

**GREEN INITIATIVE CITIZEN TASK FORCE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2008
7:30 A.M., Leawood City Hall, Main Conference Room**

Members Present

Debra Filla-Chair, Lisa Cooper, Paula Cornwell, Camille Croteau, Bob Pierson,

Members Absent

James Azeltine-Vice Chair, David Crupper, Alicia Jennings, Caroline O'Malley, Cindy Thesing, Kevin Jeffries-Honorary Member/Advisor

Staff Present

Julie Stasi, Administrative Services Manager

- Chair Filla began the meeting at 7:30AM. At this time, there was not a quorum so the meeting began as discussion only until more members arrived. Members present at the time were: Filla, Cornwell, Croteau, Pierson.

Chair Filla distributed the meeting agenda and asked if there were any changes to the minutes of September 25, 2008.

Chair Filla asked that the draft minutes of September 25, 2008 be edited to show that Chris Claxton had stopped by the meeting and advised that Green Member Jennings could make a presentation at the next Parks Board Meeting regarding a Bicycle Friendly City proposal.

- **Further into the meeting; after a quorum was present, a Motion to approve the revised minutes as corrected was made by Paula Cornwell and seconded by Lisa Cooper. All were in favor. Motion passed to approve the revised minutes as corrected of September 25, 2008.**
- **The Committee discussed the large turnout at the Homes Association Meeting held October 9, 2008.** Staff members had counted about 110 present; 96 had reservations for the dinner. Everyone was impressed with the Lodge facility.

The committee requested a map of the homes associations. Staff Member Stasi advised that there had been one on a poster at the meeting and that the PDF file can be emailed to the Green Committee Task Force members. Chair Filla wondered if Intern Ertle could compare the association map to the listing and see if there were any missing on the map or list. Also, post the map on the web.

Chair Filla read a thank you note to the Committee written by Mayor Dunn. The committee decided that thank you notes should be sent to Julie Coon at the Johnson County Environmental Office and Abby Cornwell, who assisted all evening long at the meeting. Thank you notes will be sent by Chair Filla to Phil Askey, Johnson County Environmental Office, Deffenbaugh and Town & Country representatives, and Leawood Staff members- Karen Rust, Julie Stasi, John Murphy, and George Ertle. Also a follow up letter to the people that attended the meeting. Chair Filla asked that the City Letterhead with the Green Members be printed by staff member Stasi. Chair Filla will then pick up and write the thank

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you notes needed.

Committee member Cornwell will work on a draft of a letter to the associations and send it to Chair Filla and Julie Stasi for them. Staff Member Stasi advised that many of the attendees to the meeting had given us their email address, however some had not, so we probably would mail one as well as a reminder for the November meeting.

Chair Member Filla asked that the City's web site be updated with the map of the associations, the traveling road show information of the presentation given and also requested that there be some type of update template that could be placed on the Web site (possibly under Community Development Department), where associations can go to update their information. Chair Filla asked Staff Member Stasi to get with Richard Coleman, Director of Community Development and see about this being placed in their area on the web.

Committee members also asked that staff come up with a rough cost of what the Homes Association Meeting/party came to for future budget reference in case a similar event is repeated.

Several people sign up for the Waste Contract and the Education Sub-Committees. Bob Pierson will call the twelve (12) people that signed up and advise them of the November meeting. We will get word to Member Thesing that she may want to call her members as well and remind them too. The first meeting with the sub-committees maybe just to brainstorm with them on what they want. Ask the people coming to bring information on their association. What are their trash contracts for and how much are they at this time? What do we have conflicting. Does everyone have composting or are there any special pick up needs? And what priority should additional services be given? Possibly a re-circulation day? Or Large-item pick up? E-waste pick up? Hazardous Waste? Other items that Member Carolyn O'Malley may be working on can be given to the Education Sub-Committee Members and they can then pass the information on to the homes associations.

Also for staff, please get posted on the web, the sheets from Deffenbaugh and Town & Country that shows what can be recycled now. Many people do not know what is acceptable. And on the web site, the committee would like posted Julie Coon's presentation and three display boards that were at the homes association meeting.

- **Update on Bicycle Friendly Info and Recycling in City Parks.**

Chair Filla advised that she would not be able to attend the November 3rd Council Meeting, however she would be giving information to Council member Rawlings so he could present a report during the meeting.

Chair Filla advised that Committee Member Jennings had attended the Parks Board Meeting and spoke about the Bicycle Friendly proposal and that the parks board was happy with it.

- **Update on recycling in the City Parks.**

Chair Filla read information received from Intern Ertle about costs for recycling in the Parks. Georg Ertle had met with Brian Anderson in the Parks Maintenance

Department and they had reviewed costs.

Chair Filla read parts of the email that said Parks Dept would be recommending purchase of food grade containers 55 gallon metal trash barrels from A-1 Barrel at \$24 each. Also needed was to purchase galvanized steel lids with the 5 and 7 can bottle recycling holes and currently use the same lid with the 12" hole covered with a swing open lid for trash. Total cost of one recycling barrel would be \$90. Then paint them to look like recycling cans at this size is at over \$135 each. Parks Maintenance would paint the recycle containers possibly with the Growing Green Together and City Logo.

Estimated total to cover the two large parks (City and Ironwood) would be 37. Nine (9) of them in Ironwoods, the other twenty eight (28) at City Park. One at every soccer field, swimming complex, small shelter, lion shelter, baseball field and some in the parking lot. The total cost without shipping \$3,330 for 37 units plus the cost of paint; which could be purchase through the general parks maintenance budget. Parks Maintenance can then work on the barrier that will surround the containers. The information will be planned to be presented at the November 3rd, 2008 City Council Meeting and recommended for approval.

Chair Filla will ask Councilmember Rawlings as he is on the Parks Committee, to bring forward in a council report, a motion to accept the Parks & Recreation approval of the Bicycle Friendly and to approve the expenditure for this year if they have money to begin the recycling.

- **Presentation-Kristin Riott, Bridging the Gap**

Kristin Riott from Bridging the Gap gave a presentation on conservation ideas. Kristin spoke to the group about home emergency efficiency and home energy audit pilot programs that are starting in the Kansas City area. The Rocky Mountain Institute-abundance by design was referenced and members were encouraged to learn about energy conservation and how they can see this take place in their own homes and lives.



NEXT STEPS

➤TASKS

- Member Cornwell will work on draft of the follow up letter to associations.
- Staff will work on getting things posted to the Web.
- Staff will get letterhead printed for Chair Filla.
- Sub-Committee members need to call their sub-committees to remind them of November 6th follow-up meeting.
- November 6th is a follow up meeting with the Homes Associations. This meeting will be a work session with the two groups of Waste Contract Management and Education that formed from the Homes Association meeting of October 9th.
- The next Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2008, at 7:30 AM-Leawood City Hall. (Second Thursday of Every Month).

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10AM

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