

**MINUTES OF THE GREEN INITIATIVE CITIZENS TASK FORCE  
COMMITTEE MEETING [DISCUSSION ONLY-NO QUORUM]  
HELD NOVEMBER 13, 2008  
7:30 AM  
Leawood City Hall, Main Conference Room  
Leawood, Kansas**

Chair Deb Filla called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.

At this point in time there was not a quorum, so the members present discussed past items and future events they would like to have. Member Lisa Cooper arrived a little after 8; making a total of 5 members. As this was not a quorum (6 needed) the meeting is DISCUSSION ONLY.

Members in attendance:

Deb Filla, Chair.; Alicia Jennings; Camille Croteau; Bob Pierson; Lisa Cooper

Members absent:

James Azeltine, Paula Cornwell, David Crupper, Carolyn O'Malley,  
Cindy Thesing,

also not in attendance today-Kevin Jeffries (Honorary member)

Staff in attendance:

George Ertle, Julie Stasi

**TOPIC: Approve meeting minutes.**

Chair Filla asked that the draft minutes of October 16, 2008, indicate the people she had mailed thank you notes to [page 1 of 3 of the draft].

Staff member Stasi will make the edits to include those names.

Lisa Cooper made motion to approve the minutes as corrected from October 16, 2008 meeting. Camille Croteau seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously. ***Due to there not being a quorum, the motion will have to be dismissed and presented at a future committee meeting for approval.***

**TOPIC: Discussion of past events.**

Camille Croteau had a copy of the article from the Sun Publications about the meeting with the Homes Associations in October.

Everyone had a great time at the meeting with the associations.

Alicia Jennings asked if the group knew about "Freecycle" on the web site. Member Jennings said everything on it was free, you post it and

then people can come pick it up. The Freecycle Network promotes waste reduction and helps save landscape from being taken over by landfills. [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org)

**TOPIC: January 2009 Events: E-WASTE & Bicycle Friendly City**

Chair Filla wanted to talk about e-waste. In looking at the Mission Statement said we had done well on recycling, however conservation is one we have not really focused on yet. She was thinking that for the January meeting we could focus on where we want to go with our conservation mission. What efforts do we want to do?

The group agreed they would like to do this.

Alicia Jennings asked if this committee was going to get reapproved. Chair Filla did not know at this time.

Chair Filla also mentioned the bike initiative and have a work session with the Council on that topic. Thought the bicycle-friendly city item will then take momentum. We had talked about doing some type of biking in this area. Do we still want to focus on that for this next spring?

The group advised, yes they did.

Alicia Jennings advised the shopping centers she had contacted are all interested in this as well. One of the concerns is the insurance of the event and who will insure it? She will be going to Denver and will ask about it there as they have a program in place already with a bike program.

Camille Croteau said if we cannot do anything about the insurance aspect, maybe we could approach it thru an education measure with bike safety.

The group-Thought a bike fair would be a possibility.

Deb Filla-If we are going to do e-waste city wide, and if we are going to have a special promotion and get one of the firms in town to help, where do we get started with it?

George Ertle-We can see who does it and that third party certifies that the waste is recycled in America. Thinks he can find someone in the Kansas region who does this. Probably they would contract with us to do a couple events a year. He will check into it. Chair Filla asked to have George check to see, do we do something on our own or with the county. What would the cost be? And what are the mechanics of doing this? George to see how much Shred it costs to come recycle paper.

The committee thought maybe having a big green day around the Earth Day (April 22) would be a good time. A suggested day was April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009. We are having a bicycle day in the Town Center Area and we

could then set up e-waste and shredding with a concept of spring cleaning.

No hazardous waste, this would be paper and e-waste recycle event.

Suggestions were made to either take out an ad or have signs throughout the neighborhoods that advertise the event. Possibly we could provide signs to the homes associations for them to pass around.

The committee wanted to make the areas accessible to the residents so it would be convenient for them to drop off their electronic waste.

Possibly, we could hold a two day event where people could drop off their items over a weekend or something. Areas thought for drop off points would need to be large in order to handle the traffic and items.

Suggested areas were:

North City: Church at 83<sup>rd</sup> & State Line parking lot

Central City: Leawood City Hall, 4800 Town Center Drive

South City: Church of the Resurrection, 13720 Roe

Things to check on: Check to see if we have a budget. Check to see if we could possibly use old signs from the Sign Department. Check to see how much it would cost for the e-waste recycle company to be here. How many staff would it take or do they provide that? Does the company collect a fee per vehicle or item. Possibly a donation could be asked for to help the committee.

The group asked if Staff Member Marica Putman in the Parks Department could create a flyer about the e-waste/bicycle day.

Lisa Cooper suggested trying to get "Bridging the Gap" to co-sponsor this spring clean up event.

#### **TOPIC: FUTURE MEETINGS**

Camille Croteau advised they were having a Homes Association meeting tonight in the Oak Room (November 13<sup>th</sup>). The Association had requested staff to provide the recycling road show posters for the meeting. Meeting is at 6:30 PM.

Bob Pierson advised the Sub-Committee of the Waste Contract group is meeting next Tuesday evening, November 18<sup>th</sup> in the Public Works Conference Room at Leawood City Hall at 7:00 PM.

The Committee decided to meet again in December. The group chose to meet during the lunch hour for the next meeting and

it was suggested the meeting be held at the Blue Koi Restaurant in Leawood, at 105<sup>th</sup> & Mission Road at 11:30 AM.

**Notes of interest:**

Bob Pierson advised because their association is composting, they had had 18 truck loads of composting that they were able to save from going to the land fill. They saved that much yard waste from going into the landfill.

Bob Pierson advised his Sub-committee is trying to decide what they want to include in their program. Everyone introduced themselves and told what their price was. Advising who they have, their trash costs and when their contracts are up. One group was very unhappy with Deffenbaugh. They had just renewed their contract. Evidently in their contracts, if they did not renew the contract within sixty (60) days, it automatically renews for another five years. So, two or three of the homes associations are stuck for five years. He was concerned that that might not be a very lawful thing to do. Bob also said that Deffenbaugh was not going to do yard waste until the county bans them from the landfill. A sub-contractor would then do it and not Deffenbaugh. There were several in the group whose contracts renew around the first of the year, so they wanted to get together again to go over options they could work on with their waste contracts. Three associations: Oxford Hills, Cherry Creek and The Cloisters will all be meeting Nov 18<sup>th</sup>.

Some thought that that was common. Chair Filla advised maybe we could ask Patty Bennett our City Attorney if she had any comments on this type of provision. Is this common?

Chair Filla also asked if a group email could be made for the sub-committees. Staff member Stasi said that we could send an email and pick on them individually, however the Information Systems Department makes the group emails and then there is a problem in keeping it updated if anyone ever changes their address; getting those requests in for edits could take a few days.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 AM.

Discussion Minutes transcribed by Julie Stasi.  
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