

Sustainable Stillwater Meeting Notes
June 15, 2009, 6:00 p.m.
Café Bella

In attendance: Mavonna Ellis, Monique Headly, Ilda Hershey, Sarah Kimball, Sharla Lovern, Linda Sanders, Mike Shanahan

Fall 2009 Activities & Events

- H2Oklahoma, Thursday, October 8 at Teal Ridge Wetland (19th Avenue east of Western) – Sustainable Stillwater will participate by recycling with children at this water education event for 300-400 Payne County 5th graders; more info to follow in September.
- ECO Film Project – SustSTW will partner with ECO-OSU and Sierra Club Stillwater to show environmentally related films this fall either on campus or in the community during September, October and November; we are considering the subject of food production.
- Green Drinks Stillwater – fall Green Drinks events will start at 5:30 pm on July 6, August 7, September 14 and October 2 (odd months at Hideaway and even months at Zanotti's).
- Green Home Tours – We will try to organize tours of some sustainable home examples in Stillwater, such as a straw bale home, a geothermal dome home, a SIP (structural insulated panel) home, and wind/solar energy homes.
- Recycling Seminar, Saturday, September 12 – The Stillwater Public Library will host a morning seminar about recycling in Stillwater, which will feature participation from Sustainable Stillwater and the City of Stillwater.
- Fall Tabling – We have about 15 recycling bins from Alcoa (via The M.e.t.) that we can give away at no cost to whoever pledges to use them for aluminum can recycling; let's feature these at our next tabling event.

Skyline Elementary

- Starting this summer, we will be implementing the OWRB Water Conservation Grant project that Sharla Lovern wrote and received on behalf of SustSTW and several other partners. This involves building an underground rain water collection cistern and outdoor classroom area on school grounds.
- Designs for the project were developed by OSU Landscape Architecture students in consultation with Skyline Elementary students and teachers.
- Matching funds and/or in-kind services will be provided by OSU, the City of Stillwater, and other partners for total funding of \$10,500.
- We opened a BOK account, separate from our operating account, to manage the grant funds. The BOK account is tied to OSN's main account.
- Volunteers are needed now to help with weekly outdoor gardening chores, such as weeding, watering and mulching; anyone who is interested should go to Skyline Elementary on Saturday mornings and check the "work-wish-list" on the door near the water fountain in the back by the Kindergarten play area.

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Updates

- The Sustainable Stillwater website has been updated for the most part. Please review the site here: www.sustainablestillwater.org A volunteer is needed to check and replace broken links on all of our website pages. If you are interested in helping, please contact sustainablestillwater@hotmail.com
- The Stillwater Recycling Guide is posted here: <http://www.oksustainability.org/pdf/sstw/STWrecycleGuideReprinted13c.pdf>
The Guide will be updated in August. Please review if you have a chance and send any updates/corrections to sustainablestillwater@hotmail.com by August 20.
- Arts & Heritage Festival April 18 & 19 – Cheryl Baker and Ilda Hershey did an informal waste audit at the Festival and determined there wasn't much recyclable material to be captured other than some plastic and aluminum. Most prevalent were waste food and unrecyclable Styrofoam. We will recommend that the City encourage vendors to use recyclable containers, such as #1 plastic cups and place marked recycle containers next to garbage barrels. This is one of the largest annual events hosted by the City.
- Adopt-A-Site Program – With the addition of OSU Outdoor Adventure at the Babcock Park recycling drop-off site, all three unattended sites have now been “adopted” by volunteer groups. You can help too by reporting messy or overloaded sites to Allied Waste at 405/377-3880.
- Stillwater Automated Waste Collection Service – The City has evaluated the pilot program and decided to move forward with it. SustSTW and the STW League of Women Voters plan to hold a public forum about the program and potential for options such as more attended drop-off sites, a composting program, or future curbside recycling.
- Earth Day 2009 – SustSTW participated in this ECO-OSU event with an informational table and display about products made from recycled materials. The “Close the Loop” display was borrowed from OSU Extension and is available for loan. See the OCES Solid Waste Management Resource Trunk application and info sheet for more information: www.agecon.okstate.edu/waste/files/TrunkApplicationForm.pdf
- Payne County Audubon Society Nature Camp June 2009 – Sustainable Stillwater participated by teaching K-5th graders about reduce, reuse, recycle, composting, littering and buying recycled.

Oklahoma Sustainability Network

- The March 2009 OSN annual conference in Edmond was a success with 350 attendees and 65 exhibits. Several of us from Sustainable Stillwater carpoled on one or both days.
- There are now about 10 OSN chapters; for OSN info and links to chapters, go to: www.oksustainability.org

New Business

- SustSTW Leadership – The current leadership invites fresh new leaders to consider taking office in January. Elections will be held this fall. Please consider nominating yourself or someone else to become chair or vice-chair.
- Dues of \$10 were collected from those present. Dues are optional and may be mailed to Sustainable Stillwater at P.O. Box 2362, Stillwater, OK 74076.
- Next meeting will be held in fall. Monday nights are preferred.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

