

Meeting Highlights for Commission:

1. SAB currently has one vacancy waiting to be filled. At the July meeting, Maria Cuevas attended and expressed interest in joining SAB.
2. SAB members will be sending the Commissioners a letter with their thoughts on the green building policy white paper recently shared with the Commission (June 6th).
3. SAB members are interested in collaborating with staff on key topics:

 - A storm buffer ordinance with the stormwater division.
 - Reduction of unrecyclable “to go” containers in food retail (part of the Douglas County Food System Plan).

Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) Minutes July 12, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Dale Nimz, Jackie Carroll, Sharon Ashworth, Adam Ritchie, Travis Robinett, Karen Lewis, Ma’KoQuah Jones
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Rachel Krause, Karen Lewis, Michael Steinle
STAFF PRESENT:	Eileen Horn, Tammy Bennett
PUBLIC PRESENT:	Maria Cuevas

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Determine quorum of members.
Adam called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
- II. APPROVE MAY MEETING MINUTES.
Motion was made to approve the June meeting minutes, approved unanimously.
Jackie/Sharon.
- III. SAB administrative items:
 - a. New member to fill vacancy left by Steve Evans.
SAB members discussed recommending that the Mayor select someone who listed SAB as their first choice. There are currently 11 applicants interested in SAB. Maria Cuevas attended and expressed her interest in joining the board.

- IV. Report out from Energy Conservation Committee re: progress towards goals identified during March retreat.

SAB members discussed the Energy Conservation Committee's goals. The discussion resulted in a prioritization of the goals, below.

1. Pass Green Building Policy
2. Energy / Water Reduction in City Utilities Dept.
 - Capture methane in process
 - Add solar array back to plans for WWTP
 - Set Net Zero Energy Goal for City of Lawrence
 - Create commercial energy sector policies
 - Expansion of rental registration to include energy efficiency
 - Building energy disclosure policy
3. Watch the Westar KCP&L merger
4. Look at other policies across country

- V. Reports from other committees:

- a. Land Use Committee
 - i. Matt Bond is invited to the September 13th SAB meeting to discuss a stream buffer ordinance. See item, below.
- b. Water Conservation Committee
 - i. Working on FAQs for water rates to share with Utilities dept.

- VI. Assignment of stream buffer ordinance "homework" for SAB members to research model ordinances in peer communities.

SAB members discussed peer communities who have stream buffer ordinances to research. These will be presented at the September SAB meeting.

- VII. Staff Report: City/County Sustainability Director, Eileen Horn
- a. See below.

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

- IX. Future Agenda Items

- X. Member Updates

- a. Dale - Kansas Natural Resource Council, sustainability and health forum at KSU, free to attend
- b. Ma' Ko Quah - Will invite Haskell Eco Ambassadors to next meeting, teaching classes there now

- XI. Public Comment

- XII. Adjourn

Next regular SAB meeting:

August 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Venue: Public Works Conference Room, City Hall

Sustainability Coordinator Report to the SAB:

July 12, 2017

✓ **STAR**

- Next steps:
- Utilize STAR Outcomes to create Performance Metrics for City Strategic Plan.
- Narrow down 17 objective areas to focus on.

✓ **City/County Food Policy Council Projects:**

- The Douglas County Food System Plan: Is being finalized and reviewed by the Food Policy Council with a plan to bring to the governing bodies this summer.
 - Dates for presentations:
 - City of Lawrence, July 11 (Consent Agenda only) 5:45 PM
 - Douglas County, June 14th (presentation) 4:00 PM

✓ **Energy Efficiency:**

- The FCIP project is well underway.
 - Fire Station #5 solar PV, City Hall windows, next: LED lights!
- Douglas County is considering joining the FCIP program as well.
- Citizens have been interested in recent reports of environmental and health impacts of LED lights, therefore we've created an LED lighting FAQ. See reverse side of this page.
- The lights being removed from ballfields and basketball courts are being donated to the Lawrence Community Shelter and several small cities in KS.

✓ **Miscellaneous:**

- T2040, the long range transportation plan, is in process of being drafted. There was extensive community input into the plan (thanks to you all!). I will share relevant updates as the progress moves forward through 2018.
- Double Up Food Bucks, the SNAP matching program piloted by DG County in 2014, has now expanded to 14 farmers markets and 2 grocery stores in rural KS. The program is being transferred to the Fair Food Network.
- 350+ mayors have now signed onto the Climate Mayors commitment to uphold the Paris Climate Agreement. Lawrence and Douglas County are both signatories.