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**SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION**

Wednesday, June 15, 2016, 4:00 p.m.

Councilors' Conference Room, City Hall (200 Lincoln Avenue)

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 18, 2016
- E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR
- F. REPORT FROM, AND ASSIGNMENT OF, ACTIONEER
- G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
  - 1. Presentation: Stormwater Management Report, Melissa McDonald, City of Santa Fe
  - 2. Presentation: Public Bank Update, Mary Schruben, Banking on New Mexico
- H. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR & CO-CHAIR
- I. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION
- J. ITEMS FROM STAFF
  - 1. Updates: Consultant contract; Urban Agriculture Ordinance; Verde Fund
- K. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC
- L. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA
- M. ADJOURNMENT

**Next Meeting: July 20, 2016**

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City of Santa Fe

# Sustainable Santa Fe Commission Meeting – 5/18/16

MINUTES, Draft until Approved

Frances Lucero  
5/18/2016

**SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION**  
**Wednesday, January 27, 2016 4:00 to 7:10 p.m.**  
**City Councilor's Conference Room, Santa Fe, New Mexico**

**MINUTES**

**A. Call to Order**

The Sustainable Santa Fe Commission meeting was called to order by Ms. Beth Beloff, Chair at 6:00 pm. A quorum was not present for this meeting.

**B. Roll Call**

**Present:**

Beth R. Beloff, Chair  
Robb Young Hirsch  
Christian Casillas  
Kathleen S. Holian  
Michael Loftin  
Glenn Schiffbauer  
Linda Smith  
Jack McGowan

**Not Present/Excused:**

Amanda Hatherly  
Tejjinder Ciano

**Others Present:**

**The Chair invited those in attendance and the Commission members to introduce themselves.**

**Mayor Javier Gonzales**

**Public:**

Mariel Nanasi, New Energy Economy	Robert Jessen, Monte Del Sol
Sarah Aagard, Santa Fe Forward	Carol Oppenheimer, Santa Fe Forward
Brent Bernard, Teacher, Monte Del Sol	Morty Simon, Santa Fe Forward
Paul Zelizer, Parent, Monte Del Sol	Morgan Day, Santa Fe Policy Council
Alison Watt, Monte Del Sol Registrar	Seth Roffman, Green Fire Times
Angela Kunkowski, Earth Care	Joe Eiquen, El Dorado, 285 Recycles
Andy Otto, Santa Fe Water Shed	

Students, Monte Del Sol – Jaime Garcia, Rachel Zelizer, Arturo Jessen, Hazel Simmons, Roberto Horta, Esther Kovari, Dan Reaves

**Staff Present:**

John Alejandro, Staff Liaison  
Anna Serrano for Fran Lucero, Stenographer

**C. Approval of Agenda**  
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**D. Approval of Minutes: April 20, 2016**  
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**E. Communication from the Floor**  
Chair Beloff introduced the teachers and students from Monte del Sol Charter School were introduced. On Earth Day, our school invited experts from the community in different areas of sustainability to work with our students to develop some ideas and suggestions to help our city become carbon neutral by 2040. The students provided a handout in the following areas: (Exhibit A) – Students did an exceptional presentation to the Sustainable Santa Fe Committee members.

- Food and Farming: Expert: Mark Winne, Santa Fe Food Policy Council
- Waste: Experts: Christian Casillas, Santa Fe County Solid Waste
- Electricity: Experts: Craig O’Hare, Santa Fe County
- Consumer Products
- Esther Kovari: Transportation – The city should create more bike lanes on all new roads.

Esther Kovari, Teacher for Monte del Sol Charter School and students proceeded with their presentation. Above are the topics they discussed listing the experts from the Community.

Food and Farming: One recommendation was to have the City of Santa Fe could decrease meat consumption throughout the schools and the city by declaring “Meatless Monday” since Animal Agriculture is a major source of greenhouse emissions. The city could increase the amount of organic waste being composted by partnering with the Farmers Market and issuing credits or coupons for food from the Farmers Market when residents put their food waste out on recycling day. This compost could also be sold to farmers and households to cover the cost of the composting program.

