

City of Lawrence

Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB)

December 9, 2009 (5:30 PM) Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Chris Cobb, Dickie Heckler, Sarah Hill-Nelson, Matt Lehrman, Megan Poindexter, Daniel Poull, Andrea Repinsky (term starts Jan. 2010), Laura Routh, Simran Sethi, Brian Sifton
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Beth Johnson
STAFF PRESENT:	Tammy Bennett, Kathy Richardson
GUESTS PRESENT:	
PUBLIC PRESENT:	

Call Meeting to Order (Daniel Poull, Chairperson)

Take Roll Call to Determine Quorum of Members

ANY PRESSING ITEMS

None.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion and second to approve the November 11, 2009 minutes (Heckler/Sethi). Motion was passed unanimously.

Elect SAB Officers for the Upcoming Year

Motion and second to approve Matt Lehrman as Chair, Sarah Hill-Nelson as Vice-Chair, and Brian Sifton as Secretary (Routh/Cobb). Motion was passed unanimously.

Discuss Goal Setting Session for January Meeting

Staff suggested that the Board wait to have their Goal Setting Session until March instead of January since there are three new board members starting their terms in January and to consider having a facilitator for their Goal Setting Session. Staff suggested Lisa Patterson as a facilitator.

Prior to tonight's meeting, SAB members including the new members were emailed copies of the September 2008 Goal Setting Session notes, board members' surveys and citizens' feedback.

Motion and second to schedule the SAB Goal Setting Session in March 2010, request a facilitator for the meeting, request citizen feedback, and have all board members complete the survey questions prior to the Goal Setting Session (Hill-Nelson/Sethi). Motion was passed unanimously.

SAB discussed keeping it as the same format as the last Goal Setting Session (a couple hours on one evening, board members brought food to share).

Laura Routh requested to be notified of the final scheduling plans for the Goal Setting Session.

Staff Report on Recycling Pilot Program

There was discussion regarding the SAB item on the City Commission Consent Agenda on 12-01-09. The SAB memo was placed on the Consent Agenda together with the City staff memo which was mislabeled "SAB Recycling Information". SAB commented that they were seeking direction from the City Commission and were not expecting the action that staff would respond to their memo as was stated on the Consent Agenda.

Tammy Bennett indicated that staff will re-package the information from the recycling memos, reports and survey results and create a summary or timeline of all of these to present to SAB in the January meeting. This will be helpful information to the new board members as well.

Laura Routh commented to the Board that as a citizen she will not support the SAB suggested option on the recycling matrix: public-private partnership. She believes that in order for the City to get a handle on reducing the amount of waste, the City needs to play a significant role in curbside recycling. She also stated the importance of Pay-as-You-Throw.

Daniel Poull noted that SAB's goal has now evolved to focus on waste reduction and not on curbside recycling. There was discussion on how focusing on waste reduction will lead to more recycling options. SAB expressed excitement regarding the front page article on Pay-as-You-Throw in the Lawrence Journal World on December 7, 2009. Daniel also commented that WASTEZERO, a private firm, contacted him.

Waste Reduction & Recycling Report

Kathy Richardson emailed the WRR November report to SAB (see attached). She announced that the City's Solid Waste Division has scheduled the Christmas tree collection dates on the three Mondays following Christmas: Dec. 28th, Jan. 4th and Jan. 11th.

Miscellaneous Announcements and/or Public Comments

Laura Routh commented that the EPA has opened a public comment website specific to solid waste issues. She will email the link to SAB.

The Board discussed the possibility of getting signage designed and printed for outreach events. Megan Poindexter, Simran Sethi and Brian Sifton will ask friends at KU to see if they can design it and report back to the Board.

Simran Sethi mentioned that the Lawrence Journal World is working on a publication called health commons which has one area focusing on localvore. She wondered if SAB would be interested in participating in this group by providing content. Daniel said he would be interested.

Board members asked staff if there was any news on the hiring timeline of the Sustainability Coordinator. Staff remarked that the County is considering expanding the applicant pool by re-opening and re-posting the position.

Meeting adjourned 6:40 p.m.

Next meeting: January 13th, 2010 at 5:30 pm.

Attachments:

- Waste Reduction and Recycling Division Report



Waste Reduction and Recycling Division Report for the Sustainability Advisory Board (12/09/09)

FIBERS REPORT

OLD CORRUGATED CONTAINERS (OCC)

Cardboard	Tons	Revenue
Current YTD	1,214.16	\$69,581.60
Prior YTD	1,146.03	\$132,015.74
Avg. Price/ton thru Nov 2009:	\$57.31	Avg. price/ton thru Nov 2008: \$115.19

OLD NEWSPAPERS (ONP)

Newspaper	Tons	Revenue
Current YTD	510.30	\$20,118.56
Prior YTD	595.63	\$76,308.92
Avg. Price/ton thru Nov 2009:	\$39.43	Avg. Price/ton thru Nov 2008: \$128.12

OFFICE WASTE PAPER (SOP)

