
Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) Minutes

SAB Retreat

March 8, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Dale Nimz, Jackie Carroll, Sharon Ashworth, Adam Ritchie, , Travis Robinett, Karen Lewis, Rachel Krause, Steve Evans, Michael Steinle
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Ma'Ko'Quah Jones
STAFF PRESENT:	Eileen Horn, Kathy Richardson, Tammy Bennett
PUBLIC PRESENT:	Bryan Culver, retreat facilitator

Sustainability Advisory Board Retreat

- I. Welcome, Introductions and Dinner
(Individual discussions about the desired outcomes of the retreat)
- II. Report out about desired outcomes of the retreat
 - Help us create actionable next steps,
 - Help us create measurable next actions,
 - Help us narrow our focus (sustainability is so broad),
 - We should also consider expanding beyond environmental therefore we should consider economic and equity concerns,
 - Link to the Food Plan and current initiatives in the City.
- III. Introduction to distinguishing technical and adaptive work

Bryan shared a video from the Kansas Leadership Center, and facilitated a brief discussion about how SAB's role touches on both technical and adaptive challenges.
- IV. Revisit the three existing goal areas identified in 2015
 1. Energy Efficiency
 2. Water Conservation
 3. Land Use

Discussion of the subcommittee structure:

Challenges: Too much turnover, low participation (land use committee of 1 member)

Are they valuable? Eileen's perspective: YES! Value is that SAB members work through ideas and then they are ready when the right moment appears. Other members: Helpful to have small group discussion to generate ideas.

V. Brainstorm additional goal areas to focus on going forward

SAB members were interested in adding two additional areas of focus to their work:

- Climate Adaptation
- Social Equity

After discussion, the Board decided to consider these as lenses through which they would pursue the three main goals (energy, water, land use), as all three are impacted by climate change, and should include social equity considerations.

Then, SAB members generated lists of specific policy goals in each of the three main areas:

Energy:

- ☐ Pass green building policy
- ☐ Set net zero energy goal
- ☐ Create commercial energy sector policies
- ☐ Energy/water reduction in City Utilities dept.
- ☐ Expand commitment to renewable energy – EPA’s Green Power Partnerships
- ☐ Building energy disclosure policy
- ☐ Expansion of rental registration to include energy efficiency

Water:

- ✓ LEED green building policy component: prioritize water conservation elements of LEED
- ✓ Adopt green plumbing code
- ✓ Water rates that encourage conservation
- ✓ Green infrastructure for stormwater treatment
- ✓ Pass a stream buffer ordinance
- ✓ Monitor the potential for a Clinton Lake water park

Land Use:

- Pass a stream buffer/greenway ordinance (for flood protection, recreation “loop”)
- Infill development policy
- Participate in Downtown Master Plan process
- Support redevelopment incentives
- Consider a Dark Sky Ordinance for lighting
- Open space conservation

Other topics that were brought forward included: The importance of connecting with the Transportation Commission on bike/ped issues, zero waste, and complete streets.

Review and provide feedback on the updated Comprehensive Plan draft once it is available.

Next steps: Before April 12th meeting, subcommittees review the lists to prioritize and create SMART goals to present to the full SAB.

Next regular SAB meeting:

April 12, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Venue: Public Works Conference Room, City Hall