

City of Lawrence
Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB)
October 12, 2011 minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Hill-Nelson, Matt Lehrman, Chad Luce, Dale Nimz, Daniel Poull, Ian Spomer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Beth Johnson, Megan Poindexter, Andrea Repinsky, Simran Sethi

STAFF PRESENT: Tammy Bennett, Kathy Richardson, Shoeb Uddin

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Call Meeting to Order (Matt Lehrman, Chair person)

Take roll call to determine quorum of members.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion and second to approve the [September 14, 2011 minutes](#) (Luce/Spomer).

Vote: Motion was passed unanimously.

Discuss submitting a SAB letter of support for the city's TIGER III Federal Grant Application (Bob Billings Parkway and K-10 Interchange)

Shoeb Uddin, City Engineer, distributed copies of a [staff memo](#) regarding the TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Grant Program third round (termed TIGER III). The City is working on a joint grant application with the County and KDOT for an interchange at Bob Billings Parkway and K-10. KDOT is the lead applicant.

SAB discussed and drafted a letter of support for the TIGER III grant application for the Bob Billings Parkway and K-10 interchange construction. Improved connectivity and inclusion of meaningful multi-modal elements in this project will contribute to overall sustainability goals in the Lawrence community.

Motion and second to approve the [SAB letter of support](#) for the TIGER III grant application (Nimz/Hill-Nelson). Vote: Motion was passed unanimously.

Discuss recommending potential new board members for SAB vacancies occurring at the end of the year

There will be two vacancies at the end of the year: Daniel Poull finishes his second term in December and Simran Sethi is resigning from the board. Matt Lehrman asked that each SAB member bring one or two recommendations for potential new board members to the next meeting.

Discuss possible new meeting location for SAB meetings

SAB discussed utilizing the meeting space at the University of Kansas Center for Design Research located at 2544 Westbrooke Circle. This building was constructed by Studio 804. Board members agreed to try out this new meeting space for the November and December meetings. The board is interested in a tour/presentation of the Center for Design Research at the November meeting. And there was also discussion about the possibility of bringing food to the December meeting for a potluck holiday dinner.

Staff will confirm this new meeting location for the November and December meetings, request a tour of the building, and ask if food is allowed in the building for the December potluck holiday dinner.

Waste Reduction and Recycling Report

Kathy Richardson emailed the [Waste Reduction and Recycling Division report](#) to SAB. Reminder: the Fall Electronic Recycling Event is this Saturday, October 15th at the Free State High School parking lot from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Sustainability Coordinator Report

The [Sustainability Coordinator report](#) was also emailed to SAB. Staff highlighted that if anyone is interested in attending a Take Charge Challenge results luncheon in Topeka on October 25th, please contact Greg Beverlin at takechargelawrence@gmail.com.

Miscellaneous Announcements and/or Public Comments

Matt Lehrman informed SAB that Wichita passed a Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) system and mandatory curbside recycling (mandatory pay, not participation). Currently there are multiple private haulers in the Wichita area. Matt asked if the City of Lawrence Solid Waste Task Force was going to include cost estimates within their recommendations to the City Commission. Daniel Poull mentioned that the task force has received a lot of information through presentations and they have a well educated guess on what the costs are but the task force is still working on drafting their recommendations.

Dale Nimz mentioned he heard they are planning a Wichita Green Energy Fair in January that he is interested in attending.

The SAB presentation on the progress of the Climate Protection Plan has been sent up to the City Manager and staff is waiting to hear back on a date for the presentation at a future City Commission meeting. It is likely that it will be scheduled at the same time as the Complete Streets presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Next meeting: November 9th, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Attachments:

[Staff Memo – TIGER III Grant Application](#)

[SAB Letter of Support for TIGER III Grant Application](#)
[Waste Reduction and Recycling Division Report](#)
[Sustainability Coordinator Report](#)