



CESAS Meeting Summary
102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University
August 27, 2013

Participants:

Myles Alexander, CECD and ICDD
Ben Champion, Office of Sustainability
Larry Erickson, CHSR, Ch.E. and KNRC

Rachel Kilian, Topeka Zoo
Irma O'Dell, Leadership Studies
LaBarbara Wigfall, College of Architecture & LA/RCP

Review of the Agenda

- There were no additions to the agenda

Technical Assistance for Sustainable Kansas (TASK)

- Technical assistance for a sustainable Kansas (TASK) is continuing.
- David Steward and coauthors have a new published paper on unsustainable groundwater stores for agricultural production in the high plains aquifer (see PNAS. 1220351110).
- Rachel Kilian described her interest in advancing sustainability at the Topeka Zoo.
- Dan Kahl is developing public forum materials related to water issues.

Sustainable Brownfields (TAB)

- Sustainable Brownfields work is continuing. LaBarbara Wigfall shared information on her work in Missouri.

Sustainable Communities

- Sustainable communities is a topic of interest to several units of K-State including the Office of Sustainability, CECD, College of Architecture, Planning and Design and LA/RCP, CHSR, Pride program, and the Dept. of Agronomy. There is interest in establishing a sustainable communities initiative and a KSU Foundation account dedicated to sustainable communities activities that has a clearly identifiable name.
- There is a need to develop a mission statement, organizational structure, and operational procedure. There is interest in having a sustainable communities initiative that is simple, manageable and useful. There is a need for a meeting of those who are interested to develop a plan and share it with those who want to participate.

Solar Parking Project and New Charge Station

- The solar powered charge station project is moving forward. A site has been identified in parking lot D1 west of the corner of Hunting and Denison.

Sustainability Planning

- Ben Champion shared information on the sustainability planning that will be accomplished this fall. The leadership has been identified. This will part of the 2025 plans for K-State.

Jerry Schnoor visit and seminar with CESAS Co-sponsorship October 6 and 7, 2013

- Jerry Schnoor will be coming from the University of Iowa to help with a celebration of progress related to sustainability on Oct. 6 and 7. There will be a dinner in the K-State Union Ballroom Sunday evening, seminar "Water Sustainability in a Changing World" at 10:30 a.m. on Monday in Fiedler Auditorium, a poster session with sustainability posters in the atrium of Fielder and Rathbone Halls, and a lunch with water professionals at noon on Monday. K-State has made significant progress in advancing sustainability, and those who have been part of this effort are encouraged to participate in these activities.

Ecoliteracy Book Club

- Ecoliteracy books of interest include Before the Lights go Out: Conquering the Energy Crisis before it Conquers Us by Maggie Koerth-Baker and The Future by Al Gore.

Sustainability Seminar in January Intersession, Jan. 7-9, 2013



- Valentina Pidlisnyuk will be coming to help with the January 7-9, 2014 offering of CHE 670 Sustainability Seminar under the special title "Sustainable Development."

Movies on the Grass and CESAS Co-sponsorship

- Movies on the Grass are being cosponsored by CESAS again this fall.

Sustainability classes this fall

- Lisa Harrington will be teaching GEOG 833 this fall semester.

Next Meeting: at 3:30, Tuesday, September 24 in Ward 102.

Other: NA