



MINUTES | October 14, 2010

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

Members Present: Debra Filla, Julie Cain, Paula Cornwell, Camille Croteau, Jennifer Hassler, Bob Pierson, K.O. Strohbehn

Staff Present: Chris Claxton, Brian Anderson, Marica Putman

Members Absent: Paul Duffendack, Alicia Jennings, and Murali Ramaswami

Guest: None

MEMBERS

Debra Filla, Chair
Julie Cain, Vice-Chair
Paula Cornwell
Camille Croteau
Paul Duffendack
Alicia Jennings
Jennifer Hassler
Bob Pierson
K.O. Strohbehn
Murali Ramaswami

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

- The SAB meeting came to order at 7:38 am.

✚ Approval of today's meeting agenda.

Approved.

✚ Approval of the past meeting minutes.

- Julie Cain made a motion to approve September 9, 2010 minutes.
- K.O. Strohbehn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

✚ Education – Paula Cornwell

- Essay contest notices are sent in November and due in the March/April time frame. The essay topic is water.
- Suggested ideas include teens wasting water during showers, safe drinking water, how many people live on x-amounted water and used the global average, consumption of water to brush teeth etc. Many liked this thought provoking idea: What if you were told that your water supply has diminished and you have only this much water left. What would you do to conserve this life saving liquid? Disasters could happen tomorrow and what was plentiful is now be nearly extinct. Understanding the importance of water is the point to get across to everyone.
- Discussed plastic water bottles and recycling.
- Julie Cain met Luann Hind, Blue Valley Art Teacher and District Coordinator. She would like to have the high schools involved in a future art contest. Paula Cornwell is to send contest guidelines and time frame to her.
- Discussed having school staff to assist in the essay and contests.

✚ Recycling – Large Item Recirculation September 25th - Bob Pierson/Brian Anderson

- Neither Bob Pierson nor Brian Anderson had heard back from JR concerning the large item pickups.
- Brian Anderson sent a city worker to drive through the area on Sunday, the day after the event. He was told there was hardly anything out. Others who had participated had their items taken either by JR's crew or by a recycler. Others didn't know about the event.
- This event was determined a success because the idea is to recycle/reuse and not to have a lot left over for the trash haulers.

✚ HOA Meeting – September 16th - Bob Pierson

- Approximately eight homeowners associations were present. The meeting length was approximately 1.5 hours.

- Discussed where to store the trash containers/bins within the home area, pay-as-you-go concepts, contract renewing, what homes associations' pay, and what the county is doing.
- A sales lady with Deffenbaugh was present and was helpful in answering questions. Having her present did not detract from the meeting but it did change the discussion. Deffenbaugh was present in our annual home owners association meeting with sales brochures, etc.

Conservation – Stream Teams – Jennifer Hassler

- Meeting tonight with Kate Delehunt of Blue River Watershed Association to do another Stream Teams introduction.
- Second round of testing at the six sites is scheduled for October 23rd and will serve as a training session for those who come to tonight's meeting.
- Over the last month, articles about stream teams have appeared in the Leawood Homes Association and in the Johnson County Sun Newspapers.
- Involved in the purchasing test kits, figuring a system of training, and lending them out for testing purposes.
- Jennifer Hassler and Murali Ramaswami attended the Prairie Village Kansas Water Forums Issues meeting last Wednesday. Several exhibits were present, focusing on water issues in western Kansas due to huge numbers of consumers. Discussed basic consumption, run-off, what industries are putting into the water before it reaches us, and sand dredging to pit mining.
- People in western Kansas who use the water actually purchase water rights. These are entities that can be left to their heirs. Water rights are kept forever unless you don't use them. Currently, it stipulates that when you have water rights to so many gallons you have to use those for beneficial use. If a farmer decides that he wants to conserve them and not actually pump that water, he loses them. They are trying to change the laws to make conservation a beneficial use.
- Discussed the implications of water rights which are another potential water conservation topic.

Green Mobility – Safe Routes To School – Camille Croteau

- A booth was set up at the Mission Trail School's Carnival Day.
- Participated in the International Walk/Ride Your Bike to School Day at Corinth and Cure of ARS. Over 400 kids attended, giving away pencils and stickers.
- Next step is to get security info for the kids and the bike rodeo. Promotional ideas for the next event are discussed.

Green Mobility – Bicycle Friendly Community – Brian Anderson

- "Tour d' Art" is Saturday, June 11th. This is a 10 mile bike ride featuring 12 art pieces. An art representative will be present at every stop. A snack stop is proposed at Gezer and hotdog/hamburger lunch at City Park.
- Complete Streets Policy was referred to the Planning Commission. Brian Anderson will attend a work session on November 9th with them to approve and recommend it to the City Council. Chair Filla expanded on the process of the Planning Commission and the City Council. We have a new member, Carrie Rezac, on the City Council. She replaced Mike Gill who moved to Florida.
- Brian Anderson will attend the training seminar next week in Wichita for the Kansas Built Environment and Trail Summit. Topics include making your community walk able, complete streets policy, safe routes to school etc. He will also attend a seminar given by MARC with an expert engineer on Complete Streets.

- Chair Filla mentioned Bill Hartong's written suggestion to paint bicycle lanes on Mission Road and suggested it be forwarded to the Bicycle Friendly Committee and to invite him to their next meeting.

✚ **Mission and Goals – Chair Filla**

- A working calendar will be included in all future meetings.
- Reviewed and updated the working calendar.
- Chris Claxton will review remaining budget.
- Everyone is encouraged to bring their monetary requests for prioritization and budget allocation to the next meeting.

✚ **Good Bye**

- Members thanked Camille Croteau for her service and dedication to the board. A gift and final good-byes were said to Camille Croteau who is moving to Poland.

✚ **Green Gauntlet – Chair Filla**

- Decide what to emphasize in the upcoming 3rd Annual HOA meeting in February.
- Focusing on recycling, establishing measurements. Revise the agenda and speakers.
- Paula Cornwell suggested focusing on a few topics and plenty of time for Q & A. We could create HOA info kits pertaining to recycling and new regulations.
- The gauntlet is the call to action.
- Discussed agenda/topic/breakout sessions/time frame options. Capturing info and updating the HOA list. Chris Claxton will have Tonia Morgan keep an updated HOA list for us.
- Chair Filla Chair Filla suggested that the County might have the resources to help put an info kit together. Paula Cornwell requested a Green Gauntlet meeting to prior to meeting with Julie Coon to clarify HOA meeting details.

✚ **Misc.**

- Chair Filla mentioned the Xerox Sustainability Luncheon Invite to the SAB and also asked Chris Claxton and Brian Anderson to send to SAB and the Planning Commission the upcoming MARC meeting to see if they would like to attend.

✚ **Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourns at 8:50 am. The next meeting will be November 11, 2010.