

City of Lawrence
Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB)
July 14, 2010 (5:30 PM) Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Sarah Hill-Nelson, Matt Lehrman, Chad Luce, Daniel Poull, Andrea Repinsky, Simran Sethi, Ian Spomer
YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT PRESENT:	Nick Benson
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Beth Johnson, Megan Poindexter, Brian Sifton
STAFF PRESENT:	Tammy Bennett, Eileen Horn, Kathy Richardson
GUESTS PRESENT:	
PUBLIC PRESENT:	

Call Meeting to Order (Matt Lehrman, Chairperson)
Take Roll Call to Determine Quorum of Members

Introductions. Nick Benson, a KU student, is interested in the "Youth in Government" position on SAB. He will attend the monthly board meetings and participate in discussions. The "Youth in Government" position is not a voting member of the board. Nick will be added to the sab@ci.lawrence.ks.us email group.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion and second to approve the June 9, 2010 minutes (Poull/Spomer).
Vote: Motion was passed unanimously.

Update on Landfill Rate Negotiations

Tammy Bennett informed SAB that Charlie Sedlock with Hamm Waste Services presented the landfill rate change information (i.e. approximately a 28% increase) at the City Commission meeting last night. The fee proposed for 2011 is \$24.50 per ton which includes a \$1.15 tax. The current fee the City of Lawrence pays is \$19.15 per ton which has not increased since 1993. The Hamm proposal is still very competitive for landfill pricing in this region.

Simran Sethi also attended the City Commission meeting and commented that Paul Davis informed her that he was at this meeting representing Deffenbaugh Industries. He stated that Deffenbaugh is interested in providing a landfill pricing proposal to the City of Lawrence.

Board members agreed that the Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) conversation needs to be revisited now that the timing is right with the landfill rate increase proposal. SAB asked staff for an update on the possibility of moving towards a PAYT system. Tammy Bennett stated that the City Commission approved the following ordinance language changes. This is a good first step.

1. Residential collection stops with large accumulations of waste, requiring more than five minutes load-time for one employee, will be assessed additional fees, as established by the Director of Public Works.
2. A fee schedule for certain types of residential bulk item waste may be established by the Director of Public Works.

Discussion of SAB Memo to City Commission Regarding PAYT

Board members reviewed the Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) memo which Daniel Poull drafted on behalf of SAB (see attached).

Motion and second to approve the SAB Pay-As-You-Throw memo addressed to the City Commission (Hill-Nelson/Sethi).

Vote: Motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion of SAB Options to Submit Comments Regarding Bowersock Proposal

There was brief discussion on whether SAB should submit comments regarding Bowersock's expansion proposal. No action was taken.

Discussion of Environmental Standards in Proposed Library Expansion

Eileen Horn provided an update on the proposed library expansion. She said Aron Cromwell is the City Commissioner who has been the most involved with this project and he said the City is aiming for LEED Silver (as a guide, not necessarily for certification) and possibly even LEED Gold. A portion of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants are going towards replacing the library's HVAC system and lighting upgrades.

Douglas County Local Foods Policy Council Update

Daniel Poull reported that the Douglas County Local Foods Policy Council (LFPC) will have a booth at the Douglas County Fair on August 3rd through 7th and encourages all to stop by the booth.

Eileen Horn reported that LFPC is working with a K-State Professor and a graduate student to create a food shed analysis for Douglas, Leavenworth and Jefferson Counties. She asked SAB if they could review this document at the September SAB meeting and provide feedback.

Waste Reduction & Recycling Report

Kathy Richardson reported that the City's Waste Reduction and Recycling Division has a new Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LawrenceRecycles. If board members have ideas on content for this Facebook page, please email those to Kathy. Daniel Poull suggested adding a link to a You Tube video of a participant documenting the ease of dropping off electronics at a City Electronic Recycling Event.

The staff report on the recycling, hazardous waste and composting programs was email to SAB (see attached). An article on the Lawrence Energy Conservation Fair (LECF) was also included in the report. This event will take place on Saturday, September 11th. Kathy thanked Chad Luce and Matt Lehrman for securing a sponsorship from Westar Energy. She also thanked Daniel Poull for volunteering to be the tour guide of the Sustainable Homes Tour.

