



# MINUTES | November 11, 2010

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

**Members Present:** Debra Filla, Julie Cain, Paula Cornwell, Paul Duffendack, Alicia Jennings, Jennifer Hassler, and Bob Pierson

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

**Members Absent:** K.O. Strohbehm and Murali Ramaswami

**Guest:** Sam Parker and Hillary Bernhardt, Blue Valley North Seniors

## MEMBERS

Debra Filla, Chair  
Julie Cain, Vice-Chair  
Paula Cornwell  
Paul Duffendack  
Alicia Jennings  
Jennifer Hassler  
Bob Pierson  
K.O. Strohbehm  
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 & Introductions

- The SAB meeting came to order at 7:40 am.
- Sam Parker and Hillary Bernhardt Seniors from Blue Valley North High School were introduced.

### ✚ Approval of today's meeting agenda.

Approved.

### ✚ Approval of the past meeting minutes.

- Julie Cain made a motion to approve October 14, 2010 minutes.
- Bob Pierson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### ✚ Education – Paula Cornwell

- The goal is to increase the number of schools participating in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Art contest. The topic will be the same as last year: *"How does recycling create different things we can use in our life and help the planet along the way."* Students can choose any medium. Chair Filla suggested coordinating with the HOA Green Gauntlet challenge and ways to increase recycling. Teachers could build an education piece with the challenge.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Essays' topic is Water and answering the following three questions: *Why is water important to life on this planet? How are we impacting lakes, streams, versus oceans today? How do we need to think differently about our personal use of water?*
- Letters will be sent out this weekend announcing the contests with the art work and essays due April 8th. The Maple Room will be reserved for 6:45 pm to gather the students and families participating. Chair Filla will inform Mayor Peggy Dunn and Deb Harper of the meeting prior to the council meeting.
- Monetary request of \$300 for contest awards.

### ✚ Recycling – E-Waste - November 13<sup>th</sup> - Paul Duffendack

- Leawood is providing signage and volunteers.
- Recycling E-Waste flier sent out to HOA and SAB members.
- Leawood website will post updated info including the E-Waste flier.
- Last recycling event produced seven diesel trucks of e-waste materials.

### ✚ Conservation - Stream Teams –Jennifer Hassler

- In general, people are still struggling with the concept that "all water runs downhill".
- Chair Filla mentioned that storm drains are clogged with dog poo bags because people think storm drains are merely trash cans. Regardless, the number one pollutant is runoffs from streets via the stormwater infrastructure.

- Two water test kits have been ordered. Kate Delehunt is setting up an actual training kit for the maintenance and upkeep for the kits. This is being done in conjunction with the people from Olathe and Overland Park. They will be ready for use on November 19th.
- Monitoring 6 sites, 4 were done on October 23<sup>rd</sup>; the other 2 will be tested in another two weeks along with additional fecal testing.
- Kate Delehunt wants to meet in the first week of December to discuss grant writing. The current grant runs out in February 2011 and for a photo opportunity as the first Stream Team in Kansas. Stream teams are branching out in the neighboring cities.
- In January, winter weather testing will be done subject to the weather conditions.
- Jennifer Hassler spoke with the gentleman from Leawood South and conferred with him and Kate Delehunt. Chair Filla discusses the concerns from this gentleman and educating homeowners about the concept of a manicured lawn against the water way and erosion.
- Results will be published however; testing the sites three times consistently will give a great baseline of the area tested. Currently, the Stream Teams are in the awareness and education phase.

