



MINUTES | May 6, 2010

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

Members Present: Debra Filla, Julie Cain, Paula Cornwell, Camille Croteau, Paul Duffendack, Alicia Jennings, Jennifer Hassler, Bob Pierson, Cindy Thesing, K.O. Strohhahn

Staff Present: Marica Putman

Members Absent: Chris Claxton and Brian Anderson.

Guest: Martin Flowers, Sustainability Liaison; Office of the Board of County Commissioners and Mayor Peggy Dunn

MEMBERS

Debra Filla, Chair
Julie Cain, Vice-Chair
Paula Cornwell
Camille Croteau
Paul Duffendack
Alicia Jennings
Jennifer Hassler
Bob Pierson
Cindy Thesing
K.O. Strohhahn

Scott Lambers,
City Administrator

Kevin Jeffries,
Pres. & CEO Leawood
Chamber of Commerce

Chris Claxton,
Director of Parks
& Recreation

Brian Anderson,
Parks Superintendent

Marica Putman,
Adm. Graphics Tech

✚ Welcome and Introductions

- The SAB meeting came to order at 7:41am.
- Martin Flowers is introduced to the committee by Chair Filla.

✚ Approval of today's meeting agenda.

- Added misc items to the agenda. Paul Duffendack made a motion to approve the agenda. Julie Cain seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

✚ Approval of the past meeting minutes.

- Cindy Thesing made a motion to approve April 1, 2010 minutes.
- Bob Pierson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

✚ Recycling – Essay and Art Contest – Paula Cornwell

- Thank you to all who assisted with these contests. 230 essays and 50 art projects (280 students participated this year vs. 190 kids last year).
- Opportunities for improvement: Provide a reception area for students and families in the lower level instead of in front of the council chambers to accommodate the growing number of students, parents, and teachers. Request a representative from the school to be present at the event.
- Chair Filla suggests water conservation as a possible topic for next year's contests and extending the invitation to Mission Valley and Corinth Schools as that is where the majority of N. Leawood students attend elementary and middle school.
- Mayor Dunn mentions that she would like to have the winner's essay read.

✚ Recycling – E-Waste Event (April 24) – Paul Duffendack

- Great turnout, minimal wait time, steady flow, and easier to navigate to and within site.
- 90,000 lbs collected (10% more than the November event).
- Thank you to those who helped. Overland Park is interested in partnering with Leawood in the fall, November, for another e-waste event.

✚ Recycling – MARC 2010 Recycling Challenge – Chris Claxton

- Chris Claxton will present this info at the next meeting.

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✚ **Recycling – Large Item Recirculation – Bob Pierson and Cindy Thesing**

- Flier is done. It will be advertised in the Sun, Craigslist, Habitat Restore, and Free Cycle. Cindy Thesing contacted Big Brother and Sister and they were very excited about the event. Getting the word out will help minimize costs of final pickup of the remaining items; Town and Country will be picking up the large items that are left after the event. JR will give us the numbers and percentages of what was picked up for comparisons against what he normally picks up under the Leawood HOA contract and the Recirculation Day.
- Location is 95th Street North, State Line to Mission and they can put out as much as they want to within those boundaries.
- A subgroup of the advisory board, aka The Green Gauntlet Group, will meet to discuss the idea of how to increase recycling so that every household in Leawood recycles. The Green Gauntlet Group members are: Cindy Thesing, Bob Pierson, Jennifer Hassler, KO Strohbehn, and Paula Cornwell.

✚ **Conservation – Stream Team – Jennifer Hassler**

- Stream Team letter went out to those living along the creek. The informational meeting is next week for May 13, from 7-8 pm, Oak Room, City Hall lower level. BRWA will present the info.

✚ **Presentation by Guest Speaker : Martin Flowers, Sustainability Liaison; Office of the Board of Johnson County Commissions**

- Food composting in Johnson County is being done by Missouri Organic. All the Johnson County Buildings are recycling. Johnson County is in the process of an energy audit and a paper reduction campaign.
- Compost bins for citizens are available thru the County. Take a class and buy a compost bin at a reduced cost. This is for yard and food composting only.
- The County is having a "Go Green" event at the Sunset building. Giveaways and open to the public. The event is on May 26th from 11am-1:30 pm.
- Moving towards getting the certification for LEED Facility Management. Many buildings are LEED certified (Sunset Bldg, new crime lab, juvenile detention center, and the adult detention center - renovation). It is now the standard for Johnson County. In the past, building LEED standards were costly; not so anymore as they are finding the cost is actually less than expected. The key is the savings in operational costs.
- Johnson County is in the preliminary stages of talking to Olathe about building a yard composting site at New Century Airport (near Gardner).
- Paula Cornwell spoke of sport fields that did not have any or much recycling. Chair Filla asked Martin Flowers to contact and work with Brian Anderson and help share what Leawood P&R has done, like a case study, and present it to the other cities and Johnson County.
- ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability) ICLEI provides technical consulting, training, and information services to build capacity, share knowledge, and support local government in the implementation of sustainable development at the local level. The basic premise is that locally designed initiatives can provide an effective and cost-efficient way to achieve local, national, and global sustainability objectives. They will come up with a Star Community Index that will be in effect later this year and will be similar to the LEED certification. It will look at the "triple bottom line" - environment, economics, and societal impact. They are looking to spread sustainability countywide, under the tag line 'IDEA' (Instruction, Demonstration, Experience, and Assessments).
- Martin Flowers asks the committee, "What can he do to help us".

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- The City Council approved this task force as a standing committee (Monday, May 3, 2010). The new name is the Sustainability Advisory Board. Member terms will be staggered two-year terms. For those who were initially appointed at the beginning, their term will be up in 2011. For the newer appointees, their term will be up in 2012. The process for nomination will remain the same. Each member of the council and the mayor will have one nomination and then they will be recommended by the Mayor to Council for approval. This does not preclude a reappointment as is the case for many of our standing committees. For the Sustainability Advisory Board, Council Members will be voting members. The Mayor thanked everyone for their efforts and shared the feedback that the council feels that the members are providing a great value to our community as well as the leadership of [Debra Filla](#) and [Julie Cain](#).

Green Mobility – Bicycle Friendly Community – Alicia Jennings

- Many of the Party in the Park participants did not come into BFC setup at the amphitheater. It is recommended that it be relocated next year.
- [Alicia Jennings](#) observed Bike to School participants several morning and after watching the kids on the bikes, feels that the younger kids and not safe with wobbly starts and stops and riding in the streets. [Alicia Jennings](#) feels that we should concentrate on walking to school at the elementary level rather than riding to school.
- They have contacted Ranchmart and other businesses concerning bike racks. Ranchmart would like some bike racks.
- Tomahawk has a great program. There's a 7 points system where parents are always with the kids where they pick up the kids before and after school. They do this through the PTA. Jennings would like to replicate their program to other schools. [Chair Filla](#) asks [Alicia Jennings](#) if someone from Tomahawk would be willing to come to our June meeting and share their program and keys to success.
- Safety measures are being taken for Brookwood due to traffic concerns. A wall or chain fence will be constructed to be a barrier between the school and 103rd Street.
- Group discussion follows.

Recycling – Ripple Glass – Julie Cain

- Working on receiving a container at Mission Farms. Follow up with [Richard Coleman](#).
- Ripple's goal is to have a recycling container within 5 minutes travel.

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourns at 9:00 am. The next meeting will be June 3, 2010.