

City of Lawrence  
Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB)  
April 10, 2013 minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Boog Highberger, Matt Lehrman, Michael Morley, Dale Nimz, Kathleen Nuckolls, Daniel Poull, Adam Ritchie, Ian Spomer, Steve Vukelich, Scott White

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Tammy Bennett, Eileen Horn, Craig Pruett, Kathy Richardson

GUESTS PRESENT: Dennis Murphey (KCMO Chief Environmental Officer)

PUBLIC PRESENT: Derrick Carpenter, Spencer Duncan, Deborah Swank (all three are Topeka SAB members)

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**Call Meeting to Order (Scott White, Chair person)**

Take roll call to determine quorum of members.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Motion** and second to approve the [March 13, 2013](#) (Nimz/Morley).

Vote: Motion was passed unanimously.

**Guest Speaker: KCMO Chief Environmental Officer**

Dennis Murphey, the KCMO Chief Environmental Officer, discussed information from his *Integrating Sustainability into the Corporate Culture of KCMO & the Greater KC Metro Area* [presentation](#). He also shared with board members an update on implementation of the KCMO Climate Protection Plan [handout](#). The City of Kansas City takes a view of sustainability which incorporates green programs into a broader triple bottom line approach that simultaneously promotes social equity, economic vitality and environmental quality. The KC Green website is [www.kcmo.org/kcgreen](http://www.kcmo.org/kcgreen). Dennis Murphey mentioned challenges Kansas City as well as other communities are facing now including the end of federal stimulus funding, tight budgets and pushback from economic developers.

**Topeka SAB and Lawrence SAB Discussion of Goals**

Derrick Carpenter, Spencer Duncan and Deborah Swank, three members of the Topeka Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB), attended the Lawrence SAB meeting. The two advisory boards shared their goals/accomplishments ([Topeka SAB handout](#)) and started the conversation on how to bridge to regional sustainability. Michael Morley shared the idea of identifying a bike route that connects Topeka, Lawrence and Kansas City. Board members also shared their challenges (mandating sustainability measures for development vs. incentives; upfront costs - financing upgrades to city buildings that will save money in the long term; preservation and sustainability sometimes don't see eye to eye; communicating with council members / commissioners; etc.).

## **Staff Reports**

Eileen Horn discussed program updates included in the [Sustainability Coordinator report](#).

Kathy Richardson discussed program updates included in the [Waste Reduction and Recycling Division report](#). Update on the curbside recycling RFP process: Earlier this month the City Commission adopted an ordinance establishing a residential recycling collection service. As required by state law, the City may not commence the collection service for a period of at least 18 months from the adoption of the ordinance. The City's Solid Waste Division will begin providing a single-stream recycling collection service for single-family and multi-family customers in the fall of 2014.

## **Miscellaneous Announcements and/or Public Comments**

Dale Nimz announced MadreLawrence Town Hall on sustainable economic development taking place at 6:30 pm on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Fire Station 5.

Ian Spomer would like the Topeka and Lawrence SAB's to meet annually.

Scott White will invite Mayor Dever to next month's SAB meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**

Next meeting: May 8, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

## **Attachments:**

[Sustainability Coordinator Report](#)

[Waste Reduction and Recycling Division Report](#)