

## **Sustainable Stillwater Meeting Notes 6/20/07**

In attendance: Cheryl Baker, Gustavo Duarte, Ilda Hershey, Michael Holmes, Sarah Kimball, Robert Page, Mahesh Rao, Tally Rao, Alice Richardson, Paul Richardson, Olu Togun, Jennifer Tressler, Adam West

### **Finance**

- Dues: make checks out to Sustainable Stillwater
  - Mail to PO Box 2362, Stillwater OK 74076, checked monthly
  - \$10 to become voting member
- Account balance: \$247.77
- Questions: email [sustainablestillwater@hotmail.com](mailto:sustainablestillwater@hotmail.com) or call Olu Togun at (405) 762-2072

### **SustSTW Mission & Relationship to OSN**

- Definition of Sustainability
  - Reviewed mission statement (see bylaws on [www.sustainablestillwater.org](http://www.sustainablestillwater.org) for full text)
  - SustSTW is local chapter of OSN, a 501C3 nonprofit; we cannot back politicians or political parties, but we can push issues related to our mission.
  - Listserv posting guidelines will be sent via e-mail.
  - Check out [www.oksustainability.org](http://www.oksustainability.org) for more statewide information and to join the statewide listserv

### **Bylaws**

- Signed amended bylaws into effect.
- On website, explains relationship between OSN and Sustainable Stillwater

### **Fall Activities**

- October: Exhibit at Nature Day & Farmer's Market Fall Festival (dates TBA)
- Oct 26: City of STW Hazardous Waste Collection, also taking pharmaceuticals
- November 15: America Recycles Day – nation-wide promotion
- September 21: H2Oklahoma in Stillwater
  - Need volunteers at stations or for parking/registration
  - At hydraulic lab, Lake Carl Blackwell.
  - Need tents, canopy water bottle donations, recycling containers and volunteers to take recycling
- Trinity Homes LEED certified
  - Jane Talkington will arrange home tour, date TBA
  - Also coordinate with Junior League to get home on Stillwater Homes Tour
- Vineyard Tour at Woodland Park, date TBA

### **Recycling**

- Tour Recap: reporter showed up, manager MRF led tour
  - Few people sort by hand, large amounts of material not being recycled (tin, mixed plastics)
  - New bins to come to recycling sites with better labels
  - Allied to open new manned site at Marine Road facility for public.
  - Allied Waste responsible for overflowing containers, as well as records of what is recycled. SustSTW contacted city to inquire status of contractual agreement.

- R&E Recycling takes aluminum and tin cans (any metal), cardboard and shrink wrap
  - South on Perkins and 68<sup>th</sup> by Solitaire Homes, open T-F 8-4:30, Sat 8-noon
  - No charge for bringing materials, pay for aluminum cans and other metal
  - Also take large appliances and refrigerators with compressors removed
  - Consider bulk delivery to site? Need space and transportation
- Solid Waste Assn of No. Amer. (SWANA): conference Feb 28-29 Cherokee Casino
  - Day 1: bus tour of facilities, Day 2: speaker sessions. Students attend free.
- Oklahoma Recycling Association (OKRA)
  - Education Committee collecting resources and materials for teachers
  - Political Action Committee working with beverage container recycling bill, ban on electronic waste, and ban on yard/grass waste like Ponca City
  - Collect yard waste separately and create composting facility, sell compost
  - Website: [www.recycleok.org](http://www.recycleok.org)
  - Material exchange for large companies beginning in the region
- Arkansas Recycling Association Conference: Sept 10-12 Eureka Springs
- Labeling at Recycling Sites: Talk to city about picture examples on the bins of what can/not be recycled
  - Maybe on website or at sites
  - DO NOT throw plastic bags in bins, take to Walmart or Albertsons
- Committee could be formed to ban or charge for plastic shopping bags

### **Composting**

- Norman has good model to follow, need to explore interest in community composting
  - With automated pick-up, free up man power to go toward composting
  - Contact David Higgins from Stillwater Public Works Department; see if OSU is interested; need volunteers for committee
- Contact Mahesh Rao if interested
- Also encourage composting and not bagging leaves at home

### **CoolCities**

- Check out website at [www.sierraclub.org/coolcities](http://www.sierraclub.org/coolcities)
- Look into OSU fleets running on grease
- Postcards sent to mayor
  - Contact him however you can: call, email, letters! Use economic approach.
  - Contact schools and churches to hand out cards
- Contact Cheryl Baker or Rachel Mackey if interested in volunteering
- Reminder: don't buy Styrofoam! Perhaps we can persuade the City not to as well.

### **Green Drinks**

- Fun!! Come join us at Aggie's Big House
- Need volunteer to organize and choose dates (Ed. note: Olu has volunteered)

### **New Business**

- Cheryl will become new chair, Sharla maintains the website
- Community Garden: checking with Hospice for new location see Sharla for questions
- Need volunteer to clip NewsPress articles (Sarah volunteered)
- Stillwater Trail Taskforce is crafting a trails master plan; draft to be presented to the public soon; watch in NewsPress for more info.
- Next meeting in September, Stillwater Library, watch email for dates