



REGIONAL COALITION of LANL COMMUNITIES

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REGIONAL COALITION MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2016 | 9:00a—11:00a

City of Santa Fe Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Ave, 1- floor, Santa Fe, NM 87501

A. Call to Order – Chair Barney Trujillo | 9:32a-

- a. 26 total audience members

B. Confirmation of Quorum – Chair Barney Trujillo – Approved

- a. **Attendees:** Commissioner Barney Trujillo, Councilor Kristin Henderson, Commissioner Henry Roybal, Mayor Alice Lucero, Councilor Peter Ives
- b. **Excused:** Lt. Governor Ward Yeppa, Representative Ron Lovato, Councilor Darien Fernández, Commissioner Mark Gallegos, Mayor Javier Gonzales

C. Approval of Agenda – Chair Barney Trujillo | 9:33a-

- a. **Approved** - Motioned by: Councilor Ives, City of Santa Fe; Second: Commissioner Roybal, County of Santa Fe

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Chair Barney Trujillo | 9:34a-

- a. **Approved** - Motioned by: Mayor Lucero, City of Española; Second: Commissioner Roybal, County of Santa Fe

E. Discussion/Action Items (1hr 25 min) | 9:35a–

- a. **Briefing from NM Congressional Delegation – Sen. Heinrich’s office representative, Katie Richardson**
 - a. On December 8, the Senate passed the National Defense Authorization Act
 - i. Bill has full support for Life Extension Program at \$2.1 million
 - ii. Removed double taxing of overhead on Laboratory-directed research and development
 - iii. Increase of \$10 million authorized above President’s request for EM Cleanup at LANL
 - iv. Bill does not include FY17 spending bill. Delegation hopes to pass continuing resolution that would last through March, and thus, LANL and other Federal entities would stay at FY16 spending until March 2017.
 - b. Patrick Duran, Congressman Lujan’s office
 - i. Congressional Delegation recently met with Doug Hintze, Director of Environmental Management to review EM’s budget and to look toward future projects.
 - ii. On December 8, EM announced Sue Cange as new Deputy Principal Assistant Secretary
 - c. Q: Andrea Romero – Will Sen. Heinrich’s office speak on behalf of the enclosed letter requesting the US Senate for more cleanup funding from Sen. Heinrich and Sen. Udall’s offices? With the Senate’s approval, how can we work together on strategy for more funding through House of Representatives?
 - i. Richardson – The letter was sent to the Appropriations Committee requesting FY17 funding for environmental cleanup at WIPP for \$325.5 million and LANL for \$249.7 million. Senator Heinrich is pushing for full funding to support activities and improvements to reopen WIPP.
 - ii. Duran – Hintze organized project line items
 - iii. Andrea – commented on the Coalition’s previous meeting with Hintze regarding discrepancies in original request and line items. The RCLC is working directly with EM to ensure budget items for cleanup and waiting for the updated document including Lifecycle Baseline Estimate.
- b. **Executive Director Update**
 - a. Negotiating GRT Continuation with DOE and State of NM
 - i. Question & Answer (Q&A)
 - I. Councilor Henderson – Is it necessary for us to write bill jointly with hospitals? Is this joint bill in the Regional Coalition’s best interest?
 - a. Andrea – It is a recommendation from Staff because it casts a wider net to ensure the legislation is successful. These hospitals need taxable status for Medicaid dollars, thus it is in their best interest as well.
 - II. Councilor Ives – Agrees that is in our best interest to cast wider net, however, wants more information on this issue before we take final actions. Are we planning to approve the bill before the Legislative Session?