Waste: The second section is what to do with all the waste we produce as a society. One idea was to create a phone Ap to increase the number of people who recycle, residents would take pictures of their recyclables each week and this would be sent to the city and residents would receive points. Develop an Ap that would allow people to scan the product barcode to learn if the packaging is recyclable.

Electricity: Energy and discussion of solar systems for new commercial businesses. This would help turn Santa Fe in to a carbon neutral place that we want it to be. We should take steps to educate on energy usage. The city should get a municipal electric utility to transfer in to renewable energy services.

Consumer Products: In order to promote a sustainable style for recreational activities we could have an outside theater using old recycled cars for seating. Possible promotion of maker’s space at Meow Wolf – small entrepreneurs could operate

businesses out of there and recycle materials from consumer products and repurposing items.

Transportation: The city should create more bike opportunities; bike lanes should be required on all new roads.

Thank you for presentation. Great ideas that fit in to working groups with the Sustainable Santa Fe Committee.

Commissioner Holian asked if the students would be willing to make presentation to the Santa Fe County Commission. The teachers and students were complimented and would be happy to present.

**F. Report from and Assignment of Actioneer – Linda Smith**

- Kathy to send out entire Jemez y Sangre Water Plan to all
- ~~John to invite Erin Ortigoza and Morgan Day to May meeting.~~ **Done**
- John to send out energy report cards to us as they become ready. **There is still work in progress, once the water usage and reports are consolidated, a monthly report card will be done. Possibly in the next month.**
- John to make formal ask of School Board for sustainability programs in schools. **In discussion with Lisa Randall from SFPS, she is providing direction on how to approach the School Board.**
- Working group preliminary summaries to Beth and John by May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- ~~Slides of Ecoponex presentation to be sent to all.~~ **Done – John will resend to the members. John to add a link on Commission’s website for the slides to be posted.**
- Benjamin’s contact information to be sent to all.
- Arrange tour of SFCC for Commission. **Keep this on as an action item, when Amanda returns, she can orchestrate this topic item.**
- Meeting to be called for SSFC awards discussion to include Rob Hirsch, John Alejandro, Beth Beloff, Amanda Hatherly and Women of Green people and others if they are interested. **The Chair will arrange a meeting with Women of Green next week in the absence of Ms. Hatherly.**
- Amanda to help Kathy with Water Workshop at SFCC. **There has been communication with Rosemary Romero on Sangre y Jemez, city and county to work on this together in the future. It would be worthwhile to review the draft plan before the deadline as comments were provided. F/U: Commissioner Holian would like some feedback – part of the plan is that a major new source of water may be a transfer of agricultural water rights in to the city and county utilities and she would like feedback on this particular issue. Note these are agricultural water rights.**
- ~~Kathy to send out meeting dates for Agricultural Revitalization Initiative.~~
- Beth to send out email invitation to next Environmental Protection and Restoration Working Group.
- John to find out when the applicant names for the RFP can be released. **Once bid has been awarded.**
- Christian to send invites to Monte del Sol Earth Day Events. **Done**
- ~~Add Councilor Harris to our distribution list.~~ **Done**
- Beth to circulate some samples of science bites to all. TBD

- Send Beth ideas for 5-minute science bites. **The Chair did send them out. Working on 2-minute science bites.**

