



CITY OF
TOPEKA



2021 TSAB Report

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

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Resident Representatives

- Michaela Saunders, Co-Chair, 2nd term
- Leilani Grey, Co-Chair, 2nd term
- Mary Powell, 4th term
- Clyde Schwanke, 2nd term
- Casey Williams, 2nd term
- Benjamin Reed, 2nd term
- Kelly Magerkurth, 1st term
- Kevin Siek, 1st term

There is one open seat on the TSAB

City Staff

- Sylvan Coles, Utilities, Water Pollution Control
- David Bevens, Public Works, Communications
- Patti Jo Ham, Public Works Administration





The Sustainability Advisory Board would like to thank the following departments for providing us with information about their sustainability efforts:

- Public Works
- Forestry
- Utilities Water Pollution Control Division
- Shawnee County Waste Management



1. Prioritize sustainability by **creating a staff position that is full-time and fully-funded**. This position will play a key role in the city's sustainable future and remains our top priority. Similar to several of our peer cities, this role would include advocacy related to legislation promoting a sustainable future, and other actions addressing food deserts, housing affordability, and climate justice.



- 2.** Allocate resources or seek grant funding to repeat the 2010 energy audit. Set carbon footprint reduction targets and track energy usage to ensure the targets are met. The city's 2010 goals were not properly tracked so setting new goals as a committee was not attainable.



3. Increase promotion efforts and celebrate the important work City of Topeka departments are doing right now to support a sustainable future. Examples include storm drain painting, methane capture upgrades, the award-winning biosolids program and partnership with local farmers, and use of native plants in storm water control efforts.

Questions?



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