

**Lawrence Recycling and Resource Conservation Advisory Board  
(RRCAB)**

**January 8, 2003**

**S.W.A.N Building, Lawrence, Kansas 66044**

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

**Staff Present:** Mollie Mangerich. **Members Absent:** Kendra Jones

- Deb Baker called the meeting to order at 4:30, board approved December minutes.
- RRCAB 2002 Annual Report will go to City Commission.
- Election of new officers for 2003, Deb Baker Chairman, Jeff Abbott Vice Chairman, Rachel Treanor Secretary.

Announcements: WWR staff will assist committees with upcoming events. RRCAB meetings continue to be on the second Wednesday of each month. Participation needed from all board members in 2003 to complete goals.

Committee Discussions:

- 1) **Earth Day Activities / Parade:** New committee members, Rachel Treanor, Dickey Heckler, Celeste Fish, and Diana Sjorgen- (staff liaison). WRR has met with the Lawrence Arts Center and an art class has been scheduled where kids will make costumes appropriate to wear in the Earth Day Parade. Diana has many excellent ideas and will continue to work with committee. KU environs will work to book a speaker for the corresponding Earth Day fair. Planning efforts are underway to reserve Watson Park and get parade approval from Downtown Lawrence Inc., and the Lawrence Police department. A committee meeting will be scheduled after February's meeting.
- 2) **Energy Fair:** Bruce Plenk, Steve Hughes, and Steve Lane. Energy Fair is on the agenda for October 2003.
- 3) **Parks and Rec. Recycling** Deb Baker, Rachel Treanor, Heather Muth, Celeste Fish . Committee continues to meet with Eagle Bend golf course staff to assist in implementing the newly purchased recycling containers on the golf course. Deb met with Kerry Golden of Eagle Bend Golf Course on Feb 04, 2003. (see summary of meeting for complete details previously emailed) Deb also continues to meet with city officials regarding recycling at public parks in Lawrence and tying this into the conditional use permits (see meeting summary previously emailed).
- 4) **Eco Village/Eco Footprint:** Bruce Plenk, Steve Hughes, and Steve Lane. Need additional work in order to complete the "footprint". Committee will continue to strive for completion. The "footprint" will be used as a tool to research local utility usage. Board hopes that the "footprint" will help stress the importance of a city sustainability office for all environmentally related topics. "Footprint" data can also be used at Earth Day and the Energy Fair.
- 5) **City Sustainability Office:** Committee not yet formed. 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 to the public.

- 6) **Recycling Bins for Newspapers:** Heather Muth. Heather has access to the Brook Creek and Barker neighborhood newsletters to reach a variety of people and announce newspaper-recycling locations when established. Committee will work to implement newspaper-recycling bins in east Lawrence area, specifically at Prairie Park and 19<sup>th</sup> and Haskell. Board would like Journal Word to provide free publicity to this issue. Mollie will continue to follow up with this idea.

WRR/HHW Update:

Yard waste pilot program starting its third year and will be targeting the Alvamar, Barker, North Lawrence and Oread neighborhoods. WWR will track changes in participation. HHW 2002 annual report numbers were discussed. Total pounds collected at 2002 HHW events was 100,603 with 1,992 participants. 2002 Annual Recycling Report will be out by Feb. meeting.

- Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.