

Mayor's Environmental Task Force

Meeting Summary/Action Items

January 7, 2016

- A partial attendee list is attached (Attachment 1).
- After introductions, Mayor Beutler provided an update on recent sustainability initiatives including:
 - Lincoln's pending application to the Department of Transportation's \$40M Smart City Challenge grant <https://www.transportation.gov/smartcity>.
 - Lincoln will also be seeking funding support from the State of Nebraska's Water Sustainability Fund to address critical water supply risks to the Ashland Wellfield as well as conservation measures in municipal water use.
 - The Planning Department is completing an update to the LPlan 2040 with public review and comment requested: <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/lplan2040/index.htm>.
 - Significant opportunity ahead for modifications to the Theresa St. Wastewater Treatment Plant to include capture of digester gas for treatment and re-use in fueling City Buses and other municipal vehicles.
 - Modifications to StarTran's bus routing and scheduling as identified in recent Transit Development Planning documents being vetted with the community.
- Other announcements included:
 - The Eastridge Elementary PTO Christmas Light Recycling program was a tremendous success with overflowing bins! Thanks to Eastridge and the recycling supplier Scrap Central for sponsoring the event and demonstrating the economic viability of recycling.
 - Planning for the Earth Day celebration (Saturday, April 23rd) continues. Lincoln Green by Design is coordinating the effort to be staged along 21st St. between "O" and "Q" Streets from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
 - Neighborworks is planning a "Pop-Up" event focusing on sustainability themes scheduled for June 8th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at a location to be announced.
- Frank provided an update to the Sustainability Plan outline showing highlighted changes/additions since December (included as Attachment 2).

- Frank indicated a plan was being developed for implementation of a centralized City Sustainability Committee or “Green Team” charged with ownership of the City’s Sustainability Plan. It is envisioned the METF will remain as an advisory group to the City’s Green Team with joint City/METF membership on subcommittees focusing on the main components of the existing draft Sustainability Plan outline including:
 - Energy
 - Transportation
 - Waste
 - Water Resources
 - Land Use
 - Other/Undefined – possibly focused on metrics, messaging and other special projects initiatives as they arise – sort of the administrative arm of the METF/Green Team relationship.

- Additional suggestions from METF members included specific subcommittees dedicated to product stewardship and local food. Preference is that for now – that we place these topics under “Waste” and “Land Use”, respectively unless and until a standalone committee is warranted.

- Cecil Steward raised the question of how Sustainability planning can assist in addressing issues identified through the Lincoln Community Foundation’s “Prosper Lincoln” initiative and “Vital Signs” reporting. Frank was uncertain but would evaluate and provide feedback at the next METF meeting if possible.

- Mayor Beutler stressed his desire that environmental commitments of the West Haymarket Redevelopment Area be followed through on. Frank updated progress on cleanup activities and the planning and processes established to maintain the integrity of the cleanup actions performed to date. Willa also updated progress on the recycling efforts at Pinnacle Bank Arena that were partially grant – funded by the NETF and the desire that SMG (Arena operator) continues to improve recycling efforts at this venue.

- Mark Brohman with the Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) mentioned two legislative efforts which may impact funding for recycling grants through NDEQ (LB 672) as well as broader funding for environmental projects through NET (LR380CA)

METF ACTION ITEMS

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Assigned To</u> | <u>Status</u> |
|---|-------------|------------------------------|---|
| Outline of Draft Sustainability Plan | 10/1/15 | Frank U. | Draft provided 11/5/15, updated 12/3/15, 1/7/16; continuing to receive feedback and further develop plan |
| Ensure Continuity of METF | 11/5/15 | Frank U. | Implementation plan being drafted; update planned at March 3, 2016 METF Mtg. |
| Re-establish Subcommittees | 11/5/15 | Frank U./METF Participants | Implementation plan being drafted; update planned at March 3, 2016 METF Mtg. |
| Establish Indicators/Metrics | 11/5/15 | Frank U./METF Participants | To be proposed by Subcommittees in consideration of previous Sustainable Lincoln Plan Goals, Taking Charge Indicators and other City Initiatives (Timing TBD) |
| Evaluate ordinance changes to support Urban Gardens | 11/5/15 | Community Crops/Planning/Law | Community Crops to propose model ordinance language for consideration |
| Determine relationship to Prosper Lincoln/Vital Signs | 1/7/16 | Frank U./METF | Feb. 10 th Community Meeting at PBA – Frank to report back to METF at March 3, 2016 METF Mtg. |

Attachment 1 – Partial Attendee List

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Attachment 2 – Updated Sustainability Plan Outline

City of Lincoln, NE
Sustainability Plan Outline

Draft Updated for January 7, 2016 METF

- Introduction
- History/Accomplishments
- Challenges
- Relationship to Comprehensive Plan and other Transportation, Utility Master Plans
- Focus Areas (progress and opportunities for improvement)
- Measurements/Indicators
- Goals, Objectives and Targets
- Oversight Structure

Focus Areas (tentative – subject to revision)

Energy

- Efficiency Improvements for City Buildings/Operations
 - Energy Savings Performance Contracting RFQ (Seven submittals being reviewed/ranked)
- Street Lighting (LED Conversion)
 - LES' Conversion Plan Being Evaluated for Funding (requires design standard revisions)
- Wastewater Operations Energy Recovery
 - Theresa St. Digester Project
- Fleet Conversion (CNG/RNG, EV, idle reduction technologies)
 - Developing Strategy/Goals/Flowchart for Budgeting Process
- District Energy
 - Feasibility Study for Municipal Services Center
- Code Revisions
 - State Considering Adoption of 2012 or 2015 IECC

Transportation

- Bike Share
- “Complete Streets”
- StarTran Ridership
- Rail
- Smart City Challenge

Waste

- Diversion and Recycling
 - RWG Recommendations going to Focus Groups in January
 - Food Waste Initiatives
- Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility
 - In Design – to be located at N. 48th St. Solid Waste Facility
- Waste to Energy (Long Term)

Water Resources

- Water Source Planning
- Drought Policies

- Conservation Measures/Incentives
 - Potential Grant Support through USBR/State of Nebraska Water Sustainability Fund
- Gray Water and Effluent Reuse
 - Potential Pilot Project to be Coordinated with LLCHD
- Watershed System and MS4 Permit

Land Use

- Greenspace
- Infill
- Tree Canopy
- Community Gardens/Urban Agriculture
 - Community Crops Proposing Zoning Language

Other

- Community Education and Messaging
- Metrics
- Sustainable Procurement and TIF Policies
- Emergency Preparedness and Resiliency
 - Interdependence of Energy
 - Climate Change