- a. Andrea – Before Board of Directors pursues legislation, we will meet January 13th to approve legislation language and, if possible, we hope to approve it before February meeting. Staff is doing as much as we can prior to January meeting to prepare legislation.
 - III. Commissioner Trujillo – Are we working with legislators to assist and provide sponsorship?
 - a. Andrea – Representative Garcia Richard is our current sponsor. We are also working with Senator Cisneros to determine language. Additionally, we have support from the Legislative Finance Committee.
- b. LANL M&O Contract Update
 - i. Seeking to build strategy developed from meeting with Bob Raines
 - ii. Anticipating follow-up meeting(s) to involve all parties and present our platform for our vision of contract.
 - I. Question & Answer
 - a. Councilor Ives – Has Mr. Raines given indication of this effort of having a real impact?
 - i. Andrea - With new Presidential Administration, the impact is still unknown. The Coalition is working to have a solid request and necessary support. The contract could be pushed out another year, yet the draft is still scheduled to come out in May.
- c. Review of LANL Community Partnership Programming
 - i. Identifying gaps, opportunities and evaluation of programs to continue
 - ii. Hopefully will present in February
- d. ECA Transition Priorities for Trump Administration
 - i. The document is open to the Coalition to provide any additional support that we see necessary. Further, this document can be used to formulate key points to inform and highlight our process for the next Administration.
 - ii. Q&A
 - I. Councilor Ives – Will the ECA draft document be put on the next agenda for an action approval?
 - a. Andrea – The document has already been approved by ECA with pending formatting changes.

c. Presentation: LANL’s Technology Transfer Program, Deputy John Russell, Feynman Center for Innovation | 10:03a-

- iii. The Laboratory Directed Research & Development (LDRD) tax
 - I. The only funds at LANL that are not allocated by congress, thus allows flexibility for investment, technology development and research.
 - II. Generates the most significant number of patents at LANL
 - a. Patents are used to leverage research, licensing or start business
- iv. Feynman Center Operational Structure
 - I. Strategic sponsored work
 - a. Seeking strategic alliances that are key to Feynman’s mission
 - i. Old Santa Fe, Chevron Prototype Facility works with the Lab on a daily-basis to build LANL technology development prototypes for testing
 - ii. Works with EY (sic) in Los Alamos on cyber security
 - II. Market transition handles
 - a. Licensing functions
 - b. Regional economic development
 - c. Communications
 - III. Innovation assets
 - a. Contract and intellectual property management
 - IV. Business development
 - a. Sales
- v. National Impact Data
 - I. 139 active cooperative research and development agreements; 8 are small businesses
 - II. 182 sponsored research agreements; 18 are small businesses
 - III. 507 active fee-bearing licenses; about 40% of licenses are in small business
 - IV. Filed 93 patent applications, about \$45,000 per application

- V. 900 US patent applications and 925 software licenses
 - a. Includes commercial, government, noncommercial and open-sourced licensing
 - VI. Averaging about 3.5 startups per year
 - a. Hoping to increase
 - vi. The Future of Feynman Center and Tech Transfer in NM
 - I. Refocused activities to support national security mission
 - a. The intention is to encourage startups to stay within the region
 - II. Regional economic development
 - a. Supports the Regional Coalition’s position on M&O Contract
 - b. Venture Acceleration Fund
 - i. Created or retained about 480 jobs in Northern New Mexico
 - c. Small Business Assistance Program
 - i. Potentially the most effective avenue for helping small businesses
 - ii. Since 2000, Sandia Labs and Feynman have done 2,500 technical assistance arrangements with small businesses
 - iii. The State of New Mexico supports the continuation of this program due to the significant economic returns
 - d. MBA Internship Program
 - i. 6-8 graduate students per year, nationwide, provide technical assistance to New Mexico small businesses that otherwise can’t afford or don’t have access to high-quality assistance
 - e. Entrepreneurial activities
 - i. Seeking to build an entrepreneurial community at LANL
 - ii. Creating training program for entrepreneurial post-doctorates to educate and build business skillsets
 - 1. Working to streamline entrepreneurs’ ability to do business effectively with LANL
 - 2. DOE Lab Corps educates entrepreneurial activities
 - 3. DisruptTech Activities provides entrepreneurs with business expertise and at conclusion of program, they present in front of a Board of Investors.
- vii. Q&A
 - I. Commissioner Trujillo – How do high school graduates get involved with these programs and working with LANL?
 - a. Russell responded that the focus is on anchoring post-doctorate students in New Mexico, not on high school graduates
 - II. Councilor Ives – What is the bottom-line local impact for New Mexico?
 - a. Russell stated he will provide this information once he has compiled data and received clearance
 - III. Councilor Henderson – How do we address the logistical gap in funding for post-doctorates seeking to pursue entrepreneurial ventures and establishing themselves in New Mexico? How do we ensure there are adequate training and other programs that create and connect a business employee base for the needs of local startups?
 - a. Russell commented that the Feynman Center hopes to address this gap over the next 10 years through maturing technology to attract more capture venture funding. The Feynman Center is establishing relationships with investors on East and West Coasts whom are willing to take higher risk and invest at earlier stages. Other avenues of funding are being explored. The post-doctorate program seeks to address building an employee base for startups through training and networking. The Feynman Center works with UNM and NMSU to connect and train business students with local startups.
 - IV. Andrea Romero – Is it possible to align the growth of national security startups and local economic development programs within our communities?
 - a. Russell responded that there is potential to align these two groups, but Feynman targets startups that are within the mission of national security, have a tie to LANL and will stay within region. However, basic training and technical assistance is still available for startups that operate outside of the national security mission.

