

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

Members Present: Bruce Plenk, Steve Lane, Heather Muth, Richard "Dickey" Heckler, Celeste Fish, Lew Phillips, Steve Hughes

Members Absent: Deb Baker, Rachel Treanor, Austin Kelly, Jeff Abbott

Staff Present: Mollie Mangerich

- Dickey called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.

Announcements: "Increase Recycling in Lawrence: Evaluation of Options Including Curbside Recycling" prepared by Bob Yoos, Solid Waste Division Manager, was available for all board members to review.

Committee Discussions:

- 1) **Earth Day Activities / Parade:** Committee members, Rachel Treanor, Dickey Heckler, Celeste Fish, Diana Sjorgen (staff liaison) and (Mollie Mangerich). The parade will be April 17, 2004. The board discussed a rain date at the June meeting to be considered for the following Saturday, April 24th. Board determined the effectiveness of recycling containers at public events, and would like to include them in next year's Earth Day fair. Board would like to invite the public schools to participate in the 2004 Earth Day parade.
- 2) **Energy Fair/Homes Tour:** Bruce Plenk, Steve Hughes, and Steve Lane. Energy Fair is on the agenda for October 19, 2003. Two speakers have been scheduled to talk at the fair. To promote the idea of professionalism, new signage and advertising should be developed for the upcoming Energy Fairs. Mollie Mangerich suggests profiling an energy efficient home on the local television show, "Home and Away." The committee is hoping to do this, for the publicity would promote the Energy Fair and the Sustainable Homes Tour. Publicity also may include sending post cards and/or advertising on the Lawrence Recycles web site. The National Solar Homes Tour is scheduled for October 4, 2003. Board would like to have a bus tour of homes on the Lawrence homes tour. The board looked into scheduling the "T" to provide transportation, and discovered it would not be possible since the "T" receives federal funding. Board will continue to research possible homes that could be on the tour, thus far three homes have been confirmed with two more as a possibilities. The committee would like to include a home under construction.
- 3) **Parks and Rec. and Schools Recycling:** Deb Baker, Rachel Treanor, Celeste Fish (Mollie Mangerich). Board would like to formally congratulate Eagle Bend and is looking into scheduling a press release before the August RRCAB meeting.
- 4) **Eco Village/Eco Footprint:** Bruce Plenk, Steve Hughes, Steve Lane, and Celeste Fish. Information is on hold until gaps of data can be filled.
- 5) **City Sustainability Office:** Celeste Fish, Bruce Plenk, Heather Muth. Board would like to have information ready for the City's review by the first of the year. Discussions are ongoing as to what the Sustainability Office should be and what current city offices would be involved.
- 6) **Recycling Bins for Newspapers:** Heather Muth. Lew Phillips contacted Doug

Compton's assistant Donna regarding a bin at Set 'Em Up Jacks, and concluded that there would not be sufficient space in their parking lot. Currently Lew is working with the store manager of Vanderbilt's on 23rd St. to locate a bin on the east side of the building. The store manager was in agreement, but needed to discuss it with the owner. Lew will update Mollie on any advances. Lew also suggested re-sighting the newspaper bin located behind the Mercantile closer to Iowa St. for better visibility.

WRR/HHW Update:

More than 300 HHW drop offs have occurred to date. 20 Small Quantity Generators have been serviced to date. 78 offices are now being served by the office paper program. New location for a community cardboard bin at HyVee on Clinton Pkwy. All of the bins have new wording to keep the contamination minimal (mainly chipboard). New Horizontal bailer is up and running, and bid documents are going out on the vertical bailer that was replaced. RRCAB members should sign up with Michelle for a photograph with the owner/sponsor of an ONP bin location, which will be included in a series of ads run in the LJW.

Topics for Next Discussion:

Ethanol fuel products issues, and progress made on the "no tax law" as a national standard. Bio-diesel used in more state vehicles. Wind farms and wind turbines. Sustainable practices, which could be enforced at a local level.

- Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.