

CESAS Meeting Summary
102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University
May 24, 2016

Present:

Larry Erickson, ChE, KNRC, and CHSR
Gary Anderson
Huston Gibson, LARCP
Brandon Irwin, Kinesiology

Sue Pray, K-State Libraries
Donna Schenck-Hamlin, ICDD
Ellen Urton, K-State Libraries
Olga, Climate Energy Project

1. Review of the agenda: Donna added an announcement under Other

2. Dialog on Sustainability Planning Meeting

- Most recent change is to re-label the final activity of the day and we should have the attitude that everybody can do something and we can talk individually about what we might do as a group and in the larger domain
- Speakers in morning and afternoon
- Sent an invitation to a speaker to present on wind energy in KS, awaiting a response; Ruth Miller might be willing to do that if she's here.
- Donna Schenck-Hamlin: if in the afternoon we're talking about what we can do collaboratively, so in the morning facilitate a collaborative action dialog
 - Question: are we hoping for the participants themselves to find solutions?
 - Research and development on programs and projects that people already have well underway
 - Public education as a form of advocacy
 - Pressure on the state agency to do what they can despite the stay that the Supreme Court has
 - Curious about what we would be ready to do in KS with the remainder of 2016; should the process get the green light again; would we be ready as a state?
 - What do people consider advocacy to be?
 - Broad categories for discussion groups: Research & Development, Classroom/Informal Teaching, Advocacy, Implementation/Action
 - Larry: in the past we've been grouped by facilitator; very heterogeneous group
 - Larry: might do both of those, switch the group about half way through
 - Climate and energy, Sierra Club program, ICDD
 - Olga: piece where the audience is somehow engaged is valuable; brainstorming
 - First part of the day, conversation is largely exploratory, would like to set up a situation where it is easy for people to approach each other to network
 - Donna: We want people to walk away feeling more connected; often people leave feeling shy about approaching the experts; can come away from a tangible activity that they can contribute to
 - Sue: suggestion to have sign-up sheets available regarding current initiatives that people can get involved in
 - Larry: There will be a number of organizations with tables there representing their organization
 - Standard sign-up sheet for all posters if the authors wish to solicit collaborators

- This could generate a simple list of useful things to do

3. Sustainable Brownfields (TAB)

We are in the process of developing the cooperative agreements with the EPA; we're expecting \$5M over the next 5 years to work with regions 5 (Chicago), 6 (Dallas), 7 (Kansas City) & 8 (Denver).

4. Sustainable Communities

- Huston: saw Greg Newmark (new faculty in RCP) who is interested in being part of CESAS; he's really been involved in land use planning particularly transit, interest in Green Apple Bikes and the ATA Bus (June 1, at 1:30 in Durland 1004)
- Brandon: interest in the sustainable housing issue; Brandon building a tiny house this summer, working on a larger project regarding a tiny house village; distance design and construction issues related to tiny housing; just applied for a grant, the Stowe award to visit some tiny house villages
- Huston: Chris Manzo in IAPD building a tiny house with students and Habitat for Humanity
- Donna: documenting the project anywhere?
- Brandon: <https://earthtobrandon.com/>

5. Solar Powered Charge Station Project and DOE Challenge

Plans for K-State Parking Lot:

Still moving forward, need to work with Parking Council and the long range planning committee to find the best location on campus (old West Stadium parking lot); meeting with Westar to find out how Westar might be involved in this

6. Sustainability Education

– Sustainability Seminar this summer

- CHE670: 1-credit class available every semester, but summer is the time it is offered in person (Friday mornings at 8:30, beginning on June 3); speakers include John Harrington on global change; Lawrence Davis on contaminated soil and soil reclamation; Oral Saulters on sustainability education; Keith Hohn on catalysts for sustainability; Gurpreet Singh, on batteries Donna Schenck-Hamlin on sustainable reservoirs
- Brandon: Idea about the education component; learning through non-traditional media (social media, free online courses, podcasts, etc.); who creating that content in our area in KS; Brandon has a podcast that he's trying to get going, benefit is that it is targeting the public area in addition to students and deliver the student-generated ideas to the public domain; open invitation to collaborate on a podcast

7. Ecoliteracy Book Club

There continue to be books that are published, invited Ellen to help build a reading list for the Dialog on Sustainability; Larry found a title recently related to water policy advocacy; Maxine Ganske (Weigel Library) e-mailed Sue with the following new additions to Weigel Library:

"The book of green quotations" - GE 40 .B66 2009

"The once and future world - nature as it was, as it is, as it could be" - J. B. MacKinnon - GF 75 .M322 2013

"Seven rules for sustainable communities - design strategies for the post-carbon world" - Patrick M. Condon - GF 78 .C66 2010

Donna: recommendation to add titles to the K-State Libraries Sustainability LibGuide which Ellen, Sue and Maxine can collaborate to build. Information will be made available here: <http://guides.lib.k-state.edu/sustainability>

8. Nissan Leaf Opportunity

Discounts are available for faculty and staff who wish to purchase a new Nissan Leaf.

9. Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

10. Other

- Kettering Foundation and Common Ground for Action; Donna working with 2 collaborators from KACEE about Kansas reservoirs; using the national issues forums frameworks to compare 3 perspectives on any given issue and the uncomfortable tradeoffs; developing an online framework.
- Weigh policy possibilities that these environmental educators have created according to their set of values and discover any tension that exists.
- All are welcome to join on July 29th (all you need is a wi-fi connection).
- Send Donna your e-mail if you're interested in participating.
- Idea to collect some links to some literature in advance if people want to learn about it.