

City of Lawrence

Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB)

April 8, 2009 (5:30 PM) Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Dickie Heckler, Sarah Hill-Nelson, Matt Lehrman, Daniel Poull, Laura Routh, Simran Sethi, Cindy Strecker
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Chris Cobb, Brian Sifton
STAFF PRESENT:	Tammy Bennett, Kathy Richardson
GUESTS PRESENT:	
PUBLIC PRESENT:	Ian Spomer

Call Meeting to Order (Daniel Poull, Chairperson)

Take Roll Call to Determine Quorum of Members

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion and second to approve the February 11, 2009 minutes (Sethi/Hill-Nelson).

Vote: Motion was passed unanimously.

Any Pressing Matters?

None.

Update Transit Fuel Task Force Report

Daniel Poull informed the Board that he is a member of the Transit Fuel Task Force as a representative of SAB. The Task Force has one month to research and review data to develop recommendations on how to incorporate alternative fuel technology into the City's transit fleet. Recommendations to the City Commission will include replacement of some of the existing fixed route vehicles with biodiesel and hybrid electric/biodiesel vehicles. Daniel Poull stated that the City has about 5 million federal and local dollars available for the purchase of transit vehicles (i.e. stimulus funds, federal appropriations, and transit's equipment reserve funds). In addition, the Task Force will recommend that the City purchase B20 fuel (20% bio-fuel). Tammy Bennett added that if the City will begin fueling half of the Transit vehicle fleet with B20, then the City may switch all its diesel vehicles (i.e. trash trucks, snow plows) to B20 fuel.

Discussion on SAB Recommendation for Open Board Seat

Paul Dietz resigned from the SAB last month and SAB discussed submitting a recommendation to the City Mayor for this vacancy. Various names of interested citizens were brought up including Chad Luce from Westar Energy, Hank Booth from the Chamber of Commerce, Beth Johnson from the Chamber of Commerce and Ian Spomer. SAB agreed that all the above would be great candidates for the SAB position. There was discussion on whether the board should recommend several candidates or just one. The majority of SAB members would like to recommend only one candidate, Beth Johnson. SAB members believe it is vital to have Beth Johnson join the Board in order to reach out to a part of the population which SAB has been missing.

Motion and second to recommend Beth Johnson for the SAB vacant position (Hill-Nelson/Sethi).
Vote: Motion was passed by majority vote (four out of six votes in favor; one abstained).

Motion and second to have Daniel Poull write an email to Mayor Mike Dever, Commissioner Rob Chestnut and City Manager Dave Corliss stating that Beth Johnson is SAB's recommendation for the open SAB position (Poull/Sethi).
Vote: Motion was passed by majority vote (four out of six votes in favor; one abstained).

Earth Day Celebration

Kathy Richardson informed SAB that Cassandra Ford, WRR Specialist, will send an email to all the board members who volunteered to work at the Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 18th. The email will describe each person's tasks as well as any details about the event.

There was a discussion on what to have at the SAB table at the Earth Day Celebration. Laura Routh suggested having a bucket for feedback, suggestions and ideas on sustainability. She will arrange to have the all supplies needed for this bucket. Another item for the table is the SAB brochure. The brochure was designed by Dickie Heckler's wife. Two mock-ups of the brochure were passed around for the Board to review. Laura Routh stated that she would edit the brochure per board member's comments at today's meeting and she will pay for the printing costs of the brochure.

Motion and second to approve the brochure as amended and to print in time for the Earth Day Celebration (Heckler/Sethi).
Vote: Motion was passed unanimously.

Lawrence Energy Conservation Fair (LECF)

The LECF sub-committee did not meet last month as planned. There were no plans to hold any further meetings at this time. Daniel Poull commented that LECF will occur as usual in the Fall.

Kathy Richardson informed the Board that staff secured the Lawrence Community Building on Saturday, September 12, 2009 for the LECF.

There was discussion regarding the DOE energy block grant (\$858,600 for Lawrence). Tammy Bennett informed SAB that Cynthia Boecker, Assistant City Manager, is leading a staff team which is working on the energy block grants for the City of Lawrence. SAB asked if there is anything the Board can do to influence how the City will spend the money (i.e. Library energy upgrades). It was suggested that the Board invite Cynthia Boecker to the June SAB meeting in order to discuss this topic further. There was also a suggestion to invite Rob Chestnut to the May SAB meeting.

Report on Submission of Climate Protection Task Force (CPTF) Final Draft to the City Commission

SAB congratulated both David Dunfield and Brian Sifton for their great presentation of the CPTF Plan to the City Commissioners on March 31st.

The Board discussed the possibility of a Sustainability Coordinator and funding this position. SAB also discussed the possibility that the City and County may share this position.

Daniel Poull suggested crafting a memo to the City Commissioners to congratulate the CPTF for their accomplishments and to remind the Commissioners of CPTF for their future decisions. SAB agreed to defer until the next meeting the decision to create this memo and its content.

