

**City of Lawrence  
Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB)  
October 8, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Nimz, Scott White, Boog Highberger, Michael Morley,  
Steve Vukelich, Ian Spomer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sandy Beverly, Kathleen Nuckolls, Adam Ritchie, Daniel Poull

STAFF PRESENT: Eileen Horn, Kathy Richardson

PUBLIC PRESENT: Charlie Bryan, LDC Health Dept., Tresa Carter, Sustainability  
Intern, Chris Tilden, LDC Health Dept., Leslie Herring, KU  
MPA Program.

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**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 September 17, 2014 meeting minutes.  
(Morley, White). Approved unanimously.

**ITEM #3 – New Item: Presentation from Leslie Herring, City of Mission Sustainability Commission, on Mission’s sustainability priorities and development sustainability scorecard.**

Leslie Herring presented a tool created by the Sustainability Commission to assist Mission with evaluating the sustainability elements of development proposals. Mission already has a form-based code, so the tool helps support this by adding details and points for each category within a sustainable development framework. They have used the scorecard twice thus far, with two different developments. The developers met with the Sustainability Commission to work through the tool. The hope of the Commission is that the tool will be utilized prior to consideration from the Planning Commission, and that scoring above a certain score would be required if the developer was asking for public incentives. At this point, it is more of a carrot than a stick, and the peer pressure value of it has helped developers take it seriously. It is a project that the Sustainability Commission intends to continue to refine in the coming year.

SAB members noted that they were impressed by the effort, and encouraged by Mission’s leadership in this area. Some of the key concerns raised were how the ranking/scoring might be standardized, and how it may impact developments.

**ITEM #4 – Follow-up item: Review of GHG emissions inventory results presentation. Offer feedback on presentation for City Commission. Eileen Horn to lead discussion.**

Eileen shared a draft presentation of the GHG emissions inventory presentation to the Commission, and received SAB's feedback on the draft. SAB members will be responsible for co-presenting with Eileen (Scott volunteered). Eileen will present the data from the inventory, and SAB will provide their reprioritized Climate Protection Plan initiatives and possible policies to consider.

**ITEM #5 – New Item: Brief discussion of PACE legislation opportunities in Kansas. Boog Highberger to lead discussion.**

Boog relayed that he has not yet had time to do the background research on this topic. Eileen offered that Tresa Carter, Sustainability Intern, could provide some of the research assistance he needs. After Tresa does some research, she will pass it along to Boog who will consult with Toni Wheeler about the legal issues of starting a PACE program in KS.

**ITEM #6 – New Item: Brief introduction to LEED building policy for new construction. Scott White to lead discussion.**

Eileen shared that a LEED building policy for new construction of city buildings is a policy that many peer cities have adopted, including neighboring Johnson County. SAB was in agreement that this could be a policy priority for SAB to support in the upcoming year. Leslie Herring, MPA intern at the County, will work with Eileen to create a matrix of sample policies from similar cities and will bring to the November or December SAB meetings.

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

Eileen shared key highlights including the \$1.3 million CDC grant that the Health Department received. Charlie Bryan shared that this funding will create new staff positions for health promotion and a full-time Food Systems Coordinator position who will report to Eileen and the Food Policy Council.

Also, Eileen and Charlie shared an update of the Horizon 2020 review process, and encouraged SAB to attend upcoming public meetings to reiterate their priorities to the review committee.

Kathy shared updates on the curbside recycling program rollout, including targeted date of October 21<sup>st</sup> when service will begin. Thus far, <1% of residents have returned their carts and not wanted to participate.

**ITEM #8- Member Updates.**

Dale shared that there are a series of several upcoming climate change talks, starting October 12<sup>th</sup>: **OCT-12 Part I: The Big Picture**  
**Lawrence Jewish Community Center, 917 Highland, 7-8:30 pm**

The Big Picture will provide the latest scientific data on the nature and degree of global climate change, the origins of those changes, and the most probable future trends from a planetary perspective. Presentation by Ken Lassman, author of Wild Douglas County, with questions and answers following.

**ITEM #9 - Public Comment.**

None.

**ITEM #10 - Suggested topics for future agenda items.**

None.

**Next regular SAB meeting:** November 12, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. Venue: City Hall Public Works Conference Room (ground floor)

**Adjourn**