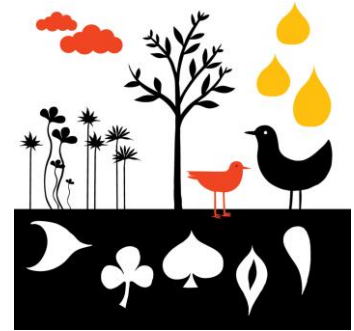


June 17, 2013

City Commission
City Hall
6 E. 6th Street
Lawrence, KS 66044



SUBJECT: City Commission Goals

Dear Commissioners,

On Tuesday June 18th you will be discussing the City Commission goals for the next 4 years. Certainly having a structure in place to guide decision-making is an excellent method to ensure stability over those 4 years.

One of the current goals concerns the environment and sustainability. We would like to encourage the City Commission to continue with this goal, as energy efficiency and sustainability are directly connected to the long-term economic viability and future of our beautiful city. Eileen Horn, the city/county coordinator, does an amazing job of identifying savings and improvements, and I hope that you will have the opportunity to meet with her and the Sustainability Advisory Board soon.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns, and thank you for your time & consideration.

Sincerely,

Leslie Soden
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Lawrence Sustainability Advisory Board
June 14, 2013

Dear Mayor and City Commission:

The Sustainability Advisory Board commends you for making sustainability a city priority. Since the City Commission is considering goals for the upcoming year, we are providing you with the goals that we are working towards in cooperation with you. At the May 8, 2013 board meeting, members of the Sustainability Advisory Board agreed on the following annual goals.

Efforts that currently are being advocated by partner advisory boards and task forces:

1. Energy conservation. SAB will continue to highlight the energy conservation efforts being pursued by staff and recommended by the Climate Protection and Peak Oil Plans.
2. Municipal planning including the urban growth, smart codes, and sustainability recommendations expressed in Horizon 2020. A SAB subcommittee will analyze the sustainability recommendations and prepare a list of points for discussion.

Efforts that the SAB should advocate for:

1. Sustainable landscaping practices in municipal operations
2. Sustainable practices related to water quality
3. Sustainable policies related to open space, parks, and trails
4. Education and outreach public programs on sustainability topics
5. Further integration of sustainability practices in municipal operations
6. Improve building efficiency standards.

Thank you for your continuing support for sustainability principles.

Sincerely,

Dale E. Nimz, Vice Chair
Sustainability Advisory Board