



CESAS Meeting Summary
102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University
April 24, 2012

Participants

Stephanie Cold, Hale Library
Larry Erickson, CHSR, Chemical Engineering, KSU; also representing the KNRC
Blase Leven, CHSR
Sheree Walsh, CHSR

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)

- Upcoming DOS topics relevant to TASK.
- KACEE event at Flint Hills Discovery Center, April 29, 2012, Science in Kansas: The NSF Climate and Renewable Energy Effort, Dr. John Harrington JR, KSU Geography. For reservations call 785-587-2726.

Brownfields Program (TAB) Sustainability Initiative

- Blase is leading the effort, Sabine Martin and Huston Gibson assisting.
- CHSR Sustainability Aspects of Brownfields Redevelopment website has list of topic areas we are offering assistance for: <http://www.engg.ksu.edu/CHSR/outreach/tab/Brownfields-Sustainability.html>
- Plans in process for webinars and workshops for interested committees.
- Larry suggested offering webinar on solar power charge stations (information may be found on CHSR website: <http://www.engg.ksu.edu/CHSR/sustainability/Solar/SEASP.html>)

Dialog on Sustainability (DOS) for 2012:

- Tentative date set for Saturday, July 21, 2012. First time on a Saturday. Purpose is to make it easier for community members to attend.
- Ben Champion will speak on their Climate Change Education Program.
- Also need a speaker on sustainable communities (Huston Gibson or other expert).
- Larry suggested contacting people well before the DOS via email to ask their concerns.
- Stephanie suggested including the question, 'What are your top 3 concerns' on the registration form.

Eco-literacy Book Club Activities

- Stephanie reported that the sustainability team in the library was interested in joining and/or co-managing the club.
- English team may be interested, but no longer managing.

Solar parking lot project

- 10 students have been selected for this summer's REU on sustainable energy (led by Keith Hohn and Larry Erickson).
- Topics will continue from last summer on solar parking charge statement. Need to find funding so they can start building their first station.
- Sheree suggested students could make real-life contacts with communities to ask about their specific concerns. Larry added that social-networking on the web might be a good way to obtain information.

Other

- Stephanie will be leaving KSU on May 11 to move to Minnesota. Ellen Urton from KSU library will step in for her.
- CHE 670 Sustainability Seminar will be offered this summer. Still reviewing topics to include.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 22, at 3:30 p.m.