Laura Routh commented that she is currently enrolled in a *Sustainability for City Managers* class and has been thinking that this community lacks a larger sustainability plan with broader agreed upon goals and vision. She may work on this for her Masters thesis.

Conversation in a Box?

Sarah Hill-Nelson announced that Hillary Noonan from Kansas City was going to attend this meeting to discuss the “conversation in a box” project, but she is not here tonight. In summary, the project is promoting a community dialogue about sustainability. Sarah Hill-Nelson emailed SAB the information. Matt Lehrman will forward the email to contacts at the University of Kansas.

Waste Reduction & Recycling Report

Kathy Richardson emailed SAB the WRR report yesterday (see attached). The highlights are:

- Recycled more fibers (higher tonnage) but revenue way down
- HHW/Reuse participants almost doubled in March
- First Compost Sale was a success – brought in \$11,990
- New Compost Facility Gate operational beginning in March – 50 landscapers signed up so far
- Yard Waste Collection began on March 2nd for the 2009 season
- Earth Day, Saturday, April 18 – food and entertainment confirmed – 49 exhibitors registered
- Electronic Recycling Event, Saturday, April 25

Daniel Poull asked if there was an update on the staff report regarding increasing recycling rates. Tammy Bennett informed the Board that Public Works staff met with the City Manager last week to review the staff report. After the edits are completed, staff will send the report to SAB.

Guest Comments and Miscellaneous

Laura Routh announced that she is writing a term paper on the Environmental Chapter of the Horizon 2020 and plans to bring parts of it to the SAB meetings this summer for discussion.

Simran Sethi announced that she is teaching a class this summer titled *Communicating Social and Environmental Messages*. She asked the Board if there was a 6-week project SAB could assign to her students. It was suggested that this be an agenda item for next month.

Kathy Richardson mentioned that the Board may want to consider finding out if they can have a SAB member sit on the Peak Oil Task Force now that Paul Dietz has resigned from SAB.

Matt Lehrman announced that the KU School of Business is hosting a lecture series event “Sustainable Business: Innovation Inspired by Nature” on April 20th at 7:00 pm at the Spahr Engineering Classroom. He will email SAB the event fliers and background information.

Meeting adjourned 7:20 p.m.

Next meeting: May 13th, 2009 at 5:30 pm

Attachments:

- Waste Reduction and Recycling Division Report



Waste Reduction and Recycling Division Report for the Sustainability Advisory Board (04/08/09)

FIBERS REPORT

OLD CORRUGATED CONTAINERS (OCC)

Cardboard	Tons	Revenue
Current YTD	318.30	\$10,474.75
Prior YTD	271.29	\$34,889.87
Avg. Price/ton thru March 2009: \$32.91		Avg. price/ton thru March 2008: \$128.61

OLD NEWSPAPERS (ONP)

Newspaper	Tons	Revenue
Current YTD	144.20	\$3,325.96
Prior YTD	175.26	\$21,453.90
Avg. Price/ton thru March 2009: \$23.06		Avg. Price/ton thru March 2008: \$122.41

OFFICE WASTE PAPER (SOP)

Sorted Office Paper	Tons	Revenue
Current YTD	21.91	\$1,971.90
Prior YTD	16.80	\$3,631.30
Avg. Price/ton thru March 2009: \$90.00		Avg. Price/ton thru March 2008: \$216.15

MIXED WASTE PAPER (MIX)

Mixed Paper	Tons	Revenue
Current YTD	78.45	\$210.76
Prior YTD	33.08	\$3,044.90
Avg. Price/ton thru March 2009: \$2.69		Avg. Price/ton thru March 2008: \$92.06

<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
		562.85	\$15,983.38
Prior YTD		496.43	\$63,019.97

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) PROGRAM REPORT

Month	HHW Drop-Offs	Battery Bags in Mail	Appt No Show	Home-bound	Saturday Collection	Abandoned Waste	Orphan Waste	SQG Inventory	SQG Drop-off	Product Reuse Appt
January	153	6	18	0	0	4	0	17	15	13
February	106	1	6	0	0	3	0	13	14	15
March	183	2	14	0	0	5	0	5	4	25
April										
May										
June										
July										
August										
September										
October										
November										
December										
TOTAL	442	9	38	0	0	12	0	35	33	53

COMPOST PROGRAM

City-wide residential yard waste collection began on Monday, March 2nd. Solid Waste crews picked up 1,210.53 tons of yard waste in March.

The Spring Compost Sale was held on March 12, 13, and 14. Compost was sold for \$10 per scoop, which is approximately 1 average truckload or 2-3 cubic yards, and self-loading was free. A total of 1,510 vehicles entered our facility over the three-day period. The Compost Sale started with approximately 2,830 cubic yards of compost from May-September yard trimmings that was screened, tested, and ready for distribution. At the close of the event on Saturday, there was 144 cubic yards of compost left. A total of 2,686 cubic yards of compost (1,746 tons) was distributed over the course of the 3 day event. The implementation of a \$10 per scoop fee for loading did not decrease demand, but it did slightly increase the number of vehicles that were self-loading. A total of \$11,990 was generated during the 3-day compost sale.

