

City of Lawrence

Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB)

August 11, 2010 (5:30 PM) Meeting Minutes

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

Call Meeting to Order (Matt Lehrman, Chairperson)

Take Roll Call to Determine Quorum of Members

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion and second to approve the July 14, 2010 minutes (Poull/Poindexter).

Vote: Motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion with Commissioner Cromwell regarding PAYT and Public Library Design

City Commissioner Aron Cromwell discussed the Public Library expansion project. The City Commission will place a referendum on the November 2010 ballot that will expand and renovate the library and increase parking. The design process will take place after the ballot passes, if it passes. Staff will also be working on grants. Commissioner Cromwell encouraged the Board to visit the new website www.voteyesforthelibrary.org. A board member asked why they were not planning to extend the building closer to the sidewalk and Commissioner Cromwell responded that they would like to keep an outdoor space for future farmers' markets, movie nights, concerts, etc.

Commissioner Cromwell believes that the City needs to move towards a Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) program. He stated that Deffenbaugh has presented an option (not an official proposal) and that there are various other options that may be explored. Commissioner Cromwell stated that the City needs to start a public discussion on solid waste services, PAYT, and recycling. SAB's role in this public discussion is important. He also stated that it is not an option to cut the City's Solid Waste Division jobs. SAB asked for an update on licensure of curbside recycling haulers. The City Commission heard from some of the local curbside recycling haulers at a meeting early this year and they said licensure would put them out of business since some do not carry insurance. There has not been further discussion about licensure of curbside recycling haulers.

Action: Simran Sethi will write a thank you email to Commissioner Aron Cromwell for attending the SAB meeting tonight.

Discussion of SAB Goals and Work Plan

The Board deferred this agenda item until the next meeting.

Discussion of Horizon 2020 Draft

Daniel Poull stated that the revised draft of the Horizon 2020 incorporated the language changes suggested by SAB. The board thanked Brian Sifton and Daniel Poull for all their work on this.

Motion and second to approve to have Daniel Poull on behalf of SAB draft and submit a SAB memo to the Planning Commission in support of all edits to the Horizon 2020 draft (Luce/Poindexter). Vote: Motion was passed unanimously.

Discuss Inviting Deffenbaugh to Present at the September SAB Meeting

Simran Sethi explained that Paul Davis emailed her and stated that Deffenbaugh may be interested in speaking to SAB. Board members agreed to invite Deffenbaugh to a future meeting. SAB is interested in learning about Deffenbaugh's recycling services and their future goals.

Motion and second to invite Deffenbaugh to present at the September meeting (Poull/Simran). Vote: Motion was passed unanimously.

Action: Matt Lehrman will invite Deffenbaugh to present at the next meeting.

Waste Reduction & Recycling Report

Kathy Richardson emailed SAB the WRR staff report (see attached).

Staff reserved the Community Booth at the Lawrence Farmers' Market on Saturday, September 4th and asked SAB members to volunteer to staff the booth from 7 am to 11 am. The goal is to distribute information and answer any questions regarding the upcoming events: Lawrence Energy Conservation Fair and Sustainable Homes Tour. Volunteers: Sarah Hill-Nelson (6:45am-8:30am), Simran Sethi (8:30am-10am), and Daniel Poull (8:30am-11am). Nick Benson is also available to volunteer. Kathy Richardson will bring all the handouts and supplies for the table.

The Energy Fair exhibitor registration deadline is Monday, August 16th. Board members discussed whether they wish to register for a booth at the Fair and whether there would be enough SAB volunteers to staff the table. SAB agreed they could make it work and would flush out all the details at their next meeting. Megan Poindexter volunteered to create a poster for the booth.

Motion and second to register SAB as an exhibitor of the Lawrence Energy Conservation Fair (Sethi/Luce). Vote: Motion was passed unanimously.

Sustainability Coordinator Report

Eileen Horn informed SAB of the following:

- August 20th submitted a grant for the expansion of the De Victor Park Trail.
- EPA Climate Showcase grant was submitted and will hear back on October 15th.
- Metropolitan Energy Center issued a funding announcement for alternative fuel vehicles. City, County and KU are collaborating on a plug in electric vehicle pilot project. Grant will be submitted by end of August.
- Received a grant from the State Energy Office to purchase solar voltaics for the Douglas County Extension Center.

