

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Morley, Dale Nimz, Ian Spomer, Adam Ritchie, Steve Vukelich, Boog Highberger, Kathleen Nuckolls

MEMBERS ABSENT: Scott White, Daniel Poull, Sandy Beverly

STAFF PRESENT: Kathy Richardson, Eileen Horn

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jenny O'Brien

Call Meeting to Order (Dale Nimz, Vice Chair)

Meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion and second to approve the June 11, 2014 meeting minutes. (Spomer, Nuckolls). Vote: Motion was passed unanimously. Adam agreed to be secretary at the August meeting.

ITEM #3- Follow-up item: Report from Lawrence-Douglas County Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinating Issues Forum on June 23rd.

Michael Morley provided an update of a meeting convened by the Bicycle Advisory Committee to explore the possible connections and shared priorities between the bicycle advisory groups, Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition, LiveWell Lawrence, SAB, and other community partners. The main point of discussion was the formation of a task force that would potentially combine bicycle and pedestrian advocates to work with the City Commission on potential funding for needed infrastructure. No clear direction emerged from the meeting, but the BAC will continue to explore the possibility of a joint task force. At this point, SAB declined to take action because there has been no request for action. SAB will continue to monitor this conversation and participate as needed.

ITEM #4 – New item: Presentation of ClearPath GHG emissions inventory results, and discussion of recommendations for reductions.

Eileen provided an update on the City's GHG emissions inventory. This inventory is an update of the initial inventory conducted in 2008. Eileen shared preliminary data and asked for SAB feedback. This will be a key item for discussion at the August meeting. SAB members requested additional information to review, including: A breakdown of GHG emissions by source (i.e. fuel, gas, electric), a per capita figure for commercial and residential sectors and transportation #s, and additional narrative in the results section.

Eileen will send this additional data prior to the August SAB meeting, along with the prior Climate Protection Task Force report. The August SAB meeting will be spent discussing the recommendations that SAB would like to provide to the City Commission re: climate change mitigation efforts.

ITEM #5 – New item: Approve letter of support for Safe Routes to Schools Plan.

Eileen and Dale shared the draft letter of support. There was no discussion. Motion and second to approve the letter (Spomer/Ritchie). Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #6 - Staff Report: County / City Sustainability Coordinator, Eileen Horn.

Eileen reviewed her staff report, highlighting the Horizon 2020 update process, grants to the Common Ground program, and the Partners in Community Health grant pursued by the Health Dept.

Of particular interest to SAB was hearing from Leslie Herring, the County's new Management Intern about the City of Mission's efforts to connect sustainability and development projects. Leslie has served on the City of Mission's sustainability board for several years, and has helped oversee a project whereby project developers meet with sustainability representatives to discuss their project via a sustainability checklist. SAB requested this presentation for a September meeting.

Kathy Richardson reported that the compost facility is staying open to the public for extended hours to accommodate the cleanup of woody debris from last week's storms. Kathleen Nuckolls asked about carts for Monday yard waste collection, and Kathy shared that carts are available for purchase (\$65 for a 95 gallon cart). These can help make it easier for homeowners and trash haulers to manage the high volume of yard waste.

ITEM #7- Member Updates.

Boog shared that he would like to bring further information to SAB at the August meeting to discuss PACE legislation. Property Assessed Clean Energy programs help homeowners finance energy efficiency and renewable energy projects via property taxes. This legislation often requires authorizing legislation at the state level, but Boog is curious if it can be done under home rule authority. He will reach out to the City Attorney to discuss.

SAB also discussed the recent ArtPlace Award to the City of Lawrence for improvements to 9th Street. SAB requested that Eileen reach out to Susan Tate and Bob Schumm to offer SAB's assistance if they need feedback on the sustainability elements of the plan.

ITEM #8 - Public Comment.

Jenny O'Brien shared that Lawrence On Board has now merged with Carma Hop, and has taken the project to a new level. Carma Hop offers an almost-ready-to-launch app to help connect rideshare participants. At their August 12th meeting, the City Commission consent agenda will likely contain a request for an exemption to the standard traffic ordinance that would allow state/federally recognized rideshare organizations to operate within the City of Lawrence.

TOUR: Steve Vukelich, lead architect of the library project led a tour of the new library, pointing out many of the features that will qualify the building as LEED Silver (possibly Gold).

Adjourned 7:15 PM

Next regular SAB meeting: August 13, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. Venue: City Hall Public Works Conference Room (ground floor)