

City of Lawrence

**Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB)**

February 9, 2011 (5:30 PM) Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Sarah Hill-Nelson, Matt Lehrman, Chad Luce, Daniel Poull, Andrea Repinsky, Brian Sifton, Ian Spomer
YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT PRESENT:	
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Beth Johnson, Megan Poindexter, 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 January 12, 2011 minutes (Poull/Hill-Nelson).

Vote: Motion was passed unanimously.

**Discussion of Possible SAB City Commission Candidate Forum**

There was discussion about the possible interest for SAB to host a candidate forum. Staff informed SAB that this is not an appropriate role for an advisory board appointed by the City Commission. Daniel Poull will email SAB the upcoming candidate forums for those interested in attending as individuals and not representing the board.

**Discussion of Possible New Meeting Location**

There was discussion about moving the SAB meeting location from the City's Solid Waste Annex North Building in North Lawrence to a location closer to downtown. The newly renovated Carnegie Building was mentioned but there would be a rental fee to cover costs of opening the building afterhours. There was also interest in meeting at City Hall. Tammy Bennett will check the City Commission room availability.

**Motion** and second to change the March SAB meeting location to the ground floor of City Hall (Sifton/Spomer). Vote: Motion was passed unanimously.

**Douglas County Local Food Policy Council (LFPC) Update**

Daniel Poull informed SAB of the following:

- There will be five new school gardens this spring at Free State High School, Central Junior High School, Corpus Christi Catholic School, Hillcrest and Sunset Hill Elementary Schools.
- The Food Systems Report will be submitted at the February 21st LFPC meeting. This meeting will take place at the Free State Bottling Facility at 7:00 pm for anyone interested in attending.
- LFPC submitted a memo to the Natural and Cultural Heritage Preservation Task Force (see attached).

There was discussion on whether SAB wanted to be a reviewer of the draft Food Systems Report. Board members agreed that they would like to receive the draft document and as a board submit feedback to LFPC. SAB will receive the draft report for review prior to their March board meeting.

### **Reminder on Responding to Group Emails**

It was discussed that when board members receive citizen emails sent to [sab@ci.lawrence.ks.us](mailto:sab@ci.lawrence.ks.us), any response back should be as a board response and not as an individual. The board agreed to assign the task to the secretary, Brian Sifton, to respond to emails on behalf of SAB. The response will communicate to the citizen that board has received his/her email and will be discussed at a future meeting. It was noted that not all emails sent to SAB require a response.

### **Waste Reduction & Recycling Report**

Kathy Richardson emailed the WRR report (see attached). Save the Date! The Spring Compost Sale will be on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, the Lawrence Earth Day Parade and Celebration will be on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, and the Spring Electronic Recycling Event will be on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

There was discussion on registering a SAB booth for the Earth Day Celebration. SAB has a banner/sign from last year. Sarah Hill-Nelson offered to check on the possibility of borrowing the Bowersock bike that people may ride to power up and light up an incandescent light bulb versus a fluorescent light bulb. Eileen Horn also asked if SAB would be interested in distributing CFLs at their table.

**Motion** and second to register SAB as an exhibitor of the Lawrence Earth Day Celebration (Hill-Nelson/Poull). Vote: Motion was passed unanimously.

Tammy Bennett informed SAB that staff was resubmitting some of the information regarding solid waste and recycling to the City Commission with a new cover memo that highlights the following:

- The Solid Waste Fund ended 2010 in a positive financial position, roughly even between revenues and expenditures.
- In 2010, even with addition of significantly increased curbside recycling options, residential and commercial trash tonnage increased while roll-off trash tonnage decreased. Overall trend in tonnage is downward, but seems to be driven by roll-off business for 2010.
- A draft resolution for the Solid Waste Task Force will also be included in the cover memo.

### **Sustainability Coordinator Report**

Eileen Horn informed SAB of the following:

- At last night's City Commission meeting, the City Manager was authorized to execute a contract with Gould Evans Associates for the design of the Lawrence Public Library expansion/renovation. There have been conversations about incorporating a transit station with restrooms, electric vehicle charging stations, and farmers market at this site.
- City energy efficiency update: energy use has dropped approximately 5% since 2007 in City buildings and facilities. City is still working on data input for the Energy Cap software and will soon have some great data to share.
- Lawrence Journal World developed a new website: <http://sunflowerhorizons.com>. Currently the only content is the application form for the Sustainability Trailblazers but an interactive map with these featured businesses will go live on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Simran Sethi's journalism class is interviewing 15 businesses and helping get the word out. The Sustainability Trailblazers awards will be announced at the City's Earth Day Celebration.
- The Take Charge Challenge update: Lawrence is ahead. 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).
- New bicycle maps have been printed and are being distributed.

**Miscellaneous Announcements and/or Public Comments**

None.

Meeting adjourned 6:50 p.m.

Next meeting: March 9th, 2011 at 5:30 pm. Location: City Hall ground floor.

**Attachments:**

- Douglas County Local Food Policy Council Memo to the Natural and Cultural Heritage Preservation Task Force
- Waste Reduction and Recycling Division Report

To: Natural and Cultural Heritage Preservation Task Force  
From: Douglas County Food Policy Council  
Re: Preservation possibilities

Dear Mr. Grotewiel and Task Force,

The Douglas County Food Policy Council thanks you for your efforts to help Douglas County preserve its natural and cultural heritage, and the public participation you have elicited in this process. To add to that body of public comment, we would like to submit the following recommendation:

The Food Policy Council of Douglas County was formed to improve the community's access to local food supply and distribution networks. Therefore, in your recommendations for funding allocation %, we would like to see priority given to agricultural sites in our County that are well-suited to participate in the local food economy. These agricultural sites would have the following characteristics:

- "Heritage" farms and working farms that embody our agricultural history.
- Properties located on Class 1 and Class 2 soils (high quality agricultural soils with high yield potentials).
- Properties located on the urban fringe or near existing infrastructure and markets.
- Properties currently experiencing development pressure.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Daniel Poull, Chairperson  
On behalf of the Douglas County Food Policy Council



## Waste Reduction and Recycling Division Report for the Sustainability Advisory Board (02/09/11)

### RECYCLING PROGRAM REPORT

#### OLD CORRUGATED CONTAINERS (OCC)

Cardboard	Tons	Revenue
Current YTD	<b>84.10</b>	<b>\$12,194.50</b>
Prior YTD	103.10	\$11,341.00
Avg. Price/ton thru January 2011:		<b>\$145.00</b>
Avg. price/ton thru January 2010:		\$110.00

#### OLD NEWSPAPERS (ONP)

Newspaper	Tons	Revenue
Current YTD	<b>21.26</b>	<b>\$2,444.90</b>
Prior YTD	24.32	\$1,823.63
Avg. Price/ton thru January 2011:		<b>\$115.00</b>
Avg. Price/ton thru January 2010:		\$75.00

