

MINUTES OF THE GREEN INITIATIVE CITIZENS TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting held: DECEMBER 10, 2008
11:30 AM
Blue Koi Restaurant
105th & Mission Road, Leawood, Kansas

Chair Deb Filla called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

Members in attendance:

Deb Filla, Chair; James Azeltine, David Crupper, Alicia Jennings; Bob Pierson;
Lisa Cooper; Cindy Thesing, Kevin Jeffries

Members absent:

Paula Cornwell, Camille Croteau, Carolyn O'Malley,

Staff in attendance:

George Ertle, Karen Rust, Julie Stasi

TOPIC: Approve meeting minutes.

Chair Filla asked the committee if they had reviewed the minutes from October 16, 2008.

Alicia Jennings made a Motion to approve the minutes of October 16, 2008.
Lisa Cooper seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

TOPIC: Sub-Committee Updates

Chair Filla asked Bob Pierson to give an update of the Waste Management Contract Sub-Committee. Bob advised that the group had met and that there were three associations coming up soon for renewal on their trash disposal contracts. The group had been talking with JR of Town & Country and said that JR had been pleased to see a community working together. This was a first for him and he was glad to be able to help with information.

Member Pierson said that some associations were reluctant to jump on with other groups as they did not want to lose the rates they had secured individually. Member Pierson said they were still working towards getting a rate that others could use.

Chair Filla asked Cindy Thesing to give an update of the Educational Sub-Committee. Cindy advised that they had met with their group and that there still seemed to be a basic education needed with the residents on what was allowable and was not allowable to be recycled.

Member Thesing said everyone wanted a hard copy of what is allowed and what is not. The thought was to come up with the information again from both of the waste companies and then have it printed front to back and give to the

Homes Associations to distribute.

Staff member Stasi thought possibly this might be something that we could print at City Hall and then actually give the copies to the associations (It had been mentioned in the past that if we make it easier for them to do, they might be more likely to do it). Another thought was to have the printed handouts in the grocery stores and the post office.

Alicia Jennings and Cindy Thesing asked about a communication device that they thought the Police Dept might have that could phone residents.

Staff Member Stasi said she was unaware of this; although it might be something connected to the Emergency 911 system. Member Stasi would ask about it and report back.

TOPIC: E-WASTE & Bicycle Friendly City Day

Chair Filla mentioned that the group had talked about having an E-Waste and Shred it day for Leawood. Thoughts are still that this could be in April around "Earth Day".

Chair Filla asked George Ertle about any costs he may have come up with. Staff member Ertle said in his findings it seemed the providers of the shred it material really were pushing for one location to be selected; rather than multiple locations. Costs given were running \$200 per hour and that we would need to specify in our flyers that the shredding would be for residential customers. Possibly we would need to work out some sort of identification of users or charge so much per box etc.

The group still hoped to have three (3) locations throughout the City; possibly

North City:	Church at 83 rd & State Line parking lot or Church on 95 th Street
Central City:	Leawood City Hall, 4800 Town Center Drive
South City:	Church of the Resurrection, 13720 Roe

The thought was to have 2 committee members manning each location. Chair Filla directed Staff member Ertle to team up with Committee members David Crupper and James Azeltine to review the costs and mechanics of having an e-waste and shredding day. Review costs of hiring a company; staffing it and renting locations etc. Also find out if we have any budget availability from the City.

Chair Filla directed Staff member Stasi to check with the Parks & Recreation Department to see when the quarterly newsletter is printed and possibly we could take out a one page ad in that mailing (which is mailed to all Leawood residents) and advertise the event. The event would also be in connection to the bike rodeo which probably would run from Noon to 3PM.

TOPIC: FUTURE MEETINGS

The Group chose to meet again on January 15, a Thursday Evening. This meeting will also be with the members of the Homes Associations Sub-committees. About 30 to 40 people would possibly be present.

Staff Member Stasi said she could probably reserve the City Hall Council Chambers for this meeting, as the Oak Room had been booked when we

asked about different dates.

Chair Filla agreed that the Chambers would work just fine and that the main conference room break room could be used for the refreshments/coffee.

The meeting would begin at 7PM. A few of the committee members also decided to meet shortly before that, so staff was directed to reserve the Chambers at 6PM for their use.

Notes of interest:

Chair Filla had information from the Academy for Sustainable Communities and asked Staff Member Stasi to email it to the Committee Members. This information included sustainable success stories through out the metropolitan area and it was mentioned that it would be nice for Leawood to try to get into this listing next year.

Chair Filla also had information on the 2009 Leadership Series whose purpose is to provide a meaningful experience to learn about innovative thinking on sustainability and to inspire participants to take actions that improve the health, vitality and quality of life of the Greater Kansas City community. This information also will be scanned and faxed to the Committee Members.

Chair Filla encouraged committee members to invite anyone that is interested in the Green Committee to attend the meetings and/or get them involved. If we can get these events going we could use the help/volunteers. Our meetings are open to the public; although Committee Members are appointed annually by the Mayor.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45PM.

Minutes taken by Julie Stasi, Leawood Public Works Department