

Sustainability Council Meeting

2/14/17

Eric Boles called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with no changes.

Co-Chair Updates:

Due to Mike Johnson, Marty Matlock and Wes Pruitt not in attendance, there were no updates from those committees.

Mike emailed in a couple updates:

“FPAC has been awarded LEED Silver and SEFOR D&D continues in early Phase 2 processes safely and satisfactorily. Timber design being actively investigated for utilization in two different type campus facilities, Library Storage in Art & Design District (construction expected to start this Spring, 2017/complete in Spring, 2018) and Stadium Drive Residence Halls(construction expected to starts Fall, 2017/complete in Summer, 2019).”

Eric Boles and the City of Fayetteville’s Sustainability Programs Coordinator gave an update on the City of Fayetteville –Tuesday the 21st, there will be a vote on the Recycling and Diversion Master Plan. The plan will be on Old Business, so we expect discussion on the plan to start by [5:35 – 5:40PM](#) in the City Council chambers.

It contains recommendations in three primary areas:

Single Stream Recycling – Develop a regional single stream recycling sorting facility for NWA and convert Fayetteville’s single family residential, multi-family residential and commercial collection over to single stream. Single stream allows all recyclable materials to be put in one container and will allow for more expanded and efficient collection in the multi-family and commercial sectors.

Organics Recycling – Collect food waste from restaurants, grocery stores and other commercial generators (in the beginning) and residences (later phase) and mix with existing yard debris compost program to create usable compost.

Construction and Demolition Waste – Create a construction and demolition waste material recycling program.

If/when adopted the plan will serve as a road map for program and policy changes to how the City manages solid waste.

Here’s the link to the plan: <http://www.fayetteville-ar.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10583>

Zero Waste Summit – February 27, 2017 – Select members have been officially invited but any members of the sustainability council may attend. The plan is to look at where we are, where we want to go and how to get there and a system that works well in campus system and city system.

The OFS is screening Pandora's Promise (a film about nuclear energy) in the UP Theatre in Union at 5PM on Feb 22nd

The Office for Sustainability has a resources page on their website with lots of good printable items for departments to use. Resources page on sustainability.uark.edu

The OFS is organizing a suite of events for Earth Week in April. They will send out a Google Sheet link which others can identify opportunities for collaboration.

[OFS calendar of events](#)

The Green Revolving Fund is accepting applications. An LED lighting retrofit in the Muisic Building is expected soon.

Bee Campus USA Certification – we are the 19th campus in the U.S. This is more focused on what we plan to do than what we have accomplished, although FAMA is working closely with the Office for Sustainability to ensure that a pollinator friendly management strategy is deployed.

The Pollinator committee plans to do more marketing around this to get the word out about what the campus is doing.

FAMA is currently working on a landscape design manual which has adopted some pollinator friendly species recommendations from campus experts.

The National Wildlife Association will give a plaque to recognize a dedicated space for wildlife. This could be something we look into for campus.

We've also been awarded a Bicycle Friendly University Silver award by the League of American Bicyclists. Eric Boles and Jon Johnson are facilitating a Bicycle Advocacy Council on campus which has a good range of stakeholders and is gaining momentum. Anyone who would like to join can email eboles@uark.edu

AASHE STARS – is the sustainable tracking and reporting system on campus. We are currently a silver star level but may be advancing to a gold star level.

Next meeting is April 11th