

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

February 12, 2003

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

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

Staff Present: Mollie Mangerich. **Members Absent:** Kendra Jones, Lew Phillips

- Deb Baker called the meeting to order at 4:30, board approved December minutes.
- Compost Works! Conference, March 18-20, 2003
- Clinton Lake Clean Up, April 26, 2003

Announcements: Deb Baker presented a short summary of RRCAB goals and accomplishments at the February 11, 2003 City Commission meeting. The presentation was a success and board members were recognized for their participation.

Committee Discussions:

- 1) **Earth Day Activities / Parade:** New committee members, Rachel Treanor, Dickey Heckler, Celeste Fish, Diana Sjorgen- (staff liaison). Earth Day Parade going on as planned for April 19, 2003 at 11am. Committee continues to work on the promotion of this event. A band and several participants are accounted for. Lawrence Art Center class is scheduled to host a "mask & costume-making" class with end projects being in the parade. The Lawrence Parks and Rec. event "Egg-stravaganza" is scheduled for the same day on the east side of South Park. These two events should mesh well together. Posters and post cards are being created to pass out around the community. Shane McCall and KU Environs are working to schedule author Mr. James Kuntzler, to speak at the Earth Day Fair. A RRCAB priority is to provide recycling containers at these two events. Entertainment for the Earth Day Fair is being discussed; face painting, balloons, quiz, and hands on activities. Prairie Park Nature Center will hold an Earth Day event all day on April 19, 2003.
- 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.
- 3) **Parks and Rec. Recycling:** Deb Baker, Rachel Treanor, Heather Muth. Deb met with Kerry Golden of Eagle Bend Golf Course on Feb 04, 2003. Deb continues to meet with city officials regarding recycling at public parks in Lawrence. RRCAB would like to see golf scorecards printed on recycled paper and have reminders on them for golfers to recycle their aluminum cans while on the course. Ernie Shaw and Tim Laurent are working on a system to provide recycling containers for plastic and aluminum for those events requiring that additional trash containers are delivered to the event. The permit holder will still be responsible for ensuring that collected items are actually and not disposed of with regular trash.
- 4) **Eco Village/Eco Footprint:** Bruce Plenk, Steve Hughes, and Steve Lane. Need additional work in order to complete the "footprint". Bruce has hired an intern (Angela) who works on completion of the footprint. Angela has contacted the author of the "ecological footprint" book and is awaiting information on how to complete the footprint with the information available.

- 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. Lawrence High School would like to get a bin for newspapers. Incorporate this with a Sorted Office Paper program. Heather will coordinate with Michelle Crank and Austin Kelly.

WRR/HHW Update:

Preparing to re-open HHW facility in April 2003. WWR has purchased a forklift. Small quantity generator (SQG) program preparing a grant to purchase a silver recovery machine to recover silver from small businesses then re-sell. Yard waste collection continues with compost bags for fundraising. Office paper program now serving 58 offices including several new city stops.

Topics for Next Discussion:

“E” waste at University of Kansas and Lawrence

- Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.