

**Lawrence Recycling and Resource Conservation Advisory Board  
(RRCAB)  
March 13, 2003  
S.W.A.N Building, Lawrence, Kansas 66044**

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

**Members Absent:** Austin Kelly, Jeff Abbott,

**Staff Present:** Mollie Mangerich.

- Deb Baker called the meeting to order at 4:30, board approved February minutes, with minor revisions
- We are looking for a new Free State High School representative
- Clinton Lake Clean Up, April 26, 2003

Announcements: The Solid Waste Division has wheeled carts available to rent at \$2/month – they are suitable for container for grass and yard clippings. “Affordable Comfort” a road show in Kansas City on 4/5/03, RRCAB would like to get vendor list from this event. Terry Tempist Williams is an author and will be at Prairie Park Nature Center on 3/31/03 to answer questions on the environment. May 17, Heartland Renewable Energy Society will sponsor an electric bike race.

Committee Discussions:

- 1) **Earth Day Activities / Parade:** Committee members, Rachel Treanor, Dickey Heckler, Celeste Fish, Diana Sjorgen (staff liaison). The EDP posters are done and being distributed around town. Diana and other WRR staff have been working hard to get organized and to promote this event. The Arts Center will schedule a class where kids can design an “earth friendly” costume and participate in the parade. Earth Day parade is April 19, 2003 at 11am. RRCAB will use this event to pilot Aluminum & Plastic drink (screw top) containers (PET #1) recycling at a large public events, to see what works and what doesn't. RRCAB will sort through trash and recycling after the Earth Day Fair at 4pm. & deliver recyclables to WalMart. Entertainment for the Earth Day Fair is being discussed; face painting, balloons, quiz, and hands on activities. A LJW press release is scheduled for April 4 and April 10.
- 2) **Energy Fair:** Bruce Plenk, Steve Hughes, and Steve Lane. Energy Fair is on the agenda for October 2003. Start now to find solar and energy efficient houses for the Energy Fair, 2003. KU class students are getting involved with creating plans and designs for solar/passive solar homes. RRCAB will track their progress and achievements.
- 3) **Parks and Recreation and Schools Recycling:** Deb Baker, Rachel Treanor, Celeste Fish (Mollie Mangerich). A recycling container will be installed at Eagle Bend Golf Course in the next 30 days. New office waste cart at Kennedy School and LHS. Six schools participate in the office waste program all together. RRCAB would like to suggest that high schools recycle aluminum and use the money received from recycling towards a school event like prom.
- 4) **Eco Village/Eco Footprint:** Bruce Plenk, Steve Hughes, and Steve Lane. An article was published in the LJW regarding the footprint. We believe publicity received at last month's city commission meeting created interest in this subject.

- 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. RRCAB read and discussed a proposed ordinance written by Clark Coan, “Establishing a city environmental policy and commission on environmental quality” RRCAB will discuss this more in April.
  
- 6) **Recycling Bins for Newspapers:** Heather Muth. Mary Lisa Pike (citizen) coordinated the approval to site an ONP drop box at the Douglas County Bank 2 9<sup>th</sup> & Kentucky. Douglas County Bank and Set ‘Em Up Jacks are the next locations being targeted for additional newspaper recycling bins. Lew Phillips will contact Doug Compton regarding a bin at Set ‘Em Up Jacks.

WRR/HHW Update:

Earth Day preparations

First HHW Collection Saturday on 4/19

Procurement completed (HHW)

Earth Day Outreach at City Hall 4/22

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.