



New Mexico Clean and Beautiful Advisory Committee – Meeting Minutes
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Friday, March 27, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 3:10 P.M. by Chair Debbie Homer.

Roll Call:

Members Present

Chair Debra Homer
Member Irene Holguin
Member Joe Padilla
Member Judy Cunningham
Member Shawn Jeffrey
Member Mary Garwood
Member Sarah Pierpont
Member Thalia Pantoja

Members not present

Not Applicable

Guests Present

Suzy Lawrence, NMTD
Lucy Stanus, NMTD

Approval of Agenda:

The motion was made by Member Joe Padilla to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Member Judy Cunningham, and passed unanimously.

FY20 Grant Cycle COVID-19 Feedback:

NMTD discussed uncertainties related to the impacts of COVID-19 on Clean and Beautiful program activities. Member Holguin expressed concern about Keep America Beautiful affiliates' ability to fulfill board meeting requirements. Members recommended using online platforms for these meetings and suggested reaching out to the municipality to ensure meetings are still allowed to happen. Lucy will follow up with the Keep America Beautiful Regional Representative on board meeting requirements. Member Garwood asked for suggestions on how to spend event funds. Members and NMTD provided recommendations for Budget Amendment Requests.

NMTD provided updated changes to the FY20 grant cycle. Chair Homer asked if the Final Reimbursement Packet deadline could be extended. NMTD clarified that the deadline has not been extended and that it is a Department of Finance and Administration decision.

FY21 Grant Cycle COVID-19 Feedback:

NMTD provided updates to the FY21 grant cycle including the extension of the application deadline to May 1, 2020. Members discussed further changes to the deadline and approved activities for FY21. Chair Homer suggested and members agreed on keeping the grant application as is, but stating in contract “in case of a resurgence of health issues, these events can be deferred to the next quarter.” Chair Homer asked if other partners were asking questions about the application and Lucy clarified that the deadline was the main concern currently.

NMTD asked if a 25% match should still be required. Members suggested adding a hardship waiver to the FY21 final reimbursement packet due to a lack of GRT. NMTD asked if economic development activities should be prioritized. Member Cunningham said she can help with beautification planning; NMTD will follow up about putting together a webinar or something similar to offer capacity assistance to communities with her expertise.

Member Holguin expressed the need to partner with solid waste authorities to address illegal dumping as public access to transfer stations is limited.

NMTD asked about the grant application deadline and offered options to keep the May 1 extension, extend the deadline further, or offer a rolling application. Member Cunningham suggested extending the deadline further. Other members suggested keeping the May 1 deadline extension.

Members expressed concern over rural communities’ access to technology during closures in order to complete the application. Members agreed to reach out to rural communities in their regions to identify technical challenges, and then Lucy will reach out via phone to assess needed support.

Advisory Committee Updates:

Member Irene Holguin – Keep Doña Ana County Beautiful is supporting the community by making face masks using re-used materials.

Public Comment:

[There was no public comment.]

Adjourn:

The motion was made by Member Shawn Jeffery to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Mary Garwood, and passed unanimously. Chair Debra Homer adjourned the meeting at 4:15 P.M.

Approved by Committee vote at public meeting held on March 27, 2020.



Committee Chair