



Meeting Highlights

SAB added a possible single-use plastics ordinance to SAB's list of priorities and created a committee with Michael Steinle as chair.

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July 11, 2018 – 5:30 pm

Meeting Location: Fire Station #5- Jayhawk Room, 1911 Stewart Ave.

Lawrence, KS 66046

Members Present: Jackie Carrol, Karen Lewis, Dale Nimz, Adam Richie, Travis Robinett, Michael Steinle

Members Not Present: Sharon Ashworth, Ma'Ko Quah Jones, Rachel Krause

Staff Present: Tammy Bennet, Jasmin Moore, Kathy Richardson, Helen Schnoes

Public present: About 15 members of the public were present.

Public Comment:

Before quorum was met, people representing Lauren Mitchell's 4th Grade Class from Kennedy Elementary, LETUS, Sustainability Action Network, and Wakarusa Sierra Club made comments regarding plastic bags and encouraged the Sustainability Advisory Board to consider a ban on plastic bags.

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:17 p.m.
- II. APPROVE JUNE MEETING MINUTES. Michael motions to approve. Dale seconded. Motion passes.
- III. SAB administrative items. SAB has one vacancy and it waiting for the Mayor to make an appointment.
- IV. Public Comment
Comments regarding plastic bags continued from residents. Recommended actions from the public included a ban on plastic bags.
- V. Report & Discussion: Single-use plastic bags
 - a. Michael commented that the Food Policy Council is working on this issue, which aligns with the Food System Plan.
 - b. Some SAB members expressed concerns about possible preemptive legislation at the state level, the effectiveness of fees, and that there are groups not represented in this discussion

- c. Other discussion included the following: If the group is considering addressing plastic bags, it should broaden the discussion to single-use plastics. Many national chains are already taking action and eliminating single-use plastics. If a fee model is considered, the funds generated could go towards social and environmental causes. It is important to get input and buy-in from groups that are not present at this meeting.
- d. Dale moved to add a possible single-use plastics ordinance to SAB's list of priorities and create a committee with Michael Steinle as chair. Travis seconds. Motion passed.
- e. Karen also expressed interest in serving on the committee. Membership of the committee is not limited to SAB members and may include other community stakeholders, including those whose perspectives were not present at the meeting.

VI. Report from Land Use Committee- 90/90 tool

- a. Points of consideration for pursuing a Dark Sky Goals: Does the lighting code work toward Dark Sky Standards? Do the regulations align with STAR goals?
- b. The committee is drafting a letter to share with staff and will discuss at a future SAB meeting.
- c. Reflections on using the 90/90 tool: It helped structure the work. This tool provides a common language for SAB, can improve communication, and can improve measurement.
- d. Land Use Committee Regular meeting time: 4th Wednesday of the month, evening phone conversation (8:00 p.m.)

VII. Staff Report

- a. The Sustainability Office is going through a strategic planning process and aligning work with STAR framework.
- b. Staff is working on updating the Greenhouse Gas inventory for the City of Lawrence operations and the community. Findings will be shared this fall.
- c. [The City of Lawrence Common Ground program](#) is a community gardening and urban agriculture program created by the City of Lawrence in 2012. The City leases vacant or under-utilized properties to citizens for free, with one rule – the sites must be used to grow food. SAB members are invited to tour one or more of the garden sites this fall.
- d. Staff is working with HAMM to plan an upcoming tour of recycling facilities and methane capture at the landfill.
- e. Staff is doing an internal staff review of the draft stream buffer ordinance. Matt Bond, Stormwater Engineer, will attend the August 8 SAB meeting to share progress.

VIII. Action Items.

- a. Takeaway for the City Commission: SAB added a possible single-use plastics ordinance to SAB's list of priorities and created a committee with Michael Steinle as chair.
- b. Key topics for next month's agenda: Energy committee will report, discuss Dark Sky Ordinance, and discuss bylaws.

IX. Future Agenda Items

- a. Stream buffer ordinance update – August
- b. 90/90 report from Energy- August
- c. 90/90 report from Water committee
- d. Collaboration opportunities with Transportation Commission
- e. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory update
- f. 2019 SAB leadership
- g. Bylaw review
 - i. Consider membership of county residents

X. Member Updates

- a. Karen going to South America and will not be at the August meeting.

XI. Adjourn: 7:26 p.m.

Next regular SAB meeting:

August 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Venue: Parks and Recreation Administration Building in South Park, 1141
Massachusetts St, Lawrence, KS 66044