



# MINUTES | July 8, 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, and K.O. Strohbahn.

**Staff Present:** Chris Claxton, Brian Anderson, Marica Putman

**Members Absent:** None.

**Guest:** None.

## MEMBERS

- Debra Filla, Chair
- Julie Cain, Vice-Chair
- Paula Cornwell
- Camille Croteau
- Paul Duffendack
- Alicia Jennings
- Jennifer Hassler
- Bob Pierson
- K.O. Strohbahn
- Cindy Thesing
  
- 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 7:58 am.
  
- ✚ **Approval of today's meeting agenda.**
  - Verbal Agenda discussed.
  - Julie Cain made a motion to approve the agenda.
  - Alicia Jennings seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- ✚ **Approval of the past meeting minutes.**
  - Julie Cain made a motion to approve May 6, 2010 minutes.
  - Jennifer Hassler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Minutes taken during the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting are approved as discussion notes (information only) due to a lack of a quorum.
  - Julie Cain made a motion to approve the June 3, 2010 discussion notes.
  - Jennifer Hassler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- ✚ **New Committee Member – Chair Filla**
  - In the last meeting we discussed that we have 10 committee members to represent 2 per ward and 2 council liaisons. However, we have 10 members and we should have 11 (Ward 2 has only 1 representative). There is someone who has applied for membership and we hope to have the new member at our next meeting.
  
- ✚ **Recycling – Large Item Recirculation - Bob Pierson and Cindy Thesing**
  - Chris Claxton had received calls from residents south of 123rd, interested in the large item recirculation.
  - An expense report showed our remaining budget is under \$6,000.00 (original budget was \$10,000) and will not be carried from year to year.
  - One truck load = \$600.00 and we had 6 trucks available (budgeted for \$3600.00). The total amount spent was \$600.00 for one truck load.
  - Discussed that items disappeared quickly. The south area does not offer large item pickup and might prove to be more successful. Most residents are not aware of what is included in their waste management contracts and were told check with their HOAs. The cost for services varies from subdivision to subdivision and stated in their contracts. Some residents rushed to bring items to the curbs when they noticed the trucks coming though. Very few stickers were put on items that were not allowed for pickup.

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- K.O. Strohbehn suggested advance notices of the next large item pickups to HOAs to be advertised in their own newsletters. Discussed options to advertise and announce community info (Leawood magazine, parks and recreation guide).
- Chair Filla suggests a subcommittee to plan a recirculation day for 95<sup>th</sup> (Leawood Estates) to I-435 and next spring for south of I-435 and to work out agreements with area homes associations. Discussed issues associated with updating the homes association contacts. Chair Filla will be in charge of the homes association issues.
- Bob Pierson mentioned that JR of Town and Country Disposal (in most cases) can extend his homes association contracts to include other homes associations for \$10 per household/per month (includes trash, recycling, large item pick up, and yard composting).
- E-waste event will be held in November. The location will be determined at a later time.
- The next Recirculation Day will be September 25<sup>th</sup> (95<sup>th</sup> to Leawood Estates). K.O. Strohbehn makes the motion to approve the date. Bob Pierson seconded the motion. Motion is approved unanimously. Chair Filla suggests scheduling a meeting in September with HOAs who expressed interest in the last Recirculation Day to discuss large item pick up south of I-435 for next year. Also discuss waste management contracts. Cindy Thesing will contact Julie Coon to attend.
- Paula Cornwell and K.O. Strohbehn will team up for the HOA meeting in February 2011. Chair Filla will set the date.

#### **Conservation – Stream Team – Jennifer Hassler**

- Met initially and held a meeting with team members who were interest in physically testing the water. The first round of water testing in three locations has been completed. Kate Dalhunt with Blue Watershed Association would like to test the water (same locations) in late July or early August for another round and again in the fall and compare results.
- Met with the EPA about the monitoring equipment in Tomahawk Creek. They would like to install the device before next year. Exact location in the creek has not be established.
- We are the first Stream Team in Kansas! We monitor at 9816 Sagamore, Brook Beatty, and the tributary behind Continental Consulting Engineering (9000 Stateline Road).
- Jennifer Hassler would like to establish a monitoring schedule and would like to purchase additional testing equipment (\$700 a kit/requests for 2 kits).
- Chair Filla suggests referring to the Stormwater Committee the concept of purchasing additional testing kits. Committee budget will be reviewed in October. Jennifer Hassler will have operational costs for stream maintenance available then.

#### **PR & Communications – K.O. Strohbehn**

- Reviewed website content, changes, and navigating issues. Chair Filla suggests that K.O. Strohbehn work with Cindy Thesing and Bob Thesing to update HOA contacts. Cindy Thesing will draft a request for HOA contacts ad for the Parks and Recreation Guide and send to Marica Putman.

#### **Green Mobility – Bicycle Friendly Community – Alicia Jennings**

- Our letter that introduces Safe Routes/Bike to School was approved last night during the BFC meeting. This letter will be sent out to all grade schools and middle schools in Leawood, plus Sunrise Point, Corinth, and Mission Valley. The letter explains that we have a bicycle program that is being presented (info and a video) and will teach the parents to teach the kids how to ride safely. We have two certified teachers that would like to

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come to your school and participate either in the Back to School, picnic, and the first PTO meeting. They would be willing to present these programs for an honorarium of \$50/per person/per presentation (2 teachers/\$100). Chair Filla suggests that we plan to pay the teachers as a backup but ask the PTOs to reimburse the teachers first.

- Police Department will design our safe routes. Chris Claxton reminded the committee that we have money at Dick's Sporting Goods and that we are giving away a girl's and boy's bike. Chair Filla suggests that we give the bikes to the school with the highest percentage of participation and they can auction them off at their school fundraiser.
- Corinth was the biggest participant and not Mission Trails. Alicia Jennings suggested that Corinth be a model for the program. Jill Patton (member of the Bicycle Friendly Committee) has a sixth grade neighbor who wants to design a photo board and student interviews for Corinth to display. The photo board can be posted on the website.
- Discussed additional back to school dates, etc.
- The Bicycle Friendly Committee met and approved the Complete Streets Policy. The next step is to recommend it to the Park Board and then as an agenda item to the Council.
- One citizen, Chris Rice, concerned for cyclists on Tomahawk Creek Parkway and spoke to the board.
- Brian Anderson met with the Planning and Engineering to review pedestrian trails plan, looking at speed limits, strategizing, and to update for future bike routes.

#### **Ertle the Turtle Artwork – Camille Croteau**

- The designer would like us to use the new designs rather than the sketched designs. The committee majority prefers the sketched designs (original – hand drawn) and will continue to use it for letterhead, newsletters, and our website.
- If Ertle the Turtle is to be blown up in size, the designer prefers we use the new colored Ertle the Turtle.

#### **Misc Items**

- Discussed hazardous waste advertisement for the guide.
- Discussed Ripple Glass's 5 minute location bins (developer issues, not the City) and recycling/landfill issues.
- Online recycling flier will be updated.
- Requests recycling magnets to pass out for the HOA meeting. Cindy Thesing will check with Chris Claxton for promotional item magazines and will bid out the project and cost. Ertle artwork will be chosen based on costs.
- Brian Anderson will contact Police Chief John Meyer to discuss electronic signage for the Justice Center to display events, etc. on Camille Croteau's behalf.

#### **Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourns at 9:12 am. The next meeting will be August 12, 2010, Julie Cain to chair the meeting.