#### OFFICE WASTE PAPER (SOP)

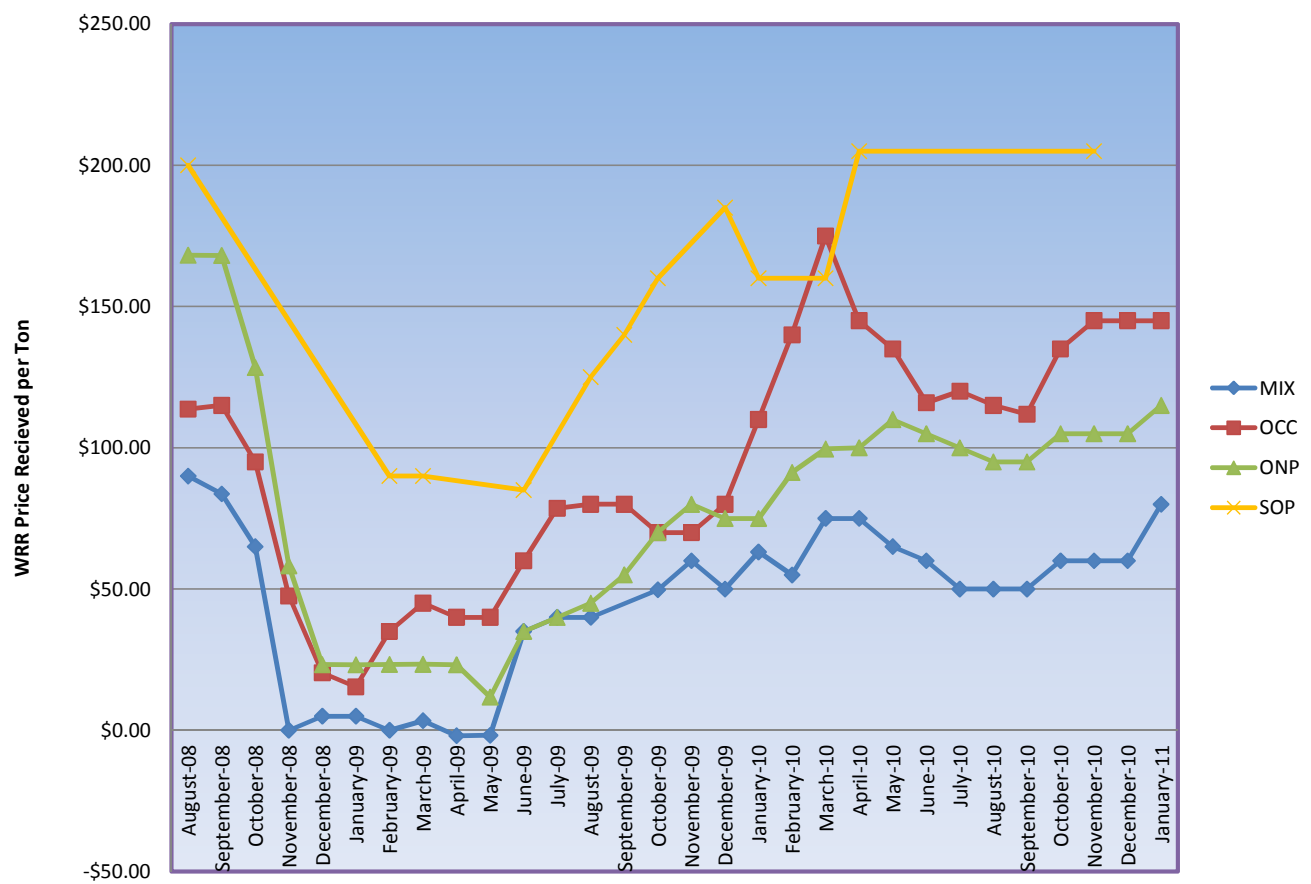
Sorted Office Paper	Tons	Revenue
Current YTD	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$N/A</b>
Prior YTD	0.55	\$88.00
Avg. Price/ton thru January 2011:		<b>\$N/A</b>
Avg. Price/ton thru January 2010:		\$160.00

#### MIXED WASTE PAPER (MIX)

Mixed Paper	Tons	Revenue
Current YTD	<b>20.71</b>	<b>\$1,656.80</b>
Prior YTD	36.81	\$2,323.65
Avg. Price/ton thru January 2011:		<b>\$80.00</b>
Avg. Price/ton thru January 2010:		\$63.13

<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
		<b>126.07</b>	<b>\$16,296.20</b>
Prior YTD		164.77	\$15,576.28

### WRR Fibers Prices Aug 2008- Jan 2011



# 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	94	14	4	0	0	1	0	5	5	7
February										
March										
April										
May										
June										
July										
August										
September										
October										
November										
December										
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>

## YARD TRIMMINGS COLLECTION AND COMPOST PROGRAM REPORT

The 2011 Christmas “tree-cycling” program collected 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. The crews collected 2,165 trees from 2,117 participating households.

Curbside residential yard trimmings collection will begin again Monday, March 7, 2011 (weather permitting). During the interim, yard trimmings will be picked up with regular household trash.

<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>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>
<b>2011</b>	January	NA	55.4	21.65	77.05	N/A
	February					
	March					
	April					
	May					
	June					
	July					
	August					
	September					
	October					
	November					
	December					
	<b>2011 TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55.4</b>	<b>21.65</b>	<b>77.05</b>	<b>N/A</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.