**G. Discussion/Action Items**

**1. Presentation: Santa Fe Food Policy Council, Morgan Day, Coordinator**

Ms. Day noted that there is a huge overlap with the work that they do, Sustainability, conservation of our natural resources, energy conservation and many other issues that relate to sustainability. Ms. Day provided information on what the Santa Fe Food Policy Council does in the city and county and introduced a policy document that is easy to access and understand because it has action oriented items and goals. Many of the goals are directly related to sustainable issues. The Council as noted is a policy organization comprised of 13 members' who are nominated by the city and county and they represent specific stakeholder groups in the community. City staff and county staff are represented; there is also space for non-profit groups, nutrition education, SNAP outreach, groups that are focused on farming or farmers themselves. As an advisory council we work in partnership with our governmental partners as well as community partners and provide advice on food, nutrition, agriculture, health, transportation and land use and conservation. The document provided to the members shows the Food Plan that has been adopted by the city/county. The plan focuses on three main ideas, 1) how we get food in Santa Fe, 2) how we grow food and 3) how we learn about food. The idea is that by focusing on these three main areas, we will not only have less hungry population we will have a healthier population, we will be using our land wisely for food production in ways that will support sustainability and preservation of our natural resources. Ms. Day has worked with Commissioner Holian, Mr. Alejandro and others on creating recommendations for the Climate Action Task Force on food security and the relationship in the way we interact with food and climate change. Recently at the Food Policy Council we went through the recommendations that came out of the Climate Action Task Force in order to prioritize the items. In particular there is one recommendation that overlaps and that is to align public transportation around food to offer locally grown foods. Transportation is not always available to sources where healthy food is grown. We would like to make transportation more accessible.

The Chair and members expressed their thanks to Ms. Day and noted that this information fits well in the Ecoconex goals. They look forward to collaborating with the Food Policy Council. She also mentioned the double up food bucks at Farmers Market which helps those who are on EBT, which doubles the amount they can purchase on fruits and vegetables. The New Mexico Farmers Market Association, Santa Fe Farmers Market Institute and Downtowns Growers Association are working together to get the word out to the farmers and the public for the use of the EBT card. The Chair said they will also help through Outreach. A question came up on the Southside Market – Ms. Day will refer this question to their contact to provide information back to the members through our staff liaison, Mr. Alejandro. The Chair added that this is a perfect example of a successful program operated by the city/county. (Exhibit B)

**2. Presentation: PNM Rate Case, Mariel Nanasi, New Energy Economy**

Rate request was for \$23 million dollars, rate increases have gone up over 66% and the request now is to increase at 15%. That has amounted to a 401% increase in profits for PNM. The rate increase all share one fact, PNM did no financial analysis in; 1) a \$589 million dollar take or pay coal contract is seeking lost recovery for; (Four Corner Coal Contract is not one of those things that is an asset), because it just goes through a fuel clause which is an automatic payment that PNM and other regulated agencies get to charge. If they incur a cost for fuel we pay it. Unless it is on the burden of others to show it is not prudent and reasonable. This is a \$589 million take or pay coal contract that starts July, 2016 and goes for 15 years until 2031. The market for coal in the United States has been declining rapidly so there is not much of a market for coal, just the fuel. Take or pay means, if you take the coal you pay for it, and if you don't take the coal you still pay for it – there is a term called stranded assets which means if this happened and PNM agreed to it, now if we don't pay them it becomes a stranded asset. There is a way for PNM to get out of the contract, but it takes a couple of years and there is a penalty depending on when it happens would depend on what they have to pay. (More detail was provided by Ms. Nanasi). 2) Increase in pollution controls – we have to reduce carbon pollution 3) EPA promulgated methane rules and the other reason EPA wants to get out of this plan is because of future regulatory risks and future litigation risks. EPA did do a financial analysis and they will be getting out as of July 1, 2016 – EPA will have no more coal in their portfolio and they replaced it with solar and gas. Another thing PNM did without a financial analysis, PNM bought more nuclear at Palo Verde in Arizona. It will not create any jobs in NM; second of all we have not figured out what to do with waste in nuclear production. In addition it is hundreds of millions of dollars we will be locked in for decades. In lease right now they have it depreciated until 2036 that is when the PRC has given them a permit. Ms. Nanasi said in cross examination she asked PNM if they knew what the price of it was before they purchased it and they said, no. The “why” is that they are a monopoly and hoping that the PRC will grant them cluster recovery and that all of us who are PNM rate carriers will pay for it. Thirdly, there was no cost benefit analysis – Vice President of Generations - there is something called balance draft, PNM put it on the San Juan Plant; they are the majority owner of that. No cost analysis was done. Vice President of Generations said that at no time will it make financial sense to put the technology in. That is \$50 million dollars which basically equals over \$1 billion dollar of assets that they are trying to bring in. They want to increase the fixed fee, right now our fee is \$5 and they want to increase it to \$13+ at 163% higher than any among the regional peers in the four corner states. Councilor Ives plans to bring a resolution before the city council to oppose these specific things in their rate case and let the PRC know of that. If that should happen, Ms. Nanasi would like to have the support of the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission and is happy to provide added information on what she has said today. The county of Bernalillo and the city of Albuquerque will also be expressing their concerns as indicated above and the LED light situation. (Fact Sheet was presented to the Chair and will be distributed by staff to the commissioners.) (Exhibit C)

