

Meeting Highlights

- 1. SAB is researching the feasibility of a green building policy for city-owned construction and renovation projects.**
- 2. SAB is collaborating with the Douglas County Food Policy Council to inform the countywide Food and Farm Plan they are working on.**

Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) Minutes

June 8, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Nimz, Michael Steinle, Rachel Krause, Steve Evans, Adam Ritchie, Jackie Carroll, Sharon Ashworth, Karen Lewis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Scott White, Nathan Freehling

STAFF PRESENT: Eileen Horn, Tammy Bennett

PUBLIC PRESENT:

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Determine quorum of members.
- II. APPROVE MAY MEETING MINUTES. *Approved as sent.*
- III. Report-out from SAB committees on progress towards annual work plan:
 - a. Energy conservation committee:
 - The energy conservation committee had a robust discussion of a potential LEED policy for city-owned new construction and renovation. They also discussed the feasibility of applying this to private developments that utilize tax incentives. They have additional research to do into the various green building certification options – Green Globes, ASHRAE, LEED, EnergySTAR, etc.
 - They will meet this month to continue the conversation and conduct additional research. Steve suggested a contact at AIA that may be willing to advise them.
 - In the meantime, Eileen will consult with the City Manager to get his thoughts on the feasibility of a green building policy.
 - b. Water conservation committee
 - Sharon reported on a green infrastructure webinar that she found very useful.
 - She is keeping an eye on the water rates conversation, and will follow up with Utilities if there is a role for SAB to play.
 - c. Land use planning committee
 - Dale shared that he and Penny are interested in working with LAN to further explore opportunities.
 - Eileen shared that she has a supplemental funding request as part of the County Commission budget for 2017 that would extend the Food

Systems Coordinator position and expand it to be a Sustainability Planner – which could help advance many of these land use related initiatives.

IV. Information/Discussion Items:

- a. TIGER grant for KU-City Multimodal facility-
This item was briefly discussed, but tabled due to lack of information.
- b. Overview of Parks & Recreation Master Plan process
Eileen shared an update of the citizen survey process and next steps for public engagement. Full details can be found here:
<https://www.lawrenceks.org/lprd/masterplan16>
- c. Food Waste Chapter of Food Plan (Michael S.)
SAB discussed, and agreed to use their July meeting to serve as a focus group for the Douglas County Food Policy Council, as they begin to write the countywide food and farm plan for incorporation into Horizon 2020.

V. Staff Report: City/County Sustainability Coordinator, Eileen Horn

See below.

VI. Action Items. What are the key takeaways to share with the Commission? What are key topics for next month's agenda?

VII. Future Agenda Items

- The Board was interested in training on communications and the Kansas Open Meetings Act. Eileen will reach out to Toni Wheeler, the City Attorney.
- The Board was also supportive of using a future meeting to participate in a citywide survey of advisory boards to ensure that the diversity of our boards reflect the diversity of our community.

VIII. Member Updates.

IX. Public Comment.

X. Adjourn

Next regular SAB meeting:

July 13, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Venue: Public Works Conference Room, City Hall

**Sustainability Coordinator Report to the SAB:
June 8, 2016**

✓ **City/County Food Policy Council Projects:**

- SNAP Matching Program: Market Match will become Double Up Food Bucks to partner with markets and grocery stores in KS and MO that will be conducting SNAP matching programs. The program will launch mid-July at 11 farmers markets in the region.
- Food Plan: The Food Policy Council will be coordinating a series of public meetings all summer and early fall to gather input for the Food Plan. *Would SAB like to dedicate a portion of an upcoming meeting to offer feedback?*
- FMPP: The County is facilitating a Farmers Market Promotion Program grant to assist farmers markets in Douglas County, with the site visit from consultants occurring this week.

✓ **Bike-Ped Task Force:**

- The report has been referred to staff for additional study and creation of an implementation plan. It looks like the City will move forward with a Transportation Commission. *What relationship would this Commission have with SAB?*

✓ **Energy Efficiency:**

- The City Commission voted 5-0 in support of initiating investment grade energy audits in 40 city buildings as part of the FCIP program.
- *The next presentation/decision for the Commission will come in August once the audit report is complete.*

✓ **STAR:**

- We are working to integrate STAR actions/outcomes as recommendation in Horizon 2020 to help achieve the goals of the Issue Action Report.
- We have entered 75% of the available points and have 380 – a 3 star. We are aiming for 4 ☺ Our goal is to be submitting to STAR for verification in August.

✓ **Miscellaneous:**

- The County is embarking on a landscape master plan for the Douglas County Fairgrounds, and we are looking at how to incorporate food production, an educational arboretum, etc.
- The Bike Share Feasibility study in conjunction with KU has launched. Go to <http://lawrenceks.org/mpo/bikeshare> to share your opinions about station locations!
- The County's wind energy zoning regulations will come before the Commission on June 22nd.
- Parks and Recreation has selected GreenPlay, a national firm (with some local subcontracts) to conduct a Parks and Recreation Master Plan for all parks and facilities. I'm serving on the steering committee, and will keep SAB informed.
- The County Commission discussed expanding recycling at their June 1 meeting.