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SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION
Wednesday, April 20, 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: March 16, 2016

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

F. REPORT FROM, AND ASSIGNMENT OF, ACTIONEER

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Presentation: ECOPONEX, Benjamin Brant, CEO
2. 25-year Sustainability Plan: committee updates

H. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR & CO-CHAIR

I. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

J. ITEMS FROM STAFF

K. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

L. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

M. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: May 18, 2016

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Sustainable Santa Fe Commission
City Councilor's Conference Room,
City Hall, 200 Lincoln Ave.
March 16, 2016
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

A. Call to Order

The Sustainable Santa Fe Commission was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Chair Beloff, Chair. A quorum was established with roll call.

B. Roll Call

Present
Beth Beloff, Chair
Christian Casillas
Teijinder Ciano
Amanda Hatherly
Robb Hirsch
Jack McGowan
Linda Smith
Glenn Schiffbauer

Excused
Commissioner Kathy Holian, Co-Chair

Staff Present
John Alejandro, Renewable Energy Planner City of Santa Fe

Others Present
Linda Vigil, Stenographer *for Fran Lucero*
Seth Roffman, Green Times
Mary Shruben
Lisa Randall, Santa Fe Public Schools
Shirlene Sitton, Environmental Services Director-City of Santa Fe

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. McGowan moved to approve the agenda as presented with a second by Ms. Hatherly which passed by unanimous voice vote.

D. Approval of minutes February 17, 2016

Mr. McGowan moved to approve the minutes of February 17, 2106 as presented with a second by Ms. Smith which passed by unanimous voice vote.

E. Communications from the Floor

Chair Beloff welcomed the members of the public. All introduced themselves.

F. Report from, and Assignment of Actioneer

Ms. Hatherly will act as actioneer.

Mr. McGowan received a response from Harold Trujillo at Santa Fe County. He stated the Resolution would need to be amended. Per Mr. Alejandro, Chair Beloff stated Commissioner Holian will not carry a new resolution on the county side. She feels it needs the programs and to be active.

Chair Beloff stated that Commissioner Holian will send out the Jemez/Sangre water plan. Chair Beloff encouraged the Commission to review the Santa Fe County Regional Plan thoroughly, Mr. Alejandro will send it out via email once more.

Chair Beloff would like to invite The Food Policy Council to the next meeting. The next meeting may be full and things may have to be moved to later meetings.

Mr. Hirsch will work with Commissioner Holian on outreach.

G. Discussion /Action Items

1. 25-year Sustainability Plan; Committee Updates

Mr. Alejandro presented the timeline (See Exhibit A) of the work to be done on the plan. The Mayor clarified the commission will have to consider the budget. It is best to keep on the planning process and still have the draft done by the end of the year.

Chair Beloff expressed the need for the committee reports so there is something to give to the consultant and they are up to date with the workgroups ideas.

Mr. Hirsch agrees, its best when the consultant starts in May to have a jump on the work that's been done.

Mr. Alejandro also agrees, that with the amount of money available for the consultant it would maximize their time. The deadline for the RFP is April 6, 2016 then the procurement department will review the bids. After the bids it will take time to select and a party could possible contest it which would take a few more weeks.

Chair Beloff states the workgroups should review the Climate Action Plan and get some ideas from those recommendations.

Committee Reports:

Energy-Mr. McGowan stated the committee has a new member Ms. Diane Berhdal from the Heath Sun Foundation, who brings a diverse background. The Committee has reviewed the short term recommendations, there are 3 that will be passed on to the consultant. The Committee reviewed the Climate Action Task Force Plan.

They worked on an outline for the working group section. They will review the sustainable plans from larger cities.

Mr. Alejandro discussed the report that will be conducted on the facilities. They will look at the buildings and usage also energy use will be a small part of it.

Mr. McGowan asked the timeline on that assessment, Mr. Alejandro stated it is done but by the end of the summer they should have a better idea. Mr. McGowan stated the Climate Action Task Force recommendation had some for energy reports to provide to ENERSCO. Mr. Alejandro stated those numbers are available and he will send them out.

Mr. Alejandro discussed the utility billing and how he has been working with procurement to find all meters and track them.

Waste-Mr. Ciano reported that the waste group met and were impressed with the passion and effort put forth in the first meeting. Mr. Neal Denton from the NMED- Solid Waste Bureau will be able to provide and recommend things. Ms. Gilda Montano from the City Environmental Services and Mr. Randall Kippenbrock from SFSWMA also attended, there was a lot to discuss so it went over the time allotted.

