

City of Lawrence  
**Mayor's Climate Protection Task Force**  
 November 17, 2008 (4:00 PM) Meeting notes

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mike Dever, David Dunfield, Charles Gruber, Steve Hughes, Chad Luce, Carey Maynard-Moody, Susan Rodgers, Simran Sethi, Jeff Severin, John Geist
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Jeff Novorr, Bridgett Chapin, Note: Dan Simons withdrew from group
STAFF PRESENT:	Cynthia Boecker, Tammy Bennett, Steve Stewart, Todd Girdler
PUBLIC PRESENT:	Daniel Poull, Richard Heckler, 2 others (names unknown)
GUESTS:	

**HOUSEKEEPING NOTES:** none

**PRIORITIZATION EXERCISE** (Cynthia Boecker)

Agenda item: Determination of priorities to be included in final recommendations (Discuss results of prioritization exercise completed by task force members and come to consensus on what work groups should focus on for final recommendations)

Outcome:

Goal: 80% reduction in GHG emissions by 2050

Context:

GHG emission Sources be type		GHG emission Sources by sector	
Electricity	64%	Commercial	34%
Transportation	19%	Residential	32%
Natural Gas	15%	Industrial	13%
Waste	2%	Transportation	10%
		Waste	2%

Strategies:

- #1 Provide dedicated staffing and adequate funding to support climate protection and environmental initiatives  
Assign to: Policy group
- #2 Enhance energy conservation policies to provide standards and incentives  
Assign to: Energy group
- #3 Develop transportation policies and programs to consume less energy and reduce emissions  
Assign to: Transportation group
- #4 Provide for outreach and education on emission reduction issues  
Assign to: Policy group
- #5 Develop source reduction and waste reduction programs and initiatives  
Assign to: Waste Management group

- #6 Recognizing the impact of leading by example, prioritize efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in municipal and institutional facilities, including city facilities, local schools, and institutions of higher learning.  
Assign to: Policy group

**Action:**

The workgroups will work with the strategies assigned to draft a two-page document on the model of the Norman, Oklahoma report, and consistent with previous direction to the workgroups.

Cynthia Boecker agreed to finalize draft list and e-mail to group by mid-week. Workgroup drafts are still due to the Policy group by December 31, 2008. If drafts are available earlier, please submit to Cynthia for circulation and group review.

**LEGISLATIVE STATEMENT** (added item)

Last year's legislative statement was e-mailed to members for review after the last meeting. The final Climate Protection Task Force report and recommendations will not be presented to the City Commission for consideration until March. Cynthia Boecker will work with staff in the City Manager's Office to confirm timing of development of the legislative program and work with staff to incorporate appropriate language relating to climate protection.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CHAPTER REVISIONS** (Amy Brown)

Amy Brown, Long-Range Planner, provided oversight and discussion of the development of the Environmental Chapter of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plans Committee of the Planning Commission has drafted an outline, overview, and strategies for the chapter. The department is maintaining a webpage to keep all information about the chapter planning and progress up to date. The page may be found at <http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/H2020-Env>. Climate Protection Task Force members have been invited as stakeholders and must confirm their interest in receiving e-mail notification of changes. The Planning Commission will hear comments on the draft outline, overview, and strategies at their meeting on November 19, 2008. The general goal is for the chapter to be ready for Planning Commission review in May or June, 2009.

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

December 15, 2008	4:00 p.m.	City Hall
January		
February		
March		