The protocol for a motion to support a future resolution was not a possibility at this time. It has to go through the proper channels and the language has to be reviewed before any action can be taken.

3. **A Resolution establishing the Verde Fund to reduce systemic poverty, achieve carbon neutrality, and empower Santa Fe's workforce; authorizing the one-time appropriation of \$300,000 of unbudgeted excess land use permit fees (5% of the ¼% GRT effective January 1, 2017); directing the City Manager to present a plan to the Governing Body on steps to implement the Verde Fund [within 90 days]; and allowing for a public hearing to make desired changes to the plan and approve as modified.**

Mr. Alejandro addressed this request and stated that the revised resolution was included in the packet. The fund itself will initially be funded for a one-time \$300,000 unbudgeted excess land use permit fees. These are fees that are construction related paid to the city for new development or new construction. The Land Use Department has stated that based on their projections they will have an excess in fees and \$300,000 can go to the Verde Fund.

Mayor Gonzales: Thank you to all of the committee members who have agreed to serve on this commission, this commission is especially important based on the mission to be a carbon neutral community by 2040. It is struggling when we know that families in our community are struggling to make it month-to-month. The idea of the Verde Funds starts by recognizing that there are two major risks to our community when we think about the future and one is climate change. The impact of people living in poverty is huge. There is a lot of evidence around the responsibility and burden that people in poverty have to bear and one is climate change. 25% of our kids go to bed hungry at night, 20% of our families are at poverty level and a large portion look at being homeless. These are realities. We need to start somewhere to acknowledge that the problem exists. The Verde Fund came forward, and I was creative on the funding; we took \$50 million dollars that exists in the Water Company at the time and we invested with the State Investment Council and we took the revenues and use that for the Verde Fund. We have spent the last several months organizing how we would make this happen. The Land Use Department came in with a report stating based on the pipeline of permits that we would have an increase in land use fees estimated at \$3 million dollars over the course of next year which is a good sign that our construction is building up. We asked for \$300,000 from the Council and conditions have been set clearly. We have to set the framework on how the money is going to be expended. We are funding a program that is solely focused on our 2040 goal to reduce poverty, it is about finding the nexus between the two and investing in a program that addresses both. We could think of for example creating revenues for retrofitting homes, weatherizing home, you cut utility costs; you put money in the pockets of people for things that are important for their families. Paying home visitors in early childhood who can do an energy audit on ways to deal with food security and the family. There is a big population and we need to set the criteria on how the money is sent. The \$300,000 is meant to be the igniter, the first push for private industry or philanthropic agencies to step in and offer their help. Other sources are foundations and federal government. The second is to find a sustainable revenue source. This has to be a long term commitment by our city so that every year we know we have a resource to address our components. The Mayor does believe this can be a model for the country; the people sitting around this table possess the expertise to make this program a success in addressing the issues. "In closing, I don't think people wait

until they have all the money in the bank before they choose to say they have a problem and we can't do it now either. We don't have enough money to solve the issues of poverty and climate change in our community. We do have our voice and mechanism through policy, through political and community will to say, yes – this is where we need to solve problems. The city can start with this small investment. We will spend the year with everyone to collaborate and find a sustainable revenue source and be able to move forward.” There are so many places around the city whose functions could be modified to intersect with what we are trying to do; when modified their resources could be extended. You don't need to look further than our water company to know that when we talk about long term water security for our city and when you look at the nexus between energy and water, the water company needs to think aggressively about broadening its mission and its mandate to not only deliver reliable water to our spicket but to make sure that they are investing in some of the issues that address long term water security. Finding a program like that is going to require some policy changes and I have asked the Chair for the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission to work toward and figure out how we can modify it.