- A steering committee was formed for the Sustainable Lawrence Map project. They will take nominations from the Lawrence Journal World "green" website which is under development.
- Free State High School is planning to convert their band practice field (3 acres) into a school garden and a community garden. FFA club will produce food for their cafeteria. They will also sell food at the Farmers' Market and Hy-Vee. City's role: education, fruit tree demonstration plot, and supply compost.
- Local Food Policy Council is working with K-State on a food analysis project. Eileen asked if SAB could help review the one page flyer and PowerPoint presentation being developed. This would be a November agenda item.
- Daniel Poull was elected chair of the Local Food Policy Council.
- State Energy Office Take Charge Challenge: Lawrence is competing against Manhattan. The organizers of the challenge are still working on the measurement aspect, but they will take in consideration the number of signs up for the efficiency Kansas programs in each city. This challenge will last November 2010 through July 2011. A leadership team will be formed and a part-time staff position will be developed.
- Deffenbaugh provided free recycling services for the Douglas County Fair this year.

Miscellaneous Announcements and/or Public Comments

Andrea Repinsky informed the Board that she and a few neighbors met with City staff, Bo Killough and his attorney at the 12th and Haskell Bargain Center today. She believes that Mr. Killough wants to continue as is and is not showing any concerns for the neighbors, nuisances, etc. She also informed the Board that Mr. Killough said he will work to establish a new site plan.

Laura Routh said she believes the City of Lawrence should license recycling centers since the State does not regulate recycling centers.

SAB expressed interest in continuing to receive updates on the Bargain Center and land use issues. Future agenda item: Update on the 12th and Haskell Bargain Center and review of the neighborhood association comments/letter. Also it may be beneficial to invite Scott McCullough, City of Lawrence Planning Director.

Meeting adjourned 7:35 p.m.

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

Attachments:

- Waste Reduction and Recycling Division Report



Waste Reduction and Recycling Division Report for the Sustainability Advisory Board (8/11/10)

RECYCLING PROGRAM REPORT

OLD CORRUGATED CONTAINERS (OCC)

Cardboard	Tons	Revenue
Current YTD	788.83	\$106,695.25
Prior YTD	771.31	\$36,321.90
Avg. Price/ton thru July 2010:	\$135.26	Avg. price/ton thru July 2009: \$47.09

OLD NEWSPAPERS (ONP)

Newspaper	Tons	Revenue
Current YTD	256.88	\$25,152.95
Prior YTD	326.60	\$8,749.56
Avg. Price/ton thru July 2010:	\$97.92	Avg. Price/ton thru July 2009: \$26.79

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 July 2010:	\$202.46	Avg. Price/ton thru July 2009: \$90.00

MIXED WASTE PAPER (MIX)

Mixed Paper	Tons	Revenue
Current YTD	167.18	\$10,724.73
Prior YTD	164.60	\$1,965.10
Avg. Price/ton thru July 2010:	\$64.14	Avg. Price/ton thru July 2009: \$11.94

<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
		1,232.18	\$146,475.98
Prior YTD		1,284.41	\$49,008.47

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	264	4	23	2	22	2	0	7	4	51
August										
September										
October										
November										
December										
TOTAL	1577	14	98	6	77	18	0	58	54	301

YARD TRIMMINGS COLLECTION AND COMPOST PROGRAM REPORT

Due to the Independence Day Holiday, yard trimmings were collected on only three Mondays in July.

Yard Trimmings Collection: Year To Date		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	247.7	NA	1,146.36	99.8%
	July	575.25	216.9	NA	792.15	99.7%
	August					
	September					
	October					
	November					
	December					
	2010 TOTAL	4,840.75	1,360.40	26.65	6,227.80	99.7%

*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 AND SUSTAINABLE HOMES TOUR

The City of Lawrence Waste Reduction and Recycling Division is hosting the 10th Annual Lawrence Energy Conservation Fair and Sustainable Homes Tour on Saturday, September 11, 2010 from 10 am to 4 pm, at the Community Building, located at 115 W. 11th Street.

Throughout the day attendees will have opportunities to view energy conservation exhibits and consult with experts on how their products and services can lower 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.

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 at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$3 per child under 14.

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.

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