

**City of Lawrence
Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB)
April 9, 2014 minutes**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott White, Boog Highberger, Kathleen Nuckolls, Michael Morley, Dale Nimz, Daniel Poull, Adam Ritchie

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sandy Beverly, Ian Spomer, Steve Vukelich

STAFF PRESENT: Kathy Richardson

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jenny O'Brien, Chris Tilden

Call Meeting to Order (Scott White Chair)

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion and second to approve the March 12, 2014 meeting minutes. (Nimz/Morley). Vote: Motion was passed unanimously.

ITEM #3 – Election of SAB Secretary Position

A Secretary was not elected. Adam Ritchie volunteered to take notes for this meeting. Scenarios for future meetings that were discussed: a rotating note-taking schedule (with city laptop provided at meetings) for SAB members to rotate duties, or notes taken by City staff. Scott tabled the election of the Secretary position for further discussion at the May meeting.

ITEM #4 – Follow-up item: Update from Scott on native prairie potential for city parks

Scott proposed asking the City to refrain from mowing the area near the levee trail and Riverfront Park for several months to allow plant species to be surveyed. The nonprofit partner groups interested in this project would like to see what plant species are there before committing to a full-scale native prairie restoration project.

Motion and second (White/Nimz) for Scott to write letter to City Parks and Recreation department, asking them not to mow area for a year or at least until June. Vote: Motion passed unanimously. Partner nonprofit groups interested in prairie restoration may be invited to the May SAB meeting to discuss.

ITEM #5 - Follow-up item: Update from Horizon 2020 review subcommittee

Boog Highberger reviewed the memo created by the subcommittee tasked with reviewing Horizon 2020. They have reviewed Chapters 1,9,10, and 16 of H2020 to identify areas where sustainability elements of these chapters could be strengthened. SAB members were impressed and grateful for the work. Motion and second to send the comments to the Horizon 2020 steering committee (Nimz/Poull). Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #6- New item: Letter of support for the City's grant application to KDHE requesting financial assistance for the construction of a new City of Lawrence/Douglas County Household Hazardous Waste Facility

Kathy Richardson introduced this item: The City is applying for a grant from KDHE to assist with the construction of a new HHW facility, a relocation from the current site on 23rd St. to the new solid waste site. Motion and second to approve letter as written (Highberger/Nuckolls). Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #7 - Staff Report: County / City Sustainability Coordinator, Eileen Horn

SAB members discussed the staff report, and Scott White noted that SAB can join City's CSA program. Also SAB briefly discussed writing a letter of support for the LPRD grant application to the Sunflower Trails Grant program. Motion and second (Poull/Nuckolls) for Michael to draft letter of support. Vote: motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #8- Member Updates.

April 23rd at 5:30 City is offering a budget 101 course for any city board that is requesting funds. Michael suggests that Scott send an email to the SAB asking if anyone wants to go.

Ribbon cutting for McGrew Real Estate on Friday April 11th at 3:00 to celebrate the solar PV installation.

Scott White has taken a job with Cromwell Solar to assist with data analysis.

ITEM #9 - Public Comment.

Jenny O'Brien (Lawrence OnBoard) shared her experience with a recent Ted talk.

Chris Tilden: Library will have Tony Horowitz on May 6th.

Next regular SAB meeting: May 14, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjourn