

**City of Lawrence
Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB)
September 17, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Nimz, Scott White, Sandy Beverly, Boog Highberger,
Kathleen Nuckolls, Michael Morley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ian Spomer, Adam Ritchie, Steve Vukelich, Daniel Poull

STAFF PRESENT: Eileen Horn

PUBLIC PRESENT: Charlie Bryan, LDC Health Dept.

Call Meeting to Order (Scott White, Chair)

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

One item was added to agenda: Consider approval of a draft letter of support for CarmaHop's request to amend the Standard Traffic Ordinance.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion and second to approve the August 13, 2014 meeting minutes. (Nimz, White). Approved unanimously.

ITEM #3 – Follow-up item: Review of funding request for 2015 mini-grant program. Discuss strategies for success next year? Scott White to lead discussion. (motion, take action, table item, decline to take action)

SAB discussed the need to better advocate for the funding of the mini-grant program in 2015. It was also suggested that SAB should partner with the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods and other partners to gain support for the idea. The 2015 mini-grant discussion will be tabled until an early 2015 agenda item for further discussion.

ITEM #4 - Follow-up item: Presentation of ClearPath GHG emissions inventory results, and discussion of recommendations for reductions.

Scott White to lead discussion. (motion, take action, table item, decline to take action)

SAB members discussed the GHG emissions report provided by Eileen. SAB members then used the data to re-prioritize the original 7 recommendations provided by the Climate Protection Task Force. These were re-ordered as follows:

1. Incorporate the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions into land use planning.
2. Develop transportation policies and programs to consume less energy and reduce emissions.
3. Strengthen energy conservation policies and building standards.
4. Develop water conservation policies and programs to consume less water, reducing energy usage and infrastructure costs.
5. Expand source reduction and waste reduction programs and initiatives.
6. Exercise leadership by prioritizing efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in municipal operations.
7. Provide dedicated staffing and adequate funding to support climate protection and sustainability initiatives.
8. Establish outreach and education programs on emission reduction issues.

Then, each SAB member provided their thoughts on priorities for the City for GHG reductions in upcoming years:

Sandy: Her priority for the city would be to help Lawrence become less car-dependent as a community. She is also interested in supporting a LEED building policy for public buildings.

Boog: He is interested in energy efficiency loan programs such as PACE financing that the City/County could administer via property taxes.

Michael: Is supportive of getting people out of their cars and walking/biking instead.

Scott: Would like to look at how we plan for sustainability and combat sprawl, especially how we can use the existing smartcode for greenfield development.

Kathleen: Agreed with what others had discussed.

Dale: Wants to be sure we continue to support/promote the city's efforts with curbside recycling and energy efficiency. He is also interested in collaborative meetings with other institutions (i.e. KU, Haskell) to discuss progress and ideas for collaboration.

ITEM #5 – New item: Discussion of a Bicycle Benefits Program for collaboration between the City and KU. What role could SAB play?

<http://bb2.bicyclebenefits.org/#/home>

Scott White to lead discussion. (motion, take action, table item, decline to take action)

Eileen shared a memo provided by Jeff Severin, Director of the KU Center for Sustainability, that outlined a potential BB program that KU is considering. The role for the city is unclear, but SAB members were supportive of the concept. Item tabled until more information is available.

ITEM #6 – NEW ITEM: Consider approving letter of support to the Mayor and Commission in support of CarmaHop’s request for an amended Standard Traffic Ordinance that would allow rideshare companies to operate in city limits.

Scott shared a draft letter. Motion and second to approve letter (Highberger/Beverly). Motion approved unanimously. Scott will send to the Mayor ASAP.

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

Eileen reviewed her staff report, highlight recent grants for trails and solar panels, and the hiring process for a Sustainability Intern position to assist.

ITEM #8- Member Updates.

Dale shared the following events:

Pray-In and Teach-In Regarding Climate Change

Saturday, September 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Plymouth Congregational Church, Lawrence

A coalition of Lawrence environmental, art, and church groups is sponsoring a series of public events to raise awareness about climate change.

TRANSFORMING SUBURBIA: A NEW FRONTIER IN PERMACULTURE x TWO TALKS & A WORKSHOP BY JAN SPENCER
24, 25, & 27 September 2014

Scott shared:

Cromwell Solar will be hosting an open house at 4:30 on the 26th at their new location at 7th and Vermont.

ITEM #9 - Public Comment.

Charlie Bryan shared that many of the emissions reductions initiatives can be accomplished through working with the schools on their Safe Routes to Schools Initiative. He will forward information to Eileen who will forward to SAB.

Next regular SAB meeting: October 8, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. Venue: City Hall Public Works Conference Room (ground floor)