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SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 18, 2011
City Councilor's Conference Room
Santa Fe, NM
3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

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- G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
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 - b. Public Utilities Department Environmental Management System (R. Wheeler)
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 - d. Public Outreach and Communication (B. Sopoci-Belknap)
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Next Meeting: – November 15, 2011

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MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION

October 18, 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
Tim Rogers
D.H. Strongheart

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Camilla Bustamante, excused (will be resigning)
Shayla Lewis
Joe Sehee, excused
2 vacancies

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Christine
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Shanahan moved to approve the Agenda as published. Commissioner Pape seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 20, 2011

Commissioner Pape offered the following changes to the Minutes of the September 20, 2011 meeting:

Page 4, 3rd sentence was changed to read: *“The EMS is being moved forward by staff, the Development Code revisions are on hold for an external process...”*

Page 5, 4th paragraph was changed to read: *“Commissioner **Pape** suggested that the compromise could be that the Commissioners arrive at 3...”*

Page 5, 6th paragraph was changed to read: *“Commissioner Strongheart **suggested** that the Commission...”*

Page 6, 6th paragraph was changed to read: *“Commissioner Strongheart reported that Marial Nanasi of New Energy Economy said that **they are** learning a lot from Boulder Colorado’s efforts.”*

Page 7, last paragraph was changed to read: *“Commissioner Sehee added that Audubon program has 2 tracks; one for municipalities and another for the private sector.”*

Commissioner Strongheart moved to approve the Minutes of the September 20, 2011 as amended. Commissioner Pape seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Elizabeth Christine introduced herself. She was present today mostly for her personal education. She is also interested in what the Commission is doing. She noted that she is working on an initiative called “Transition Town”. This is a movement that came out of

England that has to do with towns responding to peak oil and global warming. She said a big part of this is educating the public.

Commissioner Pape said some towns are really moving forward on this and get about 100 people at a meeting; however, Santa Fe hasn't got there yet. This is the second attempt at Transition Town.

Ms. Lloyd-Ortigiza is working with the Environmental Services Division for the next 11 months through the Americorps Food Cadre program run by Earth Care.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. Report on Food Policy Council Activities

Ms. Mortimer reported that the Food Policy Council has started focusing on the Food Assessment, which is getting to the point where they will make some policy recommendations in November or December.

She said 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 that the Food Policy Council prepared for the County that included recommendations on codification of food and agriculture policies to include in the Sustainable Growth Management Plan.

Ms. Mortimer said there is nothing new on the white paper; however, the County is starting to look at language for the codification of food and the agriculture policies.

Ms. Mortimer announced that Regina Wheeler will be leaving the City and her last day is November 14th. She has accepted a job with New Energy Economy.

Commissioner Shanahan asked if Ms. Mortimer knew who would be replacing Ms. Wheeler.

Ms. Mortimer said she did not know.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap suggested that the Commission consider asking Ms. Wheeler if she would consider being a member of the Commission.

Ms. Mortimer noted that Commissioner Sehee will be leaving at the end of the month because he is moving.

There was brief discussion on possible candidates to fill the two vacancies on the Commission.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap noted that she dropped off a letter to Big Jo True Value Hardware to see if someone from there would be interested in serving on the Commission.

Commissioner Shanahan offered to check with them.

Commissioner Pape said another approach could be to contact sister organizations (like the Chamber of Commerce), inform them that there is a vacancy on the Commission and ask them if they have anyone who would be interested in serving on the Commission.

Ms. Mortimer said individuals could also serve on subcommittees. She said the Commission should consider a minority to fill the vacancy. She noted that they have to be a resident of Santa Fe.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap suggested that a letter be written that states that the Commission is looking for Commission members and subcommittee members. The letter could be sent to organizations.

Ms. Christine suggested that the Commission look into the authors who write articles for the *Green Fire Times* publication. She said Native Americans and Hispanics have written some really good articles.

