

Meeting Highlights for Commission:

1. SAB members recently submitted two letters of support to the City Commission:
    - (1) Support for the single-stream business recycling pilot project;
    - (2) Support for creation of a mandatory LEED Gold standard through a Sustainable Building Policy.
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**SAB Minutes**

**January 10, 2018 – 5:30 pm**

**Public Works Conference Room, Ground Floor, City Hall (6 E. 6th St.)**

Members Present: Adam Richie, Jackie Carroll, Sharon Ashworth, Michael Steinle, Travis Robinett, Rachel Krause, Dale Nimz

Members Not Present: Ma'Ko Quah Jones, Karen Lewis, Maria Cuevas

Staff Present: Helen Schnoes, Tammy Bennett

Public Present: Sean Parrish, Penny Von Aiken

Items to be brought to the attention of the City Commission:

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Determine quorum of members. Pressing Items?

II. APPROVE DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES.

- a. Jackie moves, Dale seconds.

III. SAB administrative items

IV. Comprehensive Plan Update

- a. Helen updated group that there would not likely be a formal public comment period during the forthcoming steering committee meetings, as they discuss input received during comment period and determine direction to give to staff for edits. March 5th and April 2nd are next meetings.

V. City of Lawrence Single Stream Recycling Commercial Pilot Letter of Support

- a. Dale moves to send letter to City Commission, with one amendment from current letter. Sharron seconds. Motion passes.

VI. Reports from committees:

a. Land Use Committee

1. Travis and Dale met and re-looked at the goals.

- i. Need update on draft stream buffer ordinance—Helen will check in with Matt Bond on progress
- ii. Awaiting updates on Comp Plan and Downtown Master Plan
- iii. Dark Sky Ordinance – Group discussed need to understand current policies and possibility of researching utility of policy change. Adam will work with this committee to figure out next steps. STAR linkage. Medium term goal (12-36 months)
- iv. Long-term goal: Make Lawrence set a goal to become a renewably-powered city. Look at examples and reach out to Climate + Energy Project. Energy Committee has a goal to work on Net Zero City. Jackie will help Travis research. Energy committee can help, perhaps combine with Land Use for this issue area.

b. Water Conservation Committee

- 1. Still waiting on updates about water rates, storm water buffer. Sharon's point of contact Jenette moved on—Mike Lawless new point of contact.
- 2. City Public Works had informational meeting about Farmland plant and water. KU researchers there—looking for grants and funding to address the nitrogen-contaminated water at the Farmland property in Lawrence, currently being released into the Kansas River. Goal has been to contain it; some diverted to local farms as low-grade fertilizer (Pines)—beneficial use. Too much water to truck. Meeting was led by Dave Wagner w/ City water. No/few regulations when all of this started. Difficult issue.
  - a. Group plans to keep meeting. Tom Sloan (state representative) and John Pendleton (area farmer) were there.
- 3. Water meetings coming up:
  - a. Feb 2 – Flory Meeting Hall – Sustainability Action Network
  - b. Jan 17 – Central Methodist – Water
  - c. Jan 20 – 10am at Lawrence Arts Center

c. Energy Conservation Committee

- 1. Sustainable Building Policy letter has been written, this is subcommittee's priority right now. Suggested edit to take out new sustainability director's name, and add how it aligns with STAR goals. Adam suggests inviting Commissioners to a meeting to discuss this goal. Sharon moves that Energy Subcommittee's Letter for the Sustainable Building Policy, with amendments, be sent to the City Commission. Rachel seconds. Motion passes.
- 2. Fort Collins uses sustainable assessment tool to review future projects. Rachel will present about the tool at the next SAB meeting.

VII. Food Policy Council Report

- a. Received presentation from Pollution Prevention Institute at K-State University on collaboration with Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department to execute food waste audits at University of Kansas and Lawrence Public Schools. Other similar work occurring in neighboring communities.

VIII. Review list of key on-going processes/policy development to track

- a. Add stream buffer ordinance to SAB priority
- b. Comprehensive Plan meeting dates should be added.
- c. February 1st, open public comment for long-term transportation plan.

IX. Staff Report: Updates from Kathy, Tammy, and Helen.

- a. Will learn about KDHE grants in spring
- b. T2040 public comment in February
- c. Idea: Map SAB priorities to STAR?
- d. Helen in phone tag to set up HAMM facility tours
- e. Helen shared that Eileen Horn delivered an update on the green bond energy upgrades before leaving her position as Sustainability Director: 12/19/17 [City Manager's report](#) w/ FCIP update ([report here](#))

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

- a. Submitting two letters for policy recommendations: (1) Support for the single-stream business recycling pilot project, and (2) support for creation of a mandatory LEED Gold standard through a Sustainable Building Policy.

XI. Future Agenda Items

- a. Public comment for long-term transportation plan.
- b. Fort Collins Sustainability Assessment Tool.

XII. Member Updates

- a. None

XIII. Public Comment

- a. Sean Parrish, a student on the Haskell student senate shared about the work of the green restoration committee and how they're trying to bring sustainability to Haskell's campus.

XIV. Adjourn

Next regular SAB meeting:

February 14, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Venue: Public Works Conference Room, City Hall