

**SUSTAINABLE GALLUP BOARD (SGB) MINUTES**  
**Mayor's Conference Room, February 1, 2016**

**Members Present:** Jo Ann Benenati, Bill Bright, Chris Chavez; Elizabeth Barriga (liaison). Betsy Windisch arrived at 3:05; Shirlene Rogers arrived at 3:37 (after Item F vote).

**Members Absent:** Gerald O'Hara.

**Guests Present:** Shafiq Chaudhary, Richard Matzke (arrived at 3:45), Ed Munoz, Rebecca Murphy, Joe Schaller.

Bill Bright (BB) convened the meeting at 3:01; quorum achieved at 3:05 with arrival of Betsy Windisch (BW).

Item A: BB welcomed attendees and introductions were made.

Item B: Agenda was reviewed.

Item C: Announcements. Chris Chavez (CC) reported that he is on the committee to review proposals for the city solar park. Shafiq Chaudhary (SC) announced a Science Fair at JFK Middle School on February 10 from 4:00-5:30 pm. Elizabeth Barriga (EB) announced the annual Water Festival will be held April 19-20 at Gallup Middle School. There will be new presenters this year and more presenters are requested. An application is available from EB. BW reported the Relay for Life kick-off event will be held Feb. 2 at the Community Service Center from 6-8 pm. This is the event's million dollar year. Also, there will be a Sock Hop at the Episcopal Church on Feb. 6, 7-11 pm, to benefit the Community Pantry.

Item D: Minutes of 1-4-16 were reviewed. Vince Tovar's initials were corrected from TV to VT. CC moved to approve with this correction, BW seconded; all voted yes.

Item E: SGB bylaws changes were discussed and recommended as follows:

Regarding p. 2, Sections 2-1-2-B and 2-1-2-C—the SGB questioned our ability and authority to do this. It was felt that this may have been leftover wording from the old Gallup Water Board or Sustainability Energy Board bylaws. It is recommended that section B be deleted from the bylaws and section C be reworded to replace "Develop and prioritize" with "Review and recommend." So moved by CC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by BW; all voted yes.

Regarding p. 2, Section 2-1-3-A.2 Vision and Focus—replace "Develop" with "Review, research." So moved by CC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by BW; all voted yes.

Regarding p. 4, Section 2-1-3-B.7. Voting and Quorum: b. per Open Meetings act we are required to record votes of each board member and not to simply act on consensus. BB was directed to ask the city attorney to reword this. So moved by CC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by BW; all voted yes.

Item F: The SGB Annual Review draft was reviewed. It was recommended to accept the report with the following change: delete the sentence, "We will continue to 'Develop and prioritize sustainable policies and programs' as indicated in the bylaws." Add the sentence "We will continue to review,

research and recommend sustainable policies and programs." So moved by CC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by BW; all voted yes. BB will request to be on agenda to present the report to the city council.

Item G: The US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement was reviewed and discussed. The SGB felt that it would benefit the city to have the mayor sign on and get some positive recognition for Gallup. It was recommended that BB bring the agreement to the mayor for his consideration. If the mayor is interested in pursuing this, the SGB will work with the conservation officer to list what has been done, is currently happening, and could be done in the future to address these issues. So moved by CC; 2<sup>nd</sup> by BW; all voted yes.

Item H: EB relayed information from Vince Tovar (VT) that a meeting regarding the golf course construction technical issues will be coming up soon. EB also presented the results of the city's latest curbside recycling survey. There was some disagreement among those present as to the meaning and validity of those results. VT will present the survey results and recommendations regarding residential curbside recycling to the city council at the Feb. 9 or 23 city council meeting for a possible decision on the program. EB also announced that the city has reapplied to the Bureau of Reclamation for the drought emergency plan, with COG involvement in the process.

Item I: Richard Matzke (RM) reiterated that the city council approved the city energy audit at the last council meeting. The city has received six responsive proposals for the solar park project. The evaluation period will go to the end of February. Since the federal solar credit period has been extended to 2019, we are no longer in such a time crunch to get this started.

Item J: Discussion revolved around clarification of the Environmental Surcharge ordinance wording, to make it more specific. EB will research intent and history of use of these monies, and present to SGB at the March meeting.

Item K: Rebecca Murphy (RM) and Joe Schaller were recommended as potential new SGB members. Both spoke to their qualifications and expressed an interest in serving on the board. RM stated that, due to her work schedule, she would probably be able to get to meetings by 3:30. There is one opening on the board, which will be filled at the discretion of the mayor and city council. CC moved to recommend both candidates to the mayor for consideration, 2<sup>nd</sup> by BW; all voted yes. BB will take the recommendations to the mayor.

Next meeting will be 3-7-16 at 3 pm in the Mayor's Conference Room. BB requested board to send him agenda items for next meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:48.

ATTEST: Jo Ann Benenati  
Jo Ann Benenati, Secretary

William (Bill) Bright  
William (Bill) Bright, Chairperson

Approved 3/7/16