Commissioner Rogers said the Commission could write a story in the *Green Fire Times* that would indicate what the Commission does, etc.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Implementation of 2011 Objectives:

a. Green Building and Development Codes

Commissioner Shanahan reported that Ms. Mortimer convened two meetings with the Home Builders Association to roll out the final comments on the Green Building Code. He said they are trying to establish a baseline for green building codes and put them more in line with the National Green Building Standards.

Commissioner Shanahan noted that the County is looking at developing new codes that will go in line with their Sustainable Growth Management Plan, and one of them is green standards. However, the County cannot adopt a Green Building Code because they do not have an inspection or enforcement department.

Ms. Mortimer and Commissioner Shanahan briefly explained some of the changes made to the Green Building Code.

Commissioner Shanahan noted that there was a study session with 3 of the four County Commissioners who have tasked them with providing proof that this is cost effective – they were asked to provide information on what it will cost to go from a HERS 89 rating (HERS rating baseline from 2009) to a HERS 70 rating; how much energy savings you get; how much this would add to a mortgage; and how they would balance each other. There will be a meeting tomorrow to present their results.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked if the Albuquerque Green Building Code was voted on. She thinks this is important for the City of Santa Fe's Green Building Code.

Commissioner Shanahan said he did not know. He noted that the South West Energy Efficiency Project (SWEEP) presented information that it is cost effective.

Development Code-Chapter 14

Commissioner Shanahan noted that Ms. Mortimer has drafted a resolution that asks that staff to do the work because the Land Use Director would be the person that needs to convene the group, ensure that the meetings occur, etc.

Commissioner Shanahan said some of the areas that the subcommittee thinks could be addressed in the revisions of the Development Code include:

- Requiring subdivisions to maximize passive solar exposure
- Street drainage to promote water harvesting
- Curb cuts for water harvesting
- Reviewing the Stormwater Management rules for optimal water usage
- Partnering with the Water Conservation Committee
- An overlay district for St. Michael's Drive

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked where vegetation fits in. Ms. Mortimer said the subcommittee could look at this. Commissioner Shanahan said they could ask that design standards be added.

b. Public Utilities Department Environmental Management System

Ms. Lloyd-Ortigiza reviewed some information on introducing the concept of an Environmental Management System. Please see Exhibit "A" for the specifics of this presentation.

Ms. Ortigiza noted that this is not final. She said an introduction was made to the Director of the Public Works Department and it will be introduced to the general staff on October 17th.

Commissioner Pape asked Ms. Lloyd-Ortigiza if she is going to include anything on climate change.

Ms. Lloyd-Ortigiza said they have a limited time at meetings and they do not want to overwhelm them. She would like to develop what can be done now and develop that.

c. Greenhouse Gas Reduction for Energy Sources

This was not discussed.

d. Public Outreach and Communication

This was not discussed.

ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

There were no items from the Chair.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Shanahan noted that the Mayor wants to propose a GO bond that has to be voted on by the public to do/pay for a variety of things. Commissioner Shanahan would like the Commission to think about drafting a Resolution that would ask City Council to consider funding a feasibility study for a municipality utility for the City and County of Santa Fe, as part of the next GO Bond. This will be an agenda action item for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

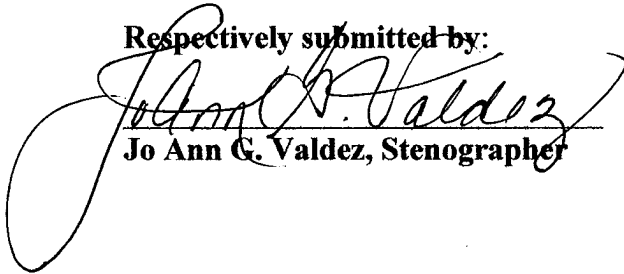
Schedule next meeting/ adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Pape moved to adjourn, second by Commissioner Rogers, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Approved by:

Bianca Sopoci-Belknap, Chair

Respectively submitted by:


Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer