

City of Lawrence  
**Mayor's Climate Protection Task Force**  
 February 4, 2009 (4:00 PM) Meeting notes

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mike Dever, John Geist, Steve Hughes, Chad Luce, Susan Rodgers, Simran Sethi, Jeff Severin, Bridgett Chapin
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Jeff Novorr, David Dunfield, Charles Gruber, Carey Maynard-Moody, Note: Dan Simons withdrew from group
STAFF PRESENT:	Cynthia Boecker, Tammy Bennett, Kathy Richardson
PUBLIC PRESENT:	Aly Vandyke, Laura Routh
GUESTS:	

**REVIEW OF DRAFT REPORT** (Simran Sethi)

Simran Sethi facilitated a detailed review of the climate action plan draft document. She reiterated her appreciation to the entire workgroup that has combed through the document several times to ensure singular voice and clarity.

There was extensive conversation and editing of the document by the group. Points of extended discussion included:

- Strategy 3 and the viability of pulling the land-use component out to separate strategy. There were elements of the discussion on land-use in strategies for transportation, energy, and education. Strategy 3 was approved by the group in general. Mayor Dever volunteered to undertake the writing of the strategy text. He agreed to have the draft to Simran within a week.
- Strategy 7 was discussed in terms of how much emphasis would be placed on city operations versus the requirement or partnership with other institutional organizations in Lawrence. The group concluded the primary focus would be municipal operations, and the language would reflect active leadership by the city.
- Staffing to achieve the priorities of the CPTF was discussed at length. Is it a person, per se, that is required, or can the task force articulate the responsibilities that need to be achieved? The conclusion was to continue to stress the need for the staff person in future budget years, but that the work that needs to be done cannot wait until a new staff person is on board.

**NEXT STEPS** (Mayor Dever, Cynthia Boecker)

The final draft of the report will be completed in the next 2 weeks. Cynthia will e-mail the final draft to task force members for review prior to the next meeting.

Meeting date: February 24, 2009 – final review of report

City Commission presentation: Possible dates will be identified by the mayor and city manager's office. The preferred date is March 31, 2009.

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

February 24, 2009	4:00 p.m.	City Hall
March 2009	Date to be determined	City Commission meeting presentation