

**Lawrence Recycling and Resource Conservation Advisory Board
(RRCAB)
December 11, 2002- GOALS PLANNING SESSION
S.W.A.N Building, Lawrence, KS.**

Members Present: Deb Baker, Rachel Treanor, Steve Lane, Bruce Plenk, Lew Phillips, Steve Hughes, Austin Kelly, Heather Muth

Staff Present: Mollie Mangerich

Members Absent: Kendra Jones

- Deb Baker called the meeting to order at 4:30, board approved November minutes.
- Legislative Priority Statement sent to commission with minor revisions.
- Introduce new board member Heather Muth.

Announcements: This is the yearend planning session to discuss 2002 progress and to discuss new goals for 2003. Deb Baker agreed to contact Jeff Abbott to ascertain his interest/ability to remain on the Board.

New 2003 Goals:

- 1) **Earth Day Activities / Parade:** (Rachel Treanor), Will plan to hold Parade on Saturday, April 19th. Committee will move forward on parade details and contacting participants in January 2003.
- 2) **Home Energy Conservation Fair:** (Bruce Plenk, Steve Hughes, and Steve Lane). Energy Fair is on the agenda for either October 18th or 19th, 2003. Board will decide on a date in order to skirt the KU football schedule yet coincide with the National Solar Homes Tour.
- 3) **Parks and Rec. Recycling** (Deb Baker, Rachel Treanor)
Work with Parks and Recreation Eagle Bend staff to include Aluminum recycling containers on the facility (9th and 18th tees?) Work with Parks and Recreation staff to discuss further recycling opportunities in public facilities (for use by the public).
- 4) **Eco Village/Eco Footprint:** (Bruce Plenk, Steve Hughes, and Steve Lane). Complete development of the Lawrence "Eco Footprint" with assistance of KU professor Shannon Criss. The "Eco Footprint" is ¾ completed and results of will eventually be compared to a county in Sonoma California, and Oxfordshire England. Results will be displayed at the 2003 Energy Fair and used as an educational tool for the community.
- 5) Discuss with appropriate city division managers and/or staff the feasibility of development of larger office "of Environment" which could include energy efficiency, sustainable construction, green space , etc. (Plenk)
- 6) Support Waste Reduction and Recycling Division staff in the placement of newspaper recycling bins in public areas (strip malls, grocery stores, big box stores), implementation of Office Waste paper recycling in District Schools, and meet with LJWorld management team to request free advertisement for local newspaper recycling locations. (Lew Phillips, Austin Kelly, Kendra Jones)

WRR Update:

The HHW facility will be going to full time and accepting household waste by appointments only. New signage will be designed and installed for access to the facility. The Saturday collection events will continue to be in operation, but staff will slowly try to reduce participation at Saturday events due to safety and cost. RRCAB and WRR staff agrees that education should be provided to the community on HHW recycling. The city will save money by cutting back employee hours at Saturday collection events. City Hall in-house recycling program identified a decrease of 37% of recyclable office paper in the trash, and a decrease of 20% waste generated. Compost Give Away resulted in 4,008 tons of compost distributed with 987 participants.

Topics for Next Discussion:

Implementation of new goals.

- Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.