Ms. Morgan Day stated that the Santa Fe Food Policy Council is also in favor of the Verde Fund and hopes they receive a favorable vote from the Governing Body.

The Chair acknowledged Santa Fe Forward for their diligent work on the Verde Fund. Mayor Gonzales expressed his thank you and is grateful for the time that is contributed to the city as volunteers on the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission.

*Commissioner Holian moved to approve the Resolution establishing the Verde Fund to reduce systemic poverty, achieve carbon neutrality, and empower Santa Fe's workforce; authorizing the one-time appropriation of \$300,000 of unbudgeted excess land use permit fees (5% of the ¼% GRT effective January 1, 2017); directing the City Manager to present a plan to the Governing Body on steps to implement the Verde Fund [within 90 days]; and allowing for a public hearing to make desired changes to the plan and approve as modified, second by Mr. Hirsch, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

**4. Updates: 25-Year Sustainability Plan Updates – RFP Status, plan timeline, committees.**

**Beth R. Beloff, Chair** – RFP Status – The applicants have been narrowed down from 7 to 2, with excellent credentials and they are interested in serving this community. We are down to a decision to hopefully be made before the end of this week. The group that we select will go back through the procurement process. Mr. Alejandro explained the administrative process to get this to City Council for approval. The Chair added that after the interviews they prodded further and asked more questions of both consulting groups on questions that came up and their answers will assist in making the decisions. The Chair said in the bigger picture, the Consultants they have spoken to will probably push their work in to February-March, 2017, they will start sometime in June. The understanding is that before the next budget review we should have good recommendations and ideas on economic aspects that could go before the Finance Committee on the budget process. Mr. Hirsch said he was of the understanding that this work

would be done in December. Mr. Alejandro added clarity to the timeline, we had hoped to have this completed by December and that date will be included in the contract as this is our commitment to the Mayor. As the final contract is discussed we can possibly reset the date. The Chair would like to revisit the scope of work and date; Mr. Alejandro is confident that we can meet the date. All of the consultants that submitted bid understand the scope of work, they are bringing expertise outside of this state, they will take everything that has been done already, they will supplement and include the best practices, and they will evaluate the short term and long term commitment. For all intent and purposes, it is believed they can complete by December. We cannot start any work until the Governing Body has approved the contract and it is reflected in the timeline. It is incumbent to work on the draft; Mr. Alejandro and the consultant can communicate on the work done by the committee.

**Education/Environmental Protection and Restoration:** (Chair Beloff) The Education working group is operating under the following goals to improve the understanding of the Santa Fe Community, children, student and adults regarding sustainability issues through programs and actions facilitated by the schools in the city, local businesses, non-profits and volunteers. To move the community to action regarding climate change mitigation through educational campaigns, outreach, and planned actions. To empower the community to act on sustainability through public education campaigns, outreach and planned action. To encourage Pre-K – 12 schools and Higher Ed to incorporate sustainability education into its curriculum and activities as a marvel of sustainability and to engage student green teams. They also have short and long term actions. The Chair will send out this list to the members. There is a need for management structure to diffuse sustainability thinking throughout all of the actions of the city and the county.

**Robb Young Hirsch** – Working group met early part of May, they are focusing on initiating focus group, one is La Familia through Jackie Monroe who works there, one through the SFCC with Emily who works there and is involved in issues regarding diversity. Since that time we learned that the consultant who could be hired is interested in stakeholder engagement and that is a major element of their professional support for what we are doing. Focus groups are important to the consultant as well. We are supportive of the community survey and trying to get it implemented, we will work with the Consultant and the groups we have been reaching out to in the community to match the generous support that Beth was potentially and her husband to put up to do the survey. We are looking at ways that we can work within a current budget to help low income residents and at the same time help sustainability and climate action. We support the Verde Fund and those priorities and we support an ongoing funding mechanism to demonstrate the priority through the funding that is ongoing. The other area where there is a focus is strategic political viability on what we are trying to put forward. We keep on building political viability going forward. The chair states that one key to acquire political viability is community engagement. I place a lot of emphasis on community involvement and hearing what is important to this constituency. We can then decide does the community know about sustainability and climate change. Do we need to do more on outreach and communication? We applaud what you are doing.

