigns. Ms. Mortimer said Joule Bug or I-phones fit in with this.

PRESENTATIONS

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

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

Chair Sopoci-Belknap and Commissioner Kelly attended the last Business and Quality of Life Committee meeting where the community/public could provide feedback on the Ordinance. Some of the revisions to the Ordinance are as follows:

- The definitions of a “Single-Use Plastic” and “Paper Carry Out” grocery bags were added in.
- Ban on plastic bags and \$.10 charge for paper bags.
- Review period is 6 months. Environmental services should keep track of waste. Sustainable SF will host a public review session and will present findings to City Council.
- Goes into effect in January 2014 and we will host a public meeting in June 2014. The Commissioners should attend the various city meetings (finance, etc.) to show grassroots support.
- New language was added about enforcement; violations and potential penalties for violating the Ordinance.
- The exemptions [undue hardship] were added. The City Manager or his designee may exempt an affected retail establishment from the requirements for a period of up to one additional year from the effective date of this Ordinance, upon exhibiting sufficient proof by the applicant that the provisions of this Article would cause undue hardship. The various situations of undue hardship were added in.
- The Opt-in Recycling Program – a retail establishment may be exempt from the requirements of the ban on single use paper carry out bags by opting in to a city approved cardboard or commingle recycling program. The retail establishment shall apply to the City for such exemption. Prior to being exempt from the requirements of this Ordinance, the recycling program shall be approved by the environmental services division.

The Ordinance is presently at the City Attorney’s office.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap noted that Earth Care is doing a bag distribution campaign and people can bring old reusable bags that they would like to donate to Earth Care. They will also be distributing reusable bags.

China has banned mixed rigid and mixed resin plastics and bottles. Ms. Merrill will look into the details and implications of this.

Ms. Padilla will contact Randall regarding negotiations with Freedman Recycling.

Commissioner Kelly is to send out the current version of the Ordinance to the Commissioners.

2. Santa Fe Public Power & Community Solar Initiative Update

Commissioner Schiffbauer reported that there have been some meetings with regards to the Santa Fe Public Power and Community Solar Initiative. Nick Schiavo has a possible third party solar provider.

Commissioner Schiffbauer said that PNM did a poll and that Santa Fe was “prime” for community solar, better than anywhere else in the state. At a meeting, PNM was asked to accelerate action, and not delay.

3. Community Solar Resolution- Local ownership

Commissioner Schiffbauer asked the Commission if they want to draft a Community Solar Resolution – local ownership. The Commission is very supportive of community solar.

Commissioner Pape moved that the Commission write a statement to support community solar which is owned by the City/County or by a third party developer for a power purchase agreement. Commissioner Schiffbauer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said this has not been launched to the public. There was a discussion of numerous ways to reach out to the public – the website, through *Green Fire Times* article, and an insert or at the bottom of utility bills. Having a logo and slogan were also suggested.

Commissioner Kelly will follow up with Nick Schiavo and Mariel Nanasi regarding the addition of questions pertaining to community solar on the City’s economic development survey.

Commissioner Chiochio will schedule an energy sub-committee meeting for next week and will include Katlynn Jennings and Andrea Romero on the list.

4. Assessment-STAR Communities Pilot Update

Since the STAR program is so extensive, Ms. Mortimer has added columns NOW/LATER/NOT APPLICABLE to the STAR document so that Commissioners can assess whether each item needs to be addressed now. There is a need to narrow down the lengthy list of community indicators. There is the need to have these selected community indicators become part of all departments' reports. Some indicators will come from the private sector.

5. EMS-Update on Community EMS Template

Ms. Jennings said there has not been much progress on the EMS Template.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Ms. Jennings reports that there are now 4 AmeriCorps/Earthcare interns working in the schools with different assignments and are working on greening of schools and other activities.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap will send out information about school budgeting meetings.

1. Update on SSF Awards and Ceremony

The SSF Awards ceremony will be held on April 27th.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said there is a committee to review the nominations. The selections will be made next Wednesday.

The Commission members were encouraged to attend the SSF Awards Ceremony.

Reusable Bag Collection

There could be a collection of reusable bags to offer to people who cannot afford to buy new reusable bags. The Youth Advisory Board could work on collecting them, and Ms. Padilla offered to provide a drop-off site.

UPDATES AND OPPORTUNITIES

This agenda item was not discussed.

ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

There were no items from the Chair.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

The two new Commission Members, Amanda Evans from Santa Fe Community College and Jerome Lujan from the Santa Fe Indian School and Youth Advisory Board were introduced.

Agricultural Revitalization Institute

At the Community Farm, there is a hands-on training for gardening that will begin to work in elementary schools, with Agua Fria being the first.

Green Cleaning

Commissioner Evans said that cleaning materials can be very toxic, yet there are safe cleaning products. A 4-hour training on how to do "Green Cleaning" was conducted with rave reviews. No one represented the City and it would be beneficial for City staff to attend the next training.

Commissioner Pape recommended that Commissioners attend the Brown Bag water conservation meetings that the City's Claudia Borchert is organizing.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Food Composting Program

ADJOURNMENT

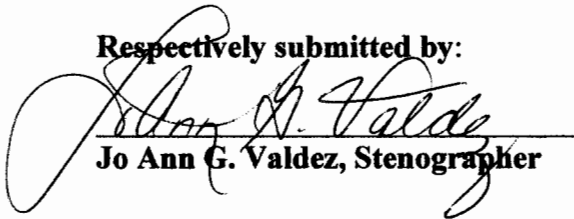
Schedule next meeting/ adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2013 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Having no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Approved by:

Bianca Sopoci-Belknap, Chair

Respectively submitted by:


Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer