



Agenda

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SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 16, 2013
City Councilors' Conference Room
Santa Fe, NM
2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 19th, 2013
- E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR (5 min)
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 - 1. Recycling outreach update
 - 2. Staff Adaptation Green Team update
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- I. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
 - 1. Draft Ordinance Banning the Distribution of Single-Use Plastic and Paper Carry Out Grocery Bags (K. Kelly)
 - 2. Carbon Tax Resolution (M. Rotunda)
 - 3. Fossil Fuel Divestment (M. Rotunda)
 - 4. Community Solar resolution implementation update (E. Chiocchio) (5 min)
 - 5. ASSESSMENT - STAR Communities Pilot Update (A. Evans) (5 min)
 - 6. EMS: Update on Community EMS Template (K. Jennings) (5 min)
 - 7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - Update on SSF Awards and Ceremony (B. Sopoci) (5 min)
- J. UPDATES AND OPPORTUNITIES (10 min)
- K. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR Vice Chair & Committee Chairs (5 min)
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MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION
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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 2:38 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
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
Fabian Trujillo, Economic Development Division Director

OTHERS PRESENT:

Pam Gilchrist, Sand River Cohousing
Victor Hageman, Student Sustainability Club, St. John's College
Lisa Merrill, SF Solid Waste Management Agency

Craig O' Hare, Santa Fe County Energy Programs Specialist
Seth Roffman, *Green Fire Times*
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was reprioritized. Item G (*Staff Communications*) was moved after Item I (*Discussion/Action Items*).

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 19, 2013

Commissioner Kelly requested the information on page 6 with reference to the Bag Ordinance be omitted, as there is another draft of the Ordinance.

Commissioner Evans moved to approve the Minutes of the March 19, 2013 meeting as amended. Commissioner Chiocchio 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 current issue is about building a sustainable regional economy.

Victor Hageman is part of the Student Sustainability Club at St. John's College and he said there is nothing particular that he would like to address. He was interested in the discussion items on the agenda today.

Pam Gilchrist was present to address the Commission on Fossil Fuel Divestment.

Craig O'Hare was present today to provide an update on the implementation of the Community Solar Resolution.

REPORT FROM AND ASSIGNMENT OF ACTIONEER

Chair Sopoci-Belknap offered to be the Actioneer for this meeting.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

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

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said Commissioners Kelly and Schiffbauer will be attending the Business and Quality of Life (BQL) Subcommittee meeting today at 3:30 where the Ordinance will be discussed.

Commissioner Kelly mentioned that there are a couple of members from the business community who introduced the Draft Ordinance Banning the Distribution of Single-Use Plastic and Paper Carry Out Grocery Bags, and they are hoping that they will come to some kind of an agreement at today's meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked Mr. Trujillo who will be present at this meeting.

Mr. Trujillo said the BQL Subcommittee has grown to 10 members and there are about six members of the BQL Committee who will be at the meeting. He explained that there are three members of the business community that are resistant to the Bag Ordinance and there are some members who are supporting the Ordinance. The goal of today's meeting is to come to some kind of compromise.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap noted that they had a meeting a couple of weeks ago on the Bag Ordinance and the outcome of this meeting was the draft Ordinance that consists of the ban on plastic, with a fee of .10 cents on paper bags that will be retained by the businesses. She asked if there is anything that this Commission can do, other than what has been done, to support the current draft Ordinance.

Commissioner Kelly said they had an idea to just ban plastic so it won't be so complicated and there was a recommendation to put a fee on paper bags.

Mr. Trujillo mentioned that the BQL Subcommittee is split between people who do not want the Bag Ordinance at all and some people who "passionately" want the Ordinance. Therefore, there has been some compromise and some of the members think the fee on paper bags would make it simpler. The BQL Committee will hopefully vote on

the Bag Ordinance at their next meeting on May 14th. The Bag Ordinance will be introduced and City Council will make the final decision or vote on the Ordinance.

Commissioner Kelly said in terms of outreach, she has been contacting the different stakeholders on the business list to get feedback and Albertson's were the ones who resisted the Ordinance the most. Ace True Hardware was amenable to the Ordinance and noted that most people are already bringing their own bags.

Mr. Trujillo said the Big Box stores (Albertsons and Wal-Mart) have indicated that they would comply with the Ordinance and they would prefer that there be a recycling program, rather than an outright ban on plastic bags.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said this Body/Commission would pass a motion supporting the Ordinance but it would be hard to do, if there is no fee on paper bags or boxes, because the greenhouse gas impact with paper would be worse than plastic. She said some kind of disincentive for paper bags would have to be included. She said as a Body, there was not a consensus to just support a ban on plastic.

Commissioner Pape said the goal is to have no bags, only disposable bags.

Mr. Trujillo said the business community is resistant to the mandate pieces of the Ordinance. They are not opposed to the idea but they do not like to be required to do so.

Ms. Mortimer noted that she sent some edits to the Ordinance to Fabian Trujillo. The reporting requirements were changed because they were asking for things that is impossible for staff to get the data on.

Ms. Merrill asked if the Ordinance mentions anything about not providing compostable bags.

Commissioner Kelly said she thinks there is language about biodegradable plastic bags.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap suggested that the clause about alternatives be rephrased-recommending that the business community have reusable bags.

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Commission supports the ban on plastic and either a fee on paper or banning paper bags. Commissioner Pape seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. Carbon Tax Resolution

Commissioner Rotunda said a group of people from the Santa Fe Citizens Climate Lobby meet regarding larger issues that are going on across the country and one is divestment, and the other is the carbon tax resolution, which imposes a fee on fossil fuel polluters. Legislation was recently introduced that would put a tax on carbon emissions. An amendment to the legislation was done asking that a deficit-neutral reserve fund be established to ensure that all revenue from a fee on carbon pollution is returned to the American people.

Commissioner Rotunda said she discussed how this Commission could support this with Chair Sopoci-Belknap. She noted that Pam Gilchrist is present today because she is exploring how they could move forward together on this. She is also working on fossil fuel divestment.

Ms. Gilchrist mentioned that she receives the 350.org emails. She said in speaking with the Executive Director and President of New Energy Economy (Mariel Nanasi), she said this would probably be one of the most effective ways to bring all the climate change issues before the public. Ms. Nanasi would like to see a group working on this and she would also like to see a strategy that is clearly laid out.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked if there is any way to support the work that is being done.

Ms. Mortimer said the Commission could work on getting a sponsor to do a resolution for this.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap recommended that someone try to draft a resolution that the Commission can review, and possibly approve at the next meeting.

Ms. Mortimer explained that the resolution has to be introduced and then the Commission can vote on it.

Commissioner Rotunda will work on this and will check to see if any of the Councilors will support a resolution about this.

3. Fossil Fuel Divestment

Ms. Gilchrist said she spoke with the City Financial Officer and she was happy to send her the information on the City's investments, as well as sit down with them to explain the information.

Ms. Mortimer said she received a voice mail that was forwarded to her from the Mayor from 350.org that stated that they would be doing an announcement about the fossil fuel divestment and "Action by Mayors" on Earth Day. 350.org would like Mayors to say that they will pursue fossil fuel divestment. They understand that there will be funds that they have no authorization over and that this would be phased in over a period of time to 2015. 350.org would like Mayor Coss to be on their Mayor's initial list. Ms. Mortimer wrote a staff report/analysis about this and passed it up the line. She sent it to her boss, Cindy Padilla who will forward it through the appropriate individuals. As far as Ms. Mortimer knows, this has not reached the Mayor as of yet.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked what was is the role of this Commission and what is the Commission being asked for.

Ms. Mortimer said the Commission could support 350.org's request that Mayor Coss sign onto the Mayoral Campaign for fossil fuel divestment. She said the Mayor may ask the Finance Division to check on how this fits with the City's investment strategies, and the implications of doing this.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said the Commission can show that they are in support of the 350.org's mission. The Energy Subcommittee could send an e-mail to the Mayor's office saying that the Commission is interested in the Mayor signing onto the Mayoral Campaign for fossil fuel divestment. Commissioner Chiocchio offered to send an e-mail to Mayor Coss, or call him.

Ms. Gilchrist suggested that the Commission also state that they feel that this is the prudent thing to do at this point because it could possibly enhance the City's investment portfolio.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap asked Ms. Mortimer to send the Commissioners the information that she sent to Cindy Padilla.

Ms. Mortimer said she would follow up on this and get back to the Commission.

Commissioner Rotunda and Ms. Gilchrist will also try to meet with the Mayor.

Mr. O'Hare said the Commission may want to consider expanding this to County Treasurers because they may be interested in supporting this.

4. Community Solar Resolution implementation update

Mr. O'Hare reported that Commissioner Holian will be sponsoring a County Community Solar Resolution that is similar to the City's Community Solar Resolution. The Resolution will go before the County Commission on April 30th at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Holian would like to make this an opportunity for the public to testify about the concerns around climate change and global climate disruption, in general. He invited the Commissioners to attend the County Commission on April 30th.

Mr. O'Hare said he, Nick Schiavo, Councilors Wurzbarger and Bushee and Commissioner Holian met with PNM and PRC Commissioner Espinoza a couple of weeks ago about community solar. He noted that PNM wants to do a survey of their customers in our area to determine their interest in community solar. Nick Schiavo and Mr. O'Hare received the draft survey that will go to both businesses and residential customers.

Mr. O'Hare would like to see some kind of schedule to bring this to some decision point sometime this year.

Mr. Rothman noted that there is a story about community solar development in this month's issue of *Green Fire Times*.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap mentioned that there are a number of petitions being circulated about community solar.

The Commissioners were strongly encouraged to attend the County Commissioner meeting on April 30th.

