

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 5, 2017

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Matt Morris, co-chair
Tammy Jahnke, co-chair
Jordan Schanda, Sustainability Coordinator
Bill Cheek
Jennifer Cox
Teresa Frederick
Tony Hein
Mike Klem
Mike Kromrey
Barbara Lucks

David Vaughan
Bernard Kitheka
Mike Wills
Etta Madden
Paul Durham
Jerry Compton
Brent Stock (for Tiffany Frey)
Brad Kielhofner
Whitney Gibson (for Nicole Young)

GUESTS: n/a

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve minutes from previous meeting (November 7, 2017): approved at 10:48 a.m.

B. Presentation on Energy and Sustainability at MSU – final presenter, Jordan Schanda

- a. Jordan Schanda – presentation on overview of Sustainability at MSU, including review of its programs, projects, accomplishments and goals

C. Strategic Plan review

- a. No further revisions, plan adopted
- b. Link to plan on Sustainability website:
<https://www.missouristate.edu/assets/Sustainability/SustainabilityPlanMSUFinal.pdf>

D. Reports from subcommittees

- a. **Academics** – Bernard Kitheka, Chair
 - Discussed option to display popular books on sustainability in library to raise awareness of the topic and the resources available to students.
 - Students' sustainability literacy will be assessed at entry to and exit from university
 - Brainstorming ideas to incentivize research and teaching on sustainability

- b. **Engagement** – Nicole Young, Chair (*report provided by Tony Hein*)
 - Plan to combine Eco-Reps and Green Teams programs
 - Working on scorecards, advertising, outreach, etc
- c. **Operations** – Tony Hein, Chair
 - Looking into a paper product not made from trees as an alternative to recycled paper, which can cause jamming after recycled content passes a certain amount
 - Inventory of campus fleet
- d. **Planning & Administration** – Barbara Lucks, Chair
 - Committee hadn't met but will meet before February's meeting (bulk of work occurs preparing for the May 2018 report)

E. NEWS and UPDATES from around the room!

Paul – suggested inviting someone to speak at Public Affairs conference

Tony – giving back to Food Harvest and food donations from the Grow Room

Jordan – forming a committee to revamp [Eco-Reps](#) and [Green Teams](#); contact Jordan if interested in participating on this committee – first meeting to be held in January.

Barbara –

- The 2018 Choose Environmental Excellence Awards Luncheon will be held on Friday, April 27 at the White River Conference Center.
- The recent successful City and County elections will include funding for several storm water and other environmental improvement projects.
- The City is offering the services of a staff person to accumulate information on community monarch projects and then share that information with various groups that are engaged in activities that would be included in reports, media articles, etc. Sarah Davis – sedavis@springfieldmo.gov is the new Monarch Information Coordinator. Everyone is encouraged to send her information on their projects. She will be reporting on the Mayor's Monarch Pledge for the City and providing information back to representatives of projects such as Missourians for Monarchs, Monarch Watch, etc.
- City Manager Greg Burris and Deputy City Manager Tim Smith will be leaving the City at the end of June 2018. Both have been strong advocates for sustainability and related efforts.
- The VW Settlement Advisory Committee has been formed and will have their first face-to-face meeting in Jefferson City on December 7. Barbara Lucks is serving on the Advisory Committee. The Committee will be working with MDNR to craft the implementation plan for the use of the VW funds. Updated information is available at MDNR's VW Settlement website – <https://dnr.mo.gov/env/apcp/vw/>

Mike Wills –

- General conversations regarding the possible use of corrugated versus wooden shipping pallets seems to indicate that the continued use of wooden pallets by the University is considered more desirable at this time.

Mike Klem –

- Faculty and students have been utilizing the new Kendrick Farm for wildlife and conservation studies, soil studies in the soil pits and doing quail counts, along with the ongoing plant science field work.

Mike Kromrey –

- [Watershed Center](#) – sign up for the [blog](#); see the [current projects](#)
- Review the [talking points](#) and provide feedback on [three new state parks](#) for Missouri. Watch the [segment on KY3](#).

Brad –

- Facilities Management is working with Abdillahi Dirie with SGA to develop proposals to retrofit the parking deck lighting in Bear Park North and South with LED lighting fixtures
- SGA is currently reviewing the proposals and determining if SGA would like to pursue them as a project.

F. WRAP Ups

- **Tammy** – Next meeting is Tuesday, February 6, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.