**Kathleen S. Holian – Food Security** – No separate food security sub-committee as the Food Policy Council is doing that. Ms. Day also noted today in her presentation that they address the issues of social equity and sustainability already. Thank you to Morgan Day for the presentation. Mr. Alejandro who serves on the Food Policy Council will bring recommendations to the Santa Fe Sustainable Commission. The area of food security is one of those that clearly cross the boundary between the city and the county. Food security has a lot to do with what happens in the rural areas of our county as well as what is happening in the city. I would like to request as a consideration that the Food Policy Council bring forward recommendations for resolutions or other actions that the County should consider. If there are resolutions that Commissioner Holian should take back to the county for consideration, this information would be helpful. Mr. Alejandro noted that there is a county staff representative on the Actioneer list to be invited to present to the Commission on agriculture and food policy. The county plan should be ready by end of May; the Chair would like to invite them to come to the June meeting.

**Water:** At the last meeting discussion took place on having a regional workshop gathering at the SFCC to discuss water issues and discussing some of the more controversial features of that. It turns out that the Jemez y Sangre plan has to be turned in by the end of this month and time does not permit for this type of venue. In talking to Mr. Birdman he suggested that the city/county should get together and plan a workshop on this topic. This would be a great recommendation from this commission; this is another area that crosses boundaries. This item should be placed on the Actioneer list. Mr. Alejandro noted that this body cannot pass resolutions; a resolution sponsor would need to be identified through the city. It could be a resolution that asks the City Manager to get together with the County. Mr. Alejandro will do the research on how that works; this should also be added to the Actioneer list. Also to be added is to find a City Councilor who would consider being a sponsor and having Commission Holian coordinate through the county.

#### **Lack of Quorum**

**Urban Agriculture:** Mr. Alejandro reported from last meeting that the Urban Agricultural Ordinance; the City Attorney has some concerns with sections within the ordinance that have an impact on city code. The review of the city code that has to be amended is work in progress to match the requirements of the Urban Ag Ordinance. The hope is to have this come to this commission at the beginning of June.

**Linda Smith** – Energy group developed a long list of recommendations from the Climate Action task force. Four short term recommendations have been identified and they have also outlined items for the process. Starting with performance contracting and they understand that the city is moving in that direction, establishing a comprehensive plan to optimize a savings to that approach. Another recommendation is PACE - Property Access to Clean Energy and key is to develop a working partnership with Santa Fe County. There is state legislation on this but it directs the county to be the lead. The next piece is to

assure that it is viable by identifying potential commercial projects that could go forward and matching that up with review that it is going to work. Commissioner Holian said it is important to include the County Treasure in this type of topic and discussion. Mr. Alejandro said it is important when the new Sustainable Director for the county comes on board to sit and discuss our priorities and cross over items. The County Manager will be included in these discussions. The timeline to have this person on board is within 1 month. The county would administer this program, procedurally once the Director is on board more detail can be detailed as well as future projects. The Chair noted that the funds for the PACE project would come from them so there would not be a financial burden to Santa Fe County. The amount was not available at this time. The next recommendation which has already been mentioned is the energy report card. The follow up piece is to share with staff and possibly have the City Manager issue and executive order endorse and implement the low cost no cost recommendations. Lastly, relatively new is on take up solar. There is a discovery group with members of the energy group, the city and county and local participants. The group identified issues, barriers and a plan of action with action items to be prioritized and reviewed for stream lining to permitting processes. Parallel to this; an education outreach campaign on cost and financing available for solar.

