

City of Lawrence

Mayor's Climate Protection Task Force

September 23, 2008 (4:30 PM) Meeting notes

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mike Dever, Chad Luce, Jeff Severin, Charles Gruber, David Dunfield, Steve Hughes, Susan Rodgers, Simran Sethi, Carey Maynard-Moody, Bridgett Chapin
MEMBERS ABSENT:	John Geist, Jeff Novorr Note: Dan Simons withdrew from group
STAFF PRESENT:	Cynthia Boecker, Tammy Bennett, Kathy Richardson, Steve Stewart
PUBLIC PRESENT:	Multiple students from one or more classes or learning communities at KU
GUESTS:	

HOUSEKEEPING NOTES:

The committee discussed and agreed that current and future agendas should address agenda topics first, saving work group reports until the later part of the meeting. That will ensure that adequate time is provided for topic discussion. Work groups are submitting their information to be posted online.

GHG EMISSION REDUCTION TARGETS

The transportation workgroup recommended the task force *strive for the highest* when setting emission reduction goals. Their recommendation is an 80 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Extensive group discussion covered topics such as:

- What is realistic and achievable?
- Should the plan aspire to set an aggressive goal or settle for what is accomplished easily?
- How do we encourage jobs and economic vitality without polluting industries?
- If 64% of ghg emissions result from electricity generation, how can the community achieve an 80% reduction by 2050?
- How do we make the goals aspirational, understandable, measurable, and defensible?

80% reduction by 2050 is consistent with goals set by other organizations, although not all use the same baseline year.

- American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- European Union recommendation for developed countries

Motion (Chapin / Dunfield)

Goal: 80% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 (baseline year 2005)

Intermediate steps / benchmarks:

- 30% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2020
- 50% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2030
- 70% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2040
- 80% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2050

Passed by consensus.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Given the information provided to the City Manager's office, Tuesday afternoon may no longer be the preferred time for the greatest number of task force members. Mondays and Fridays are options.

- October 20th, 2008 **4:00** p.m. (note time change, will be consistent at 4 in future)
- November 17th, 2008 4:00 p.m.
- December 15th, 2008 4:00 p.m. (tentative, member availability to be determined)
- December 31st, 2008 final reports of work groups due

INFORMATION ON UPCOMING ELECTION

General information on the sales tax election was distributed.

REPORTS FROM WORKGROUPS

No updates were given by work groups due to time constraints.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

October 20, 2008	4:00 p.m.	City Hall
November 17, 2008	4:00 p.m.	City Hall
December 15, 2008	4:00 p.m.	City Hall
January		
February		
March		