

MEETING MINUTES
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
November 6, 2012

Present

Jeffrey Brown	Brad Kielhofner
Bill Cheek	Mike Kromrey
Jennifer Cox	Barbara Lucks
Janice Greene	Ken McClure
Tony Hein	Matt Morris
Don Hendricks	Joe Pitts
Tammy Jahnke	Doug Sampson
	David Vaughan

Goals for 2012-2013

The October meeting minutes were reviewed along with the 2012-2013 goals. See attached list of goals.

Distribution plan for brochure

The sustainability brochures are printed and copies are available in Temple Hall 142. The brochure is now posted on the website.

OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY

Sustainability Energy Conference

A promotional button is now on the homepage.

Bill Cheek will introduce the panelists at 3:00 PM and Mike Kromrey will introduce our keynote speakers at 6:00 PM. These two events take place in PSU 400.

Sustainability brochures will be available at all sessions.

Paige Oxendine and Tammy recorded a podcast that is now posted on the News section of the Missouri State website accessed through the promotional button.

Tammy suggested that a survey be available at the event for feedback and agreed to bring them for distribution.

Celebrating successes

Sharing around the room

Mike Kromrey is accepting applications for the Watershed Advisory Committee board of directors. The Watershed Committee of the Ozarks has received a grant to replace toilets in the homes of low income families with high efficiency toilets. Monthly meetings are held the first Friday of every month at 7:30 AM in the Midtown Library. The next meeting is December 7.

Joe Pitts announced that the Christian County Watershed Festival starts November 7 at the Nixa Community Center. The EPA is studying the Mississippi river basin for nitrogen and phosphorus. There is a future trend for pollution trading credits on permits.

Janice Greene announced that Missouri State will very soon be the state coordinator for project WILD. She and her dean are working on the MOU.

Jennifer Cox reported that 40 trees have been planted on Harrison Street - both native and non-native trees. That makes a total of 175 trees added to campus this year.

Tony Hein provided a copy of the first edition of the Springfield Green-Leader, a Live.Life.Green Committee E-Newsletter from Residential Life.

<http://reslife.missouristate.edu/Sustainability.htm> He also provided an update on Project: Clean Plate and announced that there will be a carbon audit on campus next month. Dining Services uses Farmer Brothers Coffee and there is now a fair trade option that will be used on campus!

Barbara Lucks reported that the city of Springfield has been very active in environmental projects including:

- Environmental Resource Center (ERC) Dedication was held on October 4 with several Sustainability Committee members in attendance. MDNR Director Sara Parker Pauley and USEPA Region 7 Director Dr. Karl Brooks attended and spoke, saying very complimentary things about the Springfield community and the City.
- Electric car charging station is being installed at the Environmental Resource Center.
- The Environmental Resource Center has been submitted for LEED at the Gold level.
- Shockley Consulting has been hired to assist in the development of a Sustainability Plan for the City of Springfield.
- The City/County Green Building Task Force has been convened and has had its first meeting. Brad Kielhofner is serving on the Task Force. Also, a Citizens Stormwater Task Force has been convened and has had its first meeting. Daniel Beckman, Matthew Pierson and Tom DeWitt are serving on that Task Force.
- Sustainability Education staff has been very busy – for example, America Recycles Day will be observed at the Discovery Center in early November. We are also celebrating on the “actual day” – 11/15 with a special event at Bingham Elementary which includes several hands-on activities for students.
- The Community Focus Report Committee (“Red Flags/Blue Ribbons”) is having their first meeting next week. Barbara will be chairing the Environment Component.
- The city is beginning to review the opportunities to utilize food waste at the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant.

- The Department of Environmental Services is actively seeking a partner for their new Greenhouse Project – fueled by waste heat from our Methane Recovery/Alternative Energy facility at the Springfield Sanitary Landfill.

Jeff Brown reported that homecoming recycling was very successful and the grounds department did a great job helping with that effort. There are plans for more outdoor containers to be purchased.

Ken McClure reported that the Board of Governors has changed format to allow for issues and topics to be discussed at their meetings. The December board meeting will include the topic of sustainability with Tammy and Ken presenting a portion along with the students. Last Thursday was the safety and security walk around campus. A few burnt out light bulbs were noticed and replaced. Ideas for the best use of lighting were reviewed.

Matt Morris added that there are tours available through the powerhouse for all to learn about energy conservation.

Brad Kielhofner reported that Greenwood received the Silver LEED certification and that solar panels on top of the library will be in place by next spring.

David Vaughan reported that the sustainability program continues to grow and they are meeting with students about another recycling program.

Teresa Frederick submitted that the first quarterly green e-newsletter was sent last week. The Live Life Green film festival is Friday, November 9 at 6pm in Carrington Auditorium. They have begun planning for RecycleMania and Green Games.

Paige Oxendine and Lauren Bansbach submitted their report :

- The sustainability committee is drafting a letter of commendation to send to those involved with the event recycling in JQH Arena. We are incredibly excited to see that recycling plans are in place for basketball season.
- The committee is also touching base with a representative from Fair Trade clothing company Alta Gracia to explore options for Fair Trade clothing in the bookstore. SGA passed a resolution in support of Fair Trade clothing in the bookstore last fall.
- The committee is working on several sustainability proposals, including the expansion of LED lighting on campus and the continued installation of hydration stations in buildings that don't currently have them, such as Meyer Library.
- Committee members have found several innovative ways to incorporate new energy sources on campus, including tables with solar panels on top rather than a traditional cloth umbrella. These tables offer users a power source for charging laptops, cell phones, or other devices. The committee is currently in discussion as to how these ideas can best be pursued. I've attached a link, because I think these tables look awesome! <http://www.enerfusioninc.com/id47.html>

Close

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 8, 2013, from 10:00 to 11:00am at Carrington 203. Future meetings in 2013 will be February 5, March 5, April 2 and May 7.