Other LECF updates:

- Transit will offer free rides on the T all day on Saturday, September 11th.
- The LECF planning meeting last week was well attended and staff received a lot of good ideas. One suggestion was to promote the Lawrence Energy Conservation Fair at the Lawrence Farmers' Market. Staff reserved the Community Booth at the Lawrence Farmers' Market on Saturday, September 4th. Daniel Poull and Nick Benson signed up to volunteer at the booth. Other board members interested in volunteering may email Kathy.

Sustainability Coordinator Report

Eileen Horn stated that the City's Sustainability webpage has launched and thanked SAB for their feedback. She also gave an update on the ongoing effort to celebrate businesses' sustainability practices. This effort was initiated by the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce Grow Green Task Force a couple years ago. Eileen and members on this new committee are working in partnership with the Lawrence Journal World to create a Sustainable Lawrence Map (online and printable). The idea is to accept nominations of businesses for the map and open it up to the public to vote on the businesses. SAB members interested in being involved in this project may email Eileen.

The US EPA has a request for proposals out for a climate showcase community grant that Eileen is applying for. She also mentioned the State Energy Office state wide community contest which will be based on percent improvement of energy efficiency. Eileen will present an update on the projects and grants she is working on at the City Commission meeting next week. SAB members are welcomed to attend.

Miscellaneous Announcements and/or Public Comments

Kathy Richardson announced that the Douglas County and Jefferson County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee meeting is on Thursday, July 29th at 2 pm. The meeting will take place at the City's SWAN Building at 320 NE Industrial Lane and is open to the public.

Matt Lehrman announced that the Westar SmartStar team will host an educational booth at the sidewalk sale in downtown Lawrence tomorrow. The booth will be in front of the US Bank.

Andrea Repinsky reported that the City is now moving forward on enforcing the code violations at the 12th and Haskell Bargain Center. The code enforcement at this site was initially delayed due to the neighbors' appeal which has now been dismissed.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting: September 8th, 2010 at 5:30 pm.

Attachments:

- SAB memo on PAYT
- Waste Reduction and Recycling Division Report



Waste Reduction and Recycling Division Report for the Sustainability Advisory Board (7/14/10)

RECYCLING PROGRAM REPORT

OLD CORRUGATED CONTAINERS (OCC)

Cardboard	Tons	Revenue
Current YTD	693.81	\$95,292.85
Prior YTD	641.07	\$26,090.50
Avg. Price/ton thru June 2010:		\$137.35
Avg. price/ton thru June 2009:		\$40.70

OLD NEWSPAPERS (ONP)

Newspaper	Tons	Revenue
Current YTD	217.81	\$21,245.95
Prior YTD	285.12	\$7,090.36
Avg. Price/ton thru June 2010:		\$97.54
Avg. Price/ton thru June 2009:		\$24.87

OFFICE WASTE PAPER (SOP)

Sorted Office Paper	Tons	Revenue
Current YTD	19.29	\$3,905.40
Prior YTD	21.91	\$1,971.90
Avg. Price/ton thru June 2010:		\$202.46
Avg. Price/ton thru June 2009:		\$90.00

MIXED WASTE PAPER (MIX)

Mixed Paper	Tons	Revenue
Current YTD	152.83	\$10,122.38
Prior YTD	139.63	\$966.30
Avg. Price/ton thru June 2010:		\$66.23
Avg. Price/ton thru June 2009:		\$6.92

<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
		1,083.74	\$130,566.58
Prior YTD		1,087.72	\$36,119.07

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) AND SMALL QUANTITY GENERATOR (SQG) 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	112	2	4	0	0	2	0	11	9	4
February	112	2	4	0	0	1	0	3	4	9
March	245	1	10	0	0	2	0	11	10	37
April	262	3	21	1	25	4	0	7	8	68
May	245	0	15	1	12	1	0	7	6	63
June	337	2	21	2	18	6	0	12	13	69
July										
August										
September										
October										
November										
December										
TOTAL	1313	10	75	4	55	16	0	51	50	250

