

THE GREEN INITIATIVE CITIZENS TASK FORCE

Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2010

7:30 am • Leawood City Hall • 4800 Town Center Drive; Leawood, KS • Main Conference Room

Members in Attendance:

Debra Filla, Chair; Julie Cain, Vice-Chair; Paula Cornwell, Camille Croteau, Paul Duffendack, Bob Pierson, Cindy Thesing, and KO Strohbehn.

Members Absent:

Alicia Jennings and Bob Pierson.

Staff Present:

Chris Claxton, Brian Anderson, and Marica Putman.

Guests:

None.

The Green Initiative Citizens Task Force Committee meeting came to order at 7:41 am.

Topic: Approval of today's meeting Agenda.

- The following items were added to the agenda. Large Item Pickup (recycling), a KC Star article (recycling), a shorten name change (other), and a one page summary.

Topic: Approval of the Past Meeting Minutes

- Julie Cain made a motion to approve the February 4th and March 4th minutes. Camille Croteau the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Topic: Mayor's Thank You Note (HOA Meeting)

- Mayor Peggy Dunn's thank you note is being passed around for viewing.

Topic: Discussed Improvements for the next HOA Meeting

- Discussed vendor tables, more greeters, providing a scavenger hunt with prize, pens on the table for signups that should be announced after each presentation, shortening the presentations, providing more time for Q and A. Several members suggested door prizes to interest the HOAs.

Topic: Recycling – Essay and Art Contest – Paula Cornwell

- Essay Contest. Topic is: How does recycling create new or different things we can use in our life and help the planet along the way. Confirmed participation includes Cure of Ars, St. Michaels, Nativity, Leawood Middle, and Prairie Star. Essays due April 9. Paula

Cornwell, Camille Croteau, and Cindy Thesing will select the first candidates and Chair Filla to select the final winners.

- Art Contest. Nativity is participating with 50 students. A panel will judge the art work and pick a few (approximately 15 to 20 pieces) to display. The display location has not been confirmed. Need monies and prizes.

Topic: Recycling – E-Waste – Paul Duffendack

- Site plan is shown and explained. E-waste is coordinated with Jim Twiggs and Brian Anderson (signage).

Topic: Recycling – Large Item Pick Up – Bob Pierson

- Focus on Large Item Pick Up details in May. We discussed potential press releases.

Topic: Article in the KC Star – Paula Cornwell

- Article was about how many Johnson County communities are not doing any recycling. We discussed ways to influence our homes associations and others in spreading recycling awareness and news.

Topic: Conservation – Jennifer Hassler

- A special interest letter will be sent to those living along the stream as soon as an address list is generated. The letter will introduce streams teams and include an invitation to join and to help keep their stream clean. Jennifer Hassler will make arrangements with Leslie Alford, Blue River Watershed and Julie Coon, Johnson County Environmental Department.

Topic: Tomahawk Trail Clean-Up – Chris Claxton

- The clean up went well. 250 volunteers and Jeff Petersen collected 115 bags. Marica Putman took pictures of the event.

Topic: One Page Summary – KO Strohbehn

- KO Strohbehn created a one page summary that can be sent to the HOA and they can send it to their residents. An HOA group list is needed and an update feature for those to update their HOAs. KO Strohbehn is interested in working with Mark Andrasik concerning our web pages and information.

Topic: Committee Name Change – KO Strohbehn

- It has been suggested that we shorten our long name. Chair Filla will take this suggestion to Mayor Dunn for consideration.

Topic: Bicycle Friendly Committee – Brian Anderson

- Draft proclamation for the Mayor for the approval of Bike to Work Week, April 17th meeting.
- For the Party in the Park and generating ideas for a kick-off like a youth trail.

- Creating a pocket trail map for only Leawood trails. Have the Bike shops listed with preferred trails. The bike shops may sponsor the map to help offset the cost of producing the trail maps.
- Adults only bicycle training 101 and a youth bike rodeos. There will be more bike classes set up in the fall.
- For being a Bike Friendly Community, there was a recommendation to have a formal standard process in which we review everything. The Public Works Committee in February did agree to make a motion that when overlaying or reconstructing an existing city street will consider in accordance with the bicycle master plan improvements to accommodate a complete streets policy. Work in progress as we work toward this award of being a Bicycle Friendly Community. This will help in receiving grants.

Topic: Virtual Bus – Camille Croteau

- Walk to School. They would like for us to provide snacks like granola bars for kids who participate.
- Camille Croteau is working on a safe route to school kit. Ertle the Turtle banner and maybe map out the kids' routes to school.

Meeting adjourns at 9:00 am.

Next meeting is May 6th at 7:30 am.

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