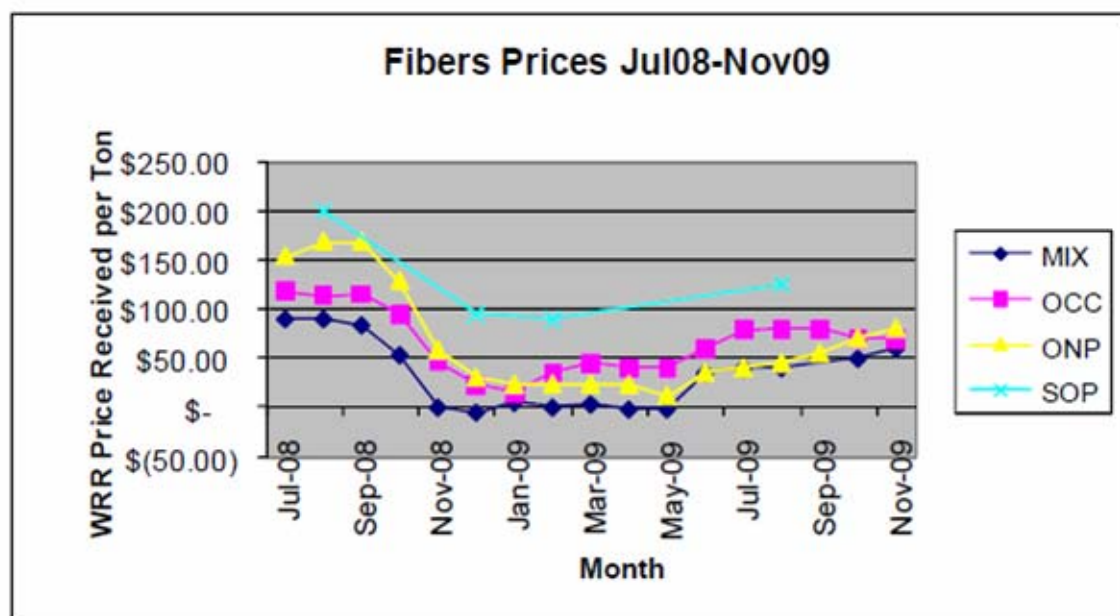
Sorted Office Paper	Tons	Revenue
Current YTD	42.86	\$4,590.65
Prior YTD	39.32	\$8,135.30
Avg. Price/ton thru Nov 2009:	\$107.11	Avg. Price/ton thru Nov 2008: \$206.90

MIXED WASTE PAPER (MIX)

Mixed Paper	Tons	Revenue
Current YTD	263.99	\$6,850.50
Prior YTD	171.86	\$14,640.16
Avg. Price/ton thru Nov 2009:	\$25.95	Avg. Price/ton thru Nov 2008: \$85.19

<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
		2,031.30	\$101,141.32
Prior YTD		1,952.84	\$231,100.12

The graph below shows the price that the WRR Division received per ton of Mixed Paper (MIX), Corrugated Cardboard (OCC), Newspaper (ONP) and Sorted Office Paper (SOP) from July 2008 through November 2009.



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	180	3	10	0	11	3	0	10	10	49
May	214	4	27	0	31	1	0	14	13	68
June	285	3	20	0	44	3	0	9	9	74
July	319	0	24	0	31	3	0	13	12	75
August	263	1	34	0	21	5	0	6	5	75
September	271	1	17	0	18	3	0	9	7	61
October	205	1	24	0	20	1	0	4	7	56
November	188	0	11	2	0	3	0	8	6	39
December										
TOTAL	2367	22	205	2	176	34	0	108	102	550

COMPOST PROGRAM

Separate yard waste collection will end, weather permitting, on Monday, December 21, 2009 and resume Monday, March 1, 2010. During the interim, yard waste will be picked up with regular household trash.

The Christmas Tree-Cycling collection will take place this season on the following 3 Mondays: December 28th, January 4th and January 11th. Trees will be collected to be used for wildlife habitat.

73 landscapers have signed up and been issued access fobs for 2009, and 2 have already signed up for 2010.

YARD TRIMMINGS COLLECTION: YEAR TO DATE

November collection data included 5 Monday pick-ups.

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2009 TOTAL
Total Tons collected curbside	NA	NA	1,210.53	1,013.77	1,138.74	1,081.67	673.63	828.59	594.36	988.49	3354.98		10,884.76
Commercial YW received	1.9	17.1	180.2	182.8	238.1	202.3	239.1	177.9	228.6	192.7	298.9		1,959.6
Other YW received (Christmas Trees)	28.06 (2,245 trees)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		28.06
Total tons this month	29.96	17.1	1,390.73	1,196.57	1,376.84	1,283.97	912.73	1,006.49	822.96	1,181.19	3653.88		12,872.42
Average Preferred Container Compliance	NA	NA	98.9%	99.3%	99.5%	99.7%	99.8%	99.8%	99.6%	99.7%	99.4%		99.5%