**The Meeting was moved to the Land Use Conference Room at 3:35 p.m. Commissioners Schiffbauer and Kelly left the meeting to attend the BGL Subcommittee meeting on the proposed Bag Ordinance.*

5. ASSESSMENT –STAR Communities Pilot Update

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said the Subcommittee will be meeting and they will work on a spreadsheet on the different variables that they will be looking at. She offered to send the Commissioners the final spreadsheet when it is complete.

Commissioner Evans gave an update on Boulder's Green Business Program noting that they started small with a few businesses and grew from there. She mentioned that she will be getting a list of the Boulder businesses who participated in their program.

Ms. Merrill said they also have to decide whether or not this will be a County and City program. She suggested that there be a logo and a slogan for the program, possibly there could be a competition where people could create a logo and a slogan.

She said they still need to have a third-party involvement and hopefully they can get some financial support for the Green Business program.

Ms. Mortimer suggested that they have a business plan.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said it sounds like the next step is to figure out a business plan, bring it to the Commission and then they can figure out who the partners will be. She asked Ms. Merrill if the competition would be something that will come out of her department.

Ms. Merrill said yes, and she will also put out some press releases about it.

6. EMS: Update on Community EMS Template

Ms. Jennings reported that the EMS Template has been moved to the bottom of her priority list until after Earth Week. She noted that she is finishing the final edits on the template and it should be finished in the month of May.

Ms. Merrill said the City has to be the example in terms of sustainability and energy efficiency.

Ms. Mortimer said the EMS Program is currently at the City Cashier's office of the Water Division.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said possibly the Commission could have a conversation at the next meeting on where this is going and how effectively the EMS program is being implemented once it is handled off to another division. She said they may also need to develop training for City employees that the Commission might support.

7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - Update on SSF Awards and Ceremony

Chair Sopoci-Belknap reported that Commissioner Romero has agreed to Chair this Committee moving forward. She noted that they have the SSF Award winners.

(A list of the 2013 Sustainable SF Award winners is attached to the Commissioners' packets, after the Minutes). Ms. Mortimer sent out the notifications last week.

Ms. Mortimer said the list of winners was announced at the last City Council meeting and she is preparing a press release on each project that will be published in the newspaper.

Chair Sopoci-Belknap thanked everyone who participated in this process. She strongly encouraged the Commissioners to attend the SSF Award Ceremony.

Ms. Mortimer mentioned that Keep Santa Fe Beautiful and the Eldorado Hotel are contributing some money for hors d'oeuvres for the Award Ceremony.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Recycling outreach update**
- 2. Staff Adaptation Green Team update**

This agenda item was not discussed.

UPDATES AND OPPORTUNITIES

None presented.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Chair Sopoci-Belknap said she is working on getting people to chair the subcommittees. Along those lines, the Commission needs a Vice Chair and she will send out a list of the things that the Vice Chair should be doing. She asked the Commissioners to consider serving as Vice Chair.

Commissioner Chiocchio said the second to last film in the Santa Fe Farmer's Market film series will be shown tomorrow night. The film is called "The Light Bulb Conspiracy". She said it is a heart-wrenching and great movie and she encourages everyone to see it.

Commissioner Chiocchio mentioned that Whole Foods chooses five communities where they have community days for and the Santa Fe Watershed Association has been chosen for May 22nd. 5% of Whole Foods' profits for that day will go to the Watershed Association. She encouraged the Commissioners to go to Whole Foods on May 22nd.

Commissioner Chiocchio noted that she is working on a climate adaptation plan for the Santa Fe River and she will give updates periodically to the Commission, and get feedback on water issues as it gets more involved.

Commissioner Pape said she sent out an email about the fact that the city of San Francisco is trying to become the first city with zero waste, by requiring residents and businesses to separate compostable items such as food scraps, as well as recyclable items. As a result, they are diverting approximately 50% of their waste and have reduced a large amount of garbage from ending up in landfills.

Ms. Mortimer invited Commissioner Pape to the next recycling meeting this coming Monday at 2:30 at her office. Commissioner Pape will attend and she asked Ms. Mortimer to send her an e-mail about the meeting.

Ms. Jennings said they are raising money for the Joule Bug competition, which is a competition-based app where users can earn points for successfully completing tasks related to energy efficiency, waste minimization, and alternative transportation. On Earth Day, April 22, 2013, the Santa Fe's Sustainable Santa Fe Program will launch a competition between the interns' three schools – St. John's College, IAIA and SFCC - to see which school can enlist the most users for the app. They will be awarding a monetary donation to the campus sustainability club that enlists the most app users by May 10. Ms. Mortimer said they received a matching grant from the Joule Bug company of up to \$200 that is raised.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

There were no items from the Commission.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- 1) Draft resolution for proposed Carbon Tax
- 2) EMS Program and possible training for City employees

ADJOURNMENT

Schedule next meeting/ adjournment

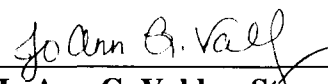
The next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2013 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Commissioner Evans noted that she will not be at the next meeting.

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