Mr. Christian Casillas complimented the work of this group. He said he was wondering about the drafts that committees will be submitting, the potential impact, say for example the PACE funding, if you did 30 projects what might the total capacity be in emission reductions. He is looking at the first steps of metrics to understand the carbon mitigation potential. Ms. Smith noted that this is a next step item for the group is to establish measurable content. Mr. Casillas said that even ball park estimates from the team members would be a helpful first step. The Chair noted that another method would be economic development potential. In terms of the education outreach component, Mr. Casillas is working with SFCC on workshops for possibly August and September focusing on educational components pertaining to solar with an audience/participants of home owners, lenders, solar installers and building off some of the barriers. Mr. Alejandro also recommended that energy conservation be a part of that agenda.

#### **Christian Casillas, Climate Group**

The group has worked hard and has a draft report that will be done for the next meeting. It includes the estimations for the county, metropolitan planning area and the city and the most complete estimations are at the county level. The Chair asked if this document could be sent in a PDF for comment. Follow up is for Mr. Casillas to meet with Mr. Alejandro and the Chair next week to determine date of release to the commission members. The Chair noted that the interactive map should be included, it was fascinating. You can hover over any city in the US and get an estimate broken down by sector of greenhouse gas emissions.

**Justin Green standing in for Amanda Hatherly:** Energy Use and Production - Build Environment Green – Land Use – We were tasked with residential and commercial buildings, land use on how you build – we looked at it in a variety of dimensions – including metrics, creating some regulations and maybe some proactivity within the administration. Along those metrics and regulations the areas we would work within would be energy, youth and production, water use

and harvesting and reuse, healthy urbanism and community building and how you develop access to food, jobs and water. In land use, there is a need for affordable units, developing entrepreneurs in land use and this is a creative solution of what we would call Santa Fe Style of residential casitas, etc., to have your grandchildren move on to the property. We have 3 sheets of recommendations. The Actioneer will distribute this list. The Chair said she will be interested in focusing on the Gaps and sharing that with the consultant. Mr. Casillas said that in relation to Land Use we may want to invite someone from the Forest Service, they have done a thorough report on carbon stocks in the Santa Fe National Forest. The chair asked if carbon sequestration is included. Mr. Casillas said that is a big one and there is so much uncertainty in assessing carbon stocks. The report has reference to what carbon stocks use to be historically. The Chair noted that the off-set stock issue is going to definitely be a topic with the consultant. Mr. Alejandro inquired about the presentation time as this would be probably about 1-hour, it could possibly be a special meeting under the working group. It would be good to have consultant present at July meeting for a special commission meeting.

**Glenn Schiffbauer - Waste Sub-Committee** (Tejjinder Ciano)

At the last Waste sub-committee meeting staff from the Environmental Services Division and Solid Waste Management, reported on studies they have been doing with other cities on Zero Waste Plan. A key event is occurring this month, it is the first time Santa Fe County is going beyond their drop off system; they will be getting involved on curb side collection of trash and recyclables through the private sector. It is important to let this Commission know that there will be a public hearing on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May after 5:00 pm in the Santa Fe County Chambers and most everyone has been e-mailed with the information. Mr. Schiffbauer encouraged attendance; everyone will be allowed 3-minutes to speak. It will show support to the county for recycling.

**Transportation** – A meeting is scheduled for next week with Rio Metro and the North Central RTD. North Central RTD has a new plan as the city with the MPO and discussion will be to see how they can complement each other. MPO is happy to share their plan when the consultants are here.

- H. **Items from the Chair and Co-Chair**  
None
- I. **Items from the Commission**  
None
- J. **Items from the Staff**  
None
- K. **Items from the Public**  
**Earth Care – Compost Santa Fe Campaign – Exhibit D**
- L. **Items for next Agenda**  
**County Agriculture Initiative – July Meeting**  
**Next Meeting: June 15, 2016**

M. **Adjournment**

**There being no further business to come before the Santa Fe Sustainable Commission, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 7:10 pm**

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*Signature Sheet:*

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*Beth Beloff, Chair*



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*Fran Lucero, Stenographer*