The new electronic gate is operational and is working great. 50 landscapers have signed up and were issued access fobs.

YARD TRIMMINGS COLLECTION: YEAR TO DATE

	2008 TOTAL	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	March 2009
Total Tons collected curbside	11,244.15	NA	NA	1,210.53
Commercial YW received	1,116	1.9	17.1	171.80
Other YW received (Christmas Trees)	20.46	28.06 (2,245 trees)	NA	NA
Total tons this month	12,380.61	29.96	17.1	1,382.33
Average Preferred Container Compliance	99.1%	NA	NA	98.9%

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION UPDATE

LAWRENCE 9th Annual Earth Day Parade & Celebration

Saturday, April 18th, 2009

11:00 am - 11:30 am

Earth Day Parade down Massachusetts St. to South Park

11:30 am - 4:00 pm

Earth Day Celebration in South Park

*Featuring April Showers to Water Towers:
A Water Festival for Douglas County*

- live music
- food
- children's activities
- exhibits about waste reduction, recycling, composting, alternative fuels and alternative fuel vehicles, energy conservation, land preservation, wildlife and habitat preservation, and more environmental topics.
- South Park tree I.D. tour

Admission is free.

For further information, please contact the Waste Reduction and Recycling Division at 832-3030 or visit www.LawrenceRecycles.org.



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Also on April 18: Animal Outreach of Kansas will host their "Great American Meat-Out" cook-out at the park and "Read Out, Speak Out, Sing Out, Dance Out, Act Out for Earth Care" will take place (8am-8pm) in South Park (west portion).

Confirmed for 2009 Earth Day Celebration

Food Vendors

1. ~~Faces 4 U~~
2. Sno Balls (shaved ice)
3. PJ's Concessions
4. Animal Outreach of KS (serving FREE vegan food)

Music/Entertainment

1. LAZER remote
2. Big Stack Daddy (Beatles, misc rock)
3. Jumps 4 Kids (inflatable children's entertainment)
4. Richard Renner & the Recycle Cycle

Exhibitors

1. Animal Outreach of Kansas
2. Audio-Reader
3. Aveena Natural Cleaning Services
4. Black Jack Battlefield and Nature Park
5. Bubblebox
6. Cans for the Community
7. City of Lawrence-Waste Reduction and Recycling
8. City of Lawrence-Central Maintenance Garage
9. City of Lawrence-Parks and Recreation Department, tree ID tours
10. City of Lawrence-Sustainability Advisory Board
11. Community Living Opportunities
12. Cromwell Environmental (solar and wind installation firm)
13. Douglas County Conservation District
14. Extreme Recycling (electronics recycler)
15. Falun Dafa (exercise and meditation)
16. First Weavers
17. Friends of the Kaw
18. Good Energy Solutions, Inc.
19. Grassland Heritage Foundation
20. Habitat for Humanity ReStore

(...continued Earth Day confirmed exhibitors)

21. Heather's Henna (henna artist, crafts)
22. Jack Ellena Honda
23. Jayhawk Audubon Society
24. Jeff's Curbside Recycling
25. Kansas Solar Electric Cooperative (K-SEC)
26. Kaw Valley Fife & Drum Corps
27. Kaw Valley Seeds Project
28. Kawsmos
29. KU Environs
30. Lawrence Coalition for Peace & Justice
31. Lawrence Community Environmental School
32. Lawrence Mountain Bike Club
33. Lawrence Sustainability Network
34. Lawrence Transit System
35. Otter Creek Herd Company
36. Performance Plus Homes
37. Planet Doctors
38. Prairie Park Nature Center
39. Sandy Beverly (cloth diapers)
40. Save the Wakarusa Wetlands, Inc.
41. Sierra Club, Wakarusa Group
42. Soka Gakkai (UN Earth Charter)
43. South Mass Art Guild
44. Sustainability Action Network
45. Tenants to Homeowners, Inc.
46. Universal Conceptions (recycled art)
47. Vinland Valley Nursery
48. Westar Energy-Energy Efficiency Department
49. Western Kansas Vegetarian Society

Electronics Recycling Collection Event

Lawrence Electronic Recycling Event

The City of Lawrence invites residents and small businesses to recycle old, unwanted electronic equipment.

Saturday, April 25, 2009 • 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Free State High School parking lot • 4700 Overland Drive



Items accepted for recycling: Computer Monitors*, Desktops, Laptops, Keyboards, Other Peripherals, Printers, Copiers, Scanners, Telephones, Cell Phones, Pagers, Fax Machines, Televisions*, VHS/DVD Drives, Hand Held Devices

Items NOT accepted: Large Appliances (refrigerators, AC units)

*Recycling fee (cash or checks only): \$5.00 per computer monitor, \$10.00 per television, no charge for other electronics

For more information regarding this event, call 832-3030 or visit www.LawrenceRecycles.org.

Electronic recycling will be provided
by Extreme Recycling, Inc.



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