YARD TRIMMINGS COLLECTION AND COMPOST PROGRAM REPORT

<u>Yard Trimmings Collection: Year To Date</u>		Residential Tons Collected Curbside	Commercial Tons Received	Other Tons Received (Christmas Trees)	Total Tons This Month	Average Preferred Container Compliance
	2009 TOTAL	11,096.63	2,011.9	30.41	13,138.94	99.5%
2010	January	NA	7.9	26.65 (2,132 trees)	34.55	NA
	February	NA	18	NA	18	NA
	March	528.06	261.1	NA	789.16	99.5%
	April	1,738.52	360.1	NA	2,098.62	99.6%
	May	1,100.26	248.7	NA	1,348.96	99.7%
	June	898.66	238	NA	1,136.66	99.8%
	July					
	August					
	September					
	October					
	November					
	December					
	2010 TOTAL	3,366.84	840.9	26.65	4,234.39	99.6%

*Total tonnage may change. The Solid Waste Division is in the process of evaluating the estimated weight of containers by weighing samples curbside once a month throughout the year.

LAWRENCE ENERGY CONSERVATION FAIR 2010



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City of Lawrence
WASTE REDUCTION
& RECYCLING

Energy Fair and Sustainable Homes Tour Offers Lawrence a Look at Energy Efficiency & Conservation Techniques

Concerned about the price of gas? Looking to save on winter heating? Interested in energy efficiency tax incentives? Learn how to save energy, money, and the environment at the 2010 Lawrence Energy Conservation Fair.

Admission is FREE!

The City of Lawrence Waste Reduction and Recycling Division will host the Fair on Saturday, September 11th from 10 am to 4 pm, at the Community Building, located at 115 W. 11th Street. Homes Tour buses will leave from the Community Building promptly at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm.

Throughout the day you will have opportunities to view energy conservation exhibits and to consult with experts on how their products and services can lower your utility bills and increase energy efficiency. Exhibitors will include area builders, architects, insulators, heating and cooling experts, government agencies, non-profits, and alternatively-fueled vehicle representatives.

Expert speakers and on-site demonstrations will cover topics such as home weatherization, energy efficient remodeling, and home construction techniques.

The Heartland Renewable Energy Society's **Sustainable Homes Tour** will feature area homes that incorporate energy conservation design and products. Peak inside some of the area's most energy-wise homes, and see how you can save money while helping the environment.

The tour will showcase renewable energy building design, materials, construction methods, and energy saving appliances. Tour tickets will be sold on site at the Fair and buses will leave from the Community Building.

Walk, Bike or Ride the Bus to the Energy Fair Downtown!

The Lawrence Transit System will offer free rides on the T all day Saturday, September 11th, providing the experience and benefits of public transportation on all fixed routes. To get help planning a route or for more information, call (785) 864-4644 (Monday-Friday, 8 am – 5 pm) or visit www.lawrencetransit.org.

For more information on the Fair and a complete list of sponsors and exhibitors, please visit our website at www.LawrenceRecycles.org.

Lawrence Energy Conservation Fair

Saturday, September 11

10 AM to 4 PM

Community Building

115 W. 11th Street

Admission is FREE!

Come check out our

- EXHIBITORS
- SPEAKERS
- DEMONSTRATIONS
- ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES

Sustainable Homes Tour

Saturday, September 11

**Bus tours leave from
the Community Building at
10:30 AM and 1:30 PM**

**Bus tickets on sale at Fair
\$10/adult, \$3/child under 14**

July 14, 2010

To: City Commission
From: Sustainability Advisory Board

Dear Mayor Amyx and Commissioners,

We are writing in regard to waste reduction and recycling opportunities for the City of Lawrence.

In light of the proposed rate increase by the City's current landfill contractor, and the fact that these costs will be passed along to customers, implementation of a "pay as you throw" (PAYT) system should receive heightened consideration. Giving citizens the power to affect the rates they pay through a volume based service would be a reasonable response. We think a PAYT system would both encourage recycling, (which helps to keep waste tonnages down), and gives citizens a choice and more responsibility in how much waste they generate.

The SAB believes further study of the feasibility of a PAYT system would be a timely and worthwhile endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter. As always, we appreciate your dedicated service to the City of Lawrence.

On behalf of the Sustainability Advisory Board,
Matthew Lehrman, Chair