



CESAS Meeting Summary
102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University
February 28, 2012

Participants

Stephanie Cold, Hale Library
Larry Erickson, CHSR, Chemical Engineering, KSU; also representing the KNRC
Sheree Walsh, CHSR
Irma O'Dell, School of Leadership Studies (via teleconference)

Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks

- Larry Erickson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Review of the Agenda

- The participants reviewed the agenda and concurred on its content.

Technical Assistance for a Sustainable Kansas (TASK)

- TASK activities continue. No new information.

Brownfields Program (TAB) Sustainability Initiative

- Huston Gibson from Landscape Architecture Regional and Community Planning has agreed to help with work on developing webinars that relate to sustainability for communities that have brownfields.

Dialog on Sustainability for 2012: two potential topics are

- Plug-in electric vehicles and solar powered charge stations. Larry discussed the importance of availability of these around the community for both electric and hybrid electric vehicles. Vision would be to have these in a variety of places/businesses, in view of the limited travel distance per charge. Business models for charge stations was also discussed as well as connection with the Smart Grid which can be used to provide power during peak times.
- B. Sustainable communities

Eco-literacy Book Club Activities

- No news on this initiative. Angel has been contacted for an update. Stephanie suggested the next meeting should include a final discussion on the Wendell Berry book, as well as selection of a new book.

Great Plains Climate Change Education Partnership

- The planning grant group is continuing work on a proposal for March to develop educational materials for stakeholders in Kansas. Current effort is being focused to identify existing educational materials.
- Representatives from this group also presented at the International Sustainability Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, January 2012.



Sustainability Seminar Program

- Harvey Blanch will be presenting the L.T. Fan Lecture on March 26 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fiedler Auditorium. His title is: "Renewable fuels: A challenge for technology or for policy?" Information may be found on the CHSR Events webpage: <http://www.engg.ksu.edu/CHSR/events/>

Solar parking lot project

- The NSF-SEP proposal was submitted.
- Larry has been working on the I/UCRC proposal. The goal is to find 4 companies to provide \$40K funding each. Foundation is helping with this effort.
- Larry has also written a white paper on this subject which may be found on the CHSR Sustainability webpage at: <http://www.engg.ksu.edu/CHSR/sustainability/index.html>

Other

- Stephanie reported on her attendance and the paper she presented for the International Sustainability Conference, "Embedded Librarianship: A Model for Promoting Sustainability on Campus," Vancouver, British Columbia, January 2012.
- She also described the reorganization of Hale Library involving librarians who are now organized according to patron groups (undergraduates/community & faculty/graduates) rather than according to departments, allowing librarians to serve disciplines more holistically while maintaining subject librarian expertise through teams.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 27, at 3:30 p.m.