

City of Lawrence

**Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB)**

January 12, 2011 (5:30 PM) Meeting Minutes

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

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**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 November 10, 2010 minutes (Luce/Poull).

Vote: Motion was passed unanimously.

**Nomination of 2011 SAB Officers**

**Motion** and second to nominate and elect Matt Lehrman as Chair (Hill-Nelson/Sifton), Megan Poindexter as Vice-Chair (Poull/Spomer), and Brian Sifton as Secretary (Hill-Nelson/Repinsky).

Vote: Motion was passed unanimously.

**Waste Reduction & Recycling Report**

Kathy Richardson emailed the WRR report (see attached).

Update on menu of options for solid waste and recycling services in Lawrence: A Study Session to discuss the menu of options took place last night. The solid waste review team (City staff) presented information to the City Commissioners. Tammy Bennett informed SAB that there was no clear direction or goal established at the Study Session, but that this item would be placed on a future City Commission meeting agenda, tentatively scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup>. Most likely the City Commissioners will vote to create a Task Force. Tammy Bennett mentioned an example of a Solid Waste Task Force formed in Overland Park. There was discussion on what is driving the change which will be important to define.

SAB discussed attending the City Commission meeting when the solid waste and recycling item is placed on the agenda and having one SAB member speak on behalf of the board during the public comments section. SAB also discussed reviewing their goals and past memos in preparation.

**Action:** Kathy Richardson will email past SAB memos regarding solid waste and recycling to the board.

## **Sustainability Coordinator Report**

Eileen Horn informed SAB of the following:

- The Take Charge Challenge launched last Friday. For information on this program and how to get involved visit [http://www.lawrenceks.org/take\\_charge\\_challenge](http://www.lawrenceks.org/take_charge_challenge). The kick-off party will be at Liberty Hall on Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 8 pm.
- The City's Solid Waste building recently completed an energy audit and staff is waiting on the report.
- The City will not be purchasing Green Tags this year instead the City plans to spend the money on solar PV. The likely candidate for solar PV will be the Prairie Park Nature Center.
- With the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant the City will be retrofitting the decorative lights downtown starting this spring.
- The Sunflower Horizons project will be launching in February. The map of Lawrence identifying sustainable businesses will be on a Lawrence Journal World website. The "Sustainability Trailblazers" awards will be announced at the City's Earth Day Celebration. Simran Sethi's journalism class will be tweeting and blogging the content of this project.
- Douglas County is going through sustainability planning goal setting sessions scheduled on three Fridays in February. Lisa Patterson will be the facilitator.
- The Local Food Council's food systems report will be completed in February. If SAB would like to review the report then it could be a March agenda item.
- A Study Session has been scheduled for the City and County Commissions on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm to discuss Horizon 2020 Chapter 16.

## **Miscellaneous Announcements and/or Public Comments**

None.

Meeting adjourned 6:25 p.m.

Next meeting: February 9th, 2011 at 5:30 pm.

## **Attachments:**

- Waste Reduction and Recycling Division Report



## Waste Reduction and Recycling Division Report for the Sustainability Advisory Board (01/12/11)

### RECYCLING PROGRAM REPORT

#### OLD CORRUGATED CONTAINERS (OCC)

Cardboard	Tons	Revenue
Current YTD	<b>1,367.81</b>	<b>\$181,922.55</b>
Prior YTD	1,295.87	\$76,118.40

Avg. Price/ton thru December 2010: **\$133.00** Avg. price/ton thru December 2009: \$58.74

#### OLD NEWSPAPERS (ONP)

Newspaper	Tons	Revenue
Current YTD	<b>422.41</b>	<b>\$41,941.08</b>
Prior YTD	565.83	\$24,283.69

Avg. Price/ton thru December 2010: **\$99.29** Avg. Price/ton thru December 2009: \$42.92

#### OFFICE WASTE PAPER (SOP)

Sorted Office Paper	Tons	Revenue
Current YTD	<b>40.09</b>	<b>\$8,169.40</b>
Prior YTD	61.61	\$8,059.40

Avg. Price/ton thru December 2010: **\$203.78** Avg. Price/ton thru December 2009: \$130.81

#### MIXED WASTE PAPER (MIX)

Mixed Paper	Tons	Revenue
Current YTD	<b>258.00</b>	<b>\$15,768.08</b>
Prior YTD	269.68	\$7,134.75

Avg. Price/ton thru December 2010: **\$61.68** Avg. Price/ton thru December 2009: \$26.46

<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
		<b>2,088.31</b>	<b>\$247,801.10</b>
Prior YTD		2,192.98	\$115,596.24

## 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	113	2	5	0	0	1	0	3	4	10
March	246	1	11	0	0	2	0	11	10	38
April	263	3	22	1	25	4	0	7	8	69
May	246	0	16	1	12	1	0	7	6	64
June	338	2	22	2	18	6	0	12	13	70
July	265	4	25	2	22	2	0	7	4	52
August	272	1	19	0	21	4	0	12	12	62
September	235	5	15	0	16	4	0	5	4	66
October	266	1	15	1	22	5	0	8	9	69
November	176	3	15	0	0	2	0	5	5	33
<b>December</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2704</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>551</b>

## YARD TRIMMINGS COLLECTION AND COMPOST PROGRAM REPORT

There were 3 Mondays of curbside residential yard trimmings collection in December. The final day of yard trimmings collection was Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting) and will resume Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting). During the interim, yard trimmings will be picked up with regular household trash.

The 2011 Christmas "tree-cycling" program will collect live cut trees curbside on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. All trees collected will be used as wildlife habitat.

<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
	<b>2009 TOTAL</b>	<b>11,096.63</b>	<b>2,011.9</b>	<b>30.41</b>	<b>13,138.94</b>	<b>99.5%</b>
<b>2010</b>	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	249.7	NA	1,349.96	99.7%
	June	898.66	257.9	NA	1,156.56	99.8%
	July	575.25	244.9	NA	820.15	99.7%
	August	686.37	530.9	NA	1,217.27	99.8%
	September	658.61	223.4	NA	882.01	99.8%
	October	1,221.42	245.1	NA	1,466.52	99.7%
	November	2,372.11	328.9	NA	2,701.01	99.6%
	December	466.77	112.1	NA	578.87	99.3%
	<b>2010 TOTAL</b>	<b>10,246.03</b>	<b>2,840.00</b>	<b>26.65</b>	<b>13,112.68</b>	<b>99.7%</b>

\*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.