It was decided to attack one issue at a time, the first and most difficult will be to reduce waste. Because the landfill and the entire environmental services department is an enterprise fund, they rely on the monies they collect to keep running. If the services are less there won't be as much money to fund them.

A discussion was held about the markets for recycling. Ms. Shirlene Sitton states she has ideas for the City and wants to implement pay as you throw.

Mr. Ciano discussed the Construction Demolition Plan to have builders recycle their waste.

Ms. Randall explained her scenario at SFPS, they have reduced their food waste and are recycling more. This comes at a fiscal challenge but it is the right thing to do.

A discussion was held about ways the Commission can go paperless and reduce more.

Mr. Ciano reported the next waste meeting will be next Wednesday from 10:30-12 at the Buckman Transfer Station.

A discussion was held about emissions and ways to reduce it. Mr. Casillas asked about incineration and the use of waste energy. Ms. Sitton there is ways to do it, but it is best to reduce and then reuse. The new technology is still being developed. Mr. Ciano stated waste energy is a subtopic for that committee.

Building Environment- Ms. Hatherly reported Mr. Justin Greene was in attendance and they focused on ways to encourage builders to make energy or water improvements. They came up with good recommendations for Land Use. She will send the list.

Their next meeting is in a week 10:30 am at the Home Builders Association.

Education –Ms. Hatherly reported the group was small as many members were ill. They would like to conduct a survey or work on getting interns to go door to door. Mr. Alejandro recommended they contact Earthcare. It was decided that Mr. Alejandro will formally ask to address the SFPS School Board.

A discussion was held about having staff training, perhaps PNM can underwrite it. Mr. Alejandro explained the process of going through the channels with certain City Councilors or the entire body. Mr. McGowan stated it was written in the Climate Action Control Plan recommendations to have a Councilor sit on the Commission.

Mr. Alejandro explained when the commission was reconfigured there was discussion of having a councilor appointed because it was felt that all councilors should be engaged with sustainability. It was decided to perhaps engage the Councilors at Town Hall Meetings in the areas they serve to get an idea of the issues the constituents have.

A discussion was held about the Sustainability Awards. They usually are presented for Earth Day but this year it was not done due to the budget. Mr. Hirsch presented the idea of getting organizations to donate, his organization would be willing to host the presentation of the awards.

A discussion was held about the amount of work involved and the selection process. There should be new categories so that the same groups don't always win. It was decided to discuss it further in the working groups and start to plan it. Ms. Hatherly will work on a timeline and a plan.

Social Equity- Mr. Hirsch stated there are people interested in joining the workgroup. Emily Stern of SFCC, George Jeter of NMACP, and Lesilie LaKind are interested. The group is gathering input from Brian Sanderhoff's research group. Mr. Alejandro will be meeting with him tomorrow, most of the work will be pro bono.

Mr. Hirsch stated they can possibly use staff and students at SFCC to conduct the survey. Ms. Schruben stated the city can provide the list of Homeowners Associations for a mailer.

A short discussion was held about the website and the water fund.

Mr. Alejandro stated there needs to be recommendations to help support the Mayors goals on poverty and climate change. A discussion was held about weatherization.

Next meeting will be April 12th at the Railyard.

Chair Beloff recommended that the workgroups circulate their meeting times and dates.

Climate- Mr. Casillas stated the plan is to get a working draft to give the consultants the emissions numbers. A discussion was held about the general number they have now and how to fine tune it.

Mr. Alejandro stated there is from 2009 that can help with calculations. A discussion was held about the data and the 6% growth rate.

Chair Beloff stated it could be shared if the issue is pressed. Mr. Alejandro would like to use the data available now.

A discussion was held about the number of tons per capita that was given and the areas it covers.

Mr. Schiffbauer did not have an update to report.

Environment-Mr. Alejandro reported there are letters going out, he will send the list out email so the Commission will know who is on the committee.

H. Items from the Chair and Co-Chair

Chair Beloff would like to reiterate that the Verde fund resolution will be read for the record before the City Council then it will go through the proper channels. Mr. Alejandro will forward the Resolution.

I. Items from the Commission

Mr. Ciano would like to announce on June 8th at the Railyard Park there will be a Re-use Palooza to educate and interact with the community.

J. Items from the Staff

There were no items from the Staff.

K. Items from the Public

There were no items from the Public.

L. Items for the Next Agenda

Chair Beloff stated the items for the next agenda:

-Invite the Rep for food council policy

-Written reports from the Committees

M. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Signatures:

Ms. Beth Beloff, Chair

Linda Vigil, Stenographer
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