d. Action Item: Approving Board and Director Travel – Washington, DC Advocacy and ECA Peer Exchange, February 20-24, 2017 | 10:40a-

- i. Chair Trujillo moved action item up on agenda due to Councilor Ives needing to leave early.
- ii. **Motioned by:** Councilor Ives, City of Santa Fe; Second: Commissioner Roybal, County of Santa Fe

e. Presentation: Manhattan Project National Historical Park, Project Manager Linda Matteson | 10:42a-

- i. Background
 - a.
 - b. Multistate and multiagency
 - c. Many local partnerships including LANL and Los Alamos History Museum
- ii. Draft themes designed with the intention to address the full-breadth of atomic story:
 - a. Individual and community sacrifices
 - b. Technological innovation and collaboration
 - c. Confronting profound choices
 - d. Severe human and environmental consequences
- iii. Current Projects and Looking Ahead
 - a. Brochures offer a way for visitors to engage before park is opened and is the first product of Manhattan NHP showcasing regional tourism opportunities.
 - b. The first location to open for public access will be the Pajarito Site sometime within the next couple years.
 - c. Seeking to capture tourism audience as regional tourism grows in coming year projections
 - i. Bandelier is projected to have a 15% increase in tourism from 2015 to 2016.
 - d. Tourism Strategic Plan will provide road map over the next 5 years and will detail how to best utilize regional assets
 - e. Matteson extended the invitation to the RCLC to collaborate around strategies for regional tourism and economic development.
- iv. Q&A
 - a. Councilor Ives – there is a “tremendous opportunity for regional tourism” and expressed an interest to “collaborate with local stakeholders, Los Alamos County and surrounding communities to understand the full breadth and impact of the atomic story”.
 - b. Councilor Henderson – Los Alamos Citizen Council Committee coordinates work with Manhattan NHP. They are looking to set up visitor tours when possible.

f. Budget Update, Brian Bosshardt | 11:10a-

- viii. No changes to budget monthly expenditures related to reimbursements from ECA.

F. Public Comment | 11:11a-

- a. Myrriah Gómez, Professor of University Honors College at UNM
 - i. Research and book focused on the effects of Manhattan Project on Indigenous peoples and Hispanos in northern New Mexico. Working with Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium to collect oral histories in regards to effects of radiation. Expressed concern for the inclusion and accurate representation of locals and diverse experiences during the Manhattan Project.
- b. Reverend Holly Beaumont, Organizing Director of Interfaith Worker Justice NM and Steering Committee of Tularosa Downwinders Consortium
 - i. Request from Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium to assist the promotion of the expansion of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) and to work with the Consortium to secure a hearing before the appropriate joint congressional committees in Washington DC.
- c. Kathy Keith, LANL Community Partnership Office
 - i. Upcoming deadline for Los Alamos Employees Scholarship Fund - January 17th
- d. Emil Mottola, LANL Physicist and member of University Professional & Technical Employees (UPTE)
 - i. UPTE asks for the Coalition’s support to ensure the continued vitality of scientific research and development through restructuring the M&O Contract for the long-term regional sustainability. UPTE supports the continued gross receipts tax while changing the contract to privatized contractor.

G. Meeting Adjourned | -11:21p

- a. **Motioned by:** Commissioner Roybal, County of Santa Fe; Second: Councilor Henderson, County of Los Alamos