

**Lawrence Recycling and Resource Conservation Advisory Board
(RRCAB)
April 9, 2003
S.W.A.N Building, Lawrence, Kansas 66044**

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Members Present: Deb Baker, Rachel Treanor, Steve Lane, Heather Muth, Richard "Dickey" Heckler, Celeste Fish, Lew Phillips, Steve Hughes

Members Absent: Austin Kelly, Jeff Abbott, Bruce Plenk

Staff Present: Mollie Mangerich, Diana Sjorgen

- Deb Baker called the meeting to order at 4:30, board approved March minutes, with minor revisions

Announcements: Earth Day Parade Rain Out on 4/19/03, re-scheduled to 4/26/03. Solar Energy Symposium in Topeka, KS on May 15, 2003. James Howard Kuntsler will speak, "The Paving of America" on Earth Day, Tuesday April 22, 2003, at 8pm.

Committee Discussions:

- 1) **Earth Day Activities / Parade:** Committee members, Rachel Treanor, Dickey Heckler, Celeste Fish, Diana Sjorgen (staff liaison) and (Mollie Mangerich). Continue with contact calls for participants. Earth Day parade scheduled to take place on 4/19/03. The parade was rained out and re-scheduled for 4/26/03 at 10 am. It was a success and plans are being made for next year's parade.
- 2) **Energy Fair/Homes Tour:** Bruce Plenk, Steve Hughes, and Steve Lane. Energy Fair is on the agenda for October 2003. All board members need to identify structures that can be in the homes tour. Suggest the "Tenants to Homeowners" association.
- 3) **Parks and Rec. and Schools Recycling:** Deb Baker, Rachel Treanor, Celeste Fish (Mollie Mangerich). Recycling will be established on the 9th and 18th holes of Eagle Bend Golf Course. Reports suggest that contamination in the recycling materials was high. This suggests that trash is being included in with recyclables. Board will work to make recycling easier and cleaner for Eagle Bend, and the community. Michelle Crank visited Free State and Lawrence High Schools to get an office waste program at both schools.
- 4) **Eco Village/Eco Footprint:** Bruce Plenk, Steve Hughes, and Steve Lane. Information is on hold until gaps of data can be filled. This information on the Footprint will be available at the Energy Fair/Homes Tour. Board will make a booth to show results of the Eco Footprint.
- 5) **City Sustainability Office:** Celeste Fish, Bruce Plenk, Heather Muth. A city sustainability office would be a hub for people to receive information on local environmental ordinances and sustainability issues. A city sustainability office would provide resources and information to local builders. Some city fleet vehicles are hybrids and information would be relayed on the importance of alternate fuel vehicles through this office. The office would also provide information on bio-diesel, and alternative construction methods to contractors and the public. The Eco Footprint will be a tool to determine utility usage and consumption ratios for Lawrence. This information can be used to suggest a need for a new sustainability office.

- 6) **Recycling Bins for Newspapers:** Heather Muth. Mary Lisa Pike helped secure a site for a Newspaper Recycling bin at the Douglas County Bank (9th & Kentucky). Set 'Em Up Jacks are the next locations being targeted for additional newspaper recycling bin. Lew Phillips will contact Doug Compton regarding a bin at Set 'Em Up Jacks.

WRR/HHW Update:

HHW: Latex paint is available from HHW. More than 80 HHW drop offs have occurred to date. 3 Small Quantity Generators have been serviced to date WRR is working on a script for a public service announcement regarding proper yard waste bags that will be aired on KLWN radio. Yard waste bags have been delivered to more than 200 participants. WWR will track the progress and usage of these bags.

Topics for Next Discussion:

Discuss the City Sustainability Office and wind farms and wind turbines. How to design and build schools and other new public facilities more efficiently? Establishing a city environmental policy and commission on environmental quality and relating this to RRCAB and our mission.

- Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.