#### **Green Mobility – Bicycle Friendly Community – Brian Anderson**

- Planning Commission had a work session on the Complete Streets Policy earlier in the week. Staff shared a PowerPoint presentation with examples and explanations to show the impact of the policy. Before the Commission is ready to make a recommendation to the council they requested a Master Plan for the whole city and which streets we would be impacted. Bicycle Friendly Community, Engineering, and Planning Commission will meet to discuss it. Following their discussion they will have another work session with the Planning Commission.
- “Tour de Art” is scheduled for Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a 10 mile bike ride featuring 12 art pieces. An art representative will be present at every stop. Ideas such as a snack stop is at Gezer and a hotdog/hamburger lunch at City Park are being proposed.
- Julie Cain shared that Prudential Realty is providing the telephone for each art piece. Simply dial the number and enter the code number to hear a message from a staff member explaining the art piece. Dial-An-Art if you will.
- Brian introduced the concept of “Bicycle Friendly Businesses” and perhaps beginning with the City itself. Chair Filla suggested contacting Kevin Jeffries, Leawood Chamber of Commerce to discuss the BFB concept and opportunities for other businesses in the area.
- Kate Becker of Bridging the Gap has wire frame containers available for free for special events or block parties. These items are perfect for the Police to refer to residents and to promote recycling. Paula Cornwell suggested we have a container at the upcoming HOA meeting.
- Chris Claxton suggested we keep track of statistics of these events and other programs to include in grant applications.
- Presented a bike ride from KanBikeWalk. Their annual meeting is November 20<sup>th</sup>. Their focus is on improving cycling and pedestrian facilities across the U.S. Contact person is Dale Crawford if interested.
- Paula Cornwell suggested that the BFC rent a booth for Sprint’s Earth Day. Approximately 10,000 people are on campus and it’s a great way to promote the BFC.
- Attended a Marc seminar along with a couple of planning people to listen about complete streets expert engineer, Kauffman. During the presentation, he spoke of how you can implement walk/bike friendly facilities in the plans and other options.
- Need to reapply to Bicycle Friendly Community. There are two deadlines per year. It has been suggested that we have the Complete Streets Policy in place prior to re-applying for the Bicycle Friendly Community. Elizabeth Bejan of Family Bicycles and Resolve is a certified League instructor who is willing to teach the league certified biking classes at a discounted rate.

- Elizabeth Bejan has been an instrumental supporter, donating time and resources for the Bicycle Friendly Committee. Alicia Jennings made a motion to recommend donating \$200 to the Resolve organization. Paula Cornwell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Alicia Jennings will write the letter for the donation.

#### ✚ **Green Mobility – Safe Routes To School – Alicia Jennings**

- Attended several webinars, PTOs, fun runs, and more.
- Johnson County Bicycle Club asked if they would make a presentation and was gladly accepted.
- Chair Filla reiterated the concept of sphere of influence, its significance, and its impact on everyone.

#### ✚ **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual HOA Meeting – February 3<sup>rd</sup> - All**

- Discussed the agenda for the meeting. A ten minute overview with pics of e-waste, safe routes to school, recycling in parks, stream teams, etc for the year end review. Chair Filla will put the presentation together. She will present the new Green Gauntlet and updates from the different organizations. Estimated time is 45 minutes. Agenda ~ Social hour at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
- Discussed improving checking-in to gather information e.g. emails, interests, etc.
- The Green Gauntlet challenge will be to be the first city in Johnson County to achieve 100% in recycling. Julie Coon would like to make this a Johnson County wide challenge with Leawood being the first city to be committed to recycling (moving away from a HOA to HOA challenge). Group discussion follows.
- Julie Cain suggests providing every attendee a Ripple Glass container to promote recycling. She will contact Ripple Glass. The group discusses various awards for recycling.
- Based on the feedback from last year that there was too much content, the committee discussed format ideas shorten the meeting time and still present the critical information. Brian Anderson suggested that the overview highlight just the changes from last year and not repeating all of the information since some of it will be presented throughout the meeting. Julie Coon can then present the recycling topic...what's new, etc. Discussed ways to make the meeting more interactive with thought provoking questions and quizzes to start discussion within each table or a mini work session and later discuss among the entire group. Also, provide door prizes, maybe from various vendors in the room. Possible table vendors: *Town & Country Trash Disposal, Deffenbaugh Disposal, Ripple Glass, Missouri Valley Composting, Stream Teams, Bicycle Friendly Committee, Safe Walks To School, Rain Gardens, and Blue River Watershed Association.*
- Sprint has a great cell phone recycling buyback program. They even recycle cell pieces when others do not. These are items you do not want in the land field and should be properly disposed. Paula Cornwell will speak to the Sprint group to see if they would like to have a vendor booth at the HOA meeting.

#### ✚ **Proposed/ Requested Expenses for the Remaining Budget**

- Bob Pierson suggested Ertle the Turtle recycling magnets. Marica Putman will obtain quotes for magnets and small water bottles for kids participating in the Parks & Recreation summer camps.
- Brian Anderson suggested loaner bikes for employee use for errands etc.
- Alicia Jennings requested registration fees for two at the League of American Bicyclists' National Bike Summit in Washington, D.C. in March 2011.
- One banner for Safe Routes to School - \$200 and one banner for the Bicycle Friendly Committee - \$200. Paula Cornwell made a motion to recommend an expenditure of \$400, \$200 per banner for the Safe Routes to School and the Bicycle Friendly Committee. Bob Pierson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Art and Essay Contest Awards - \$300. Paula Cornwell made a motion to recommend expenditure of \$300 for the Art and Essay Contest Awards. Jennifer Hassler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Ripple Glass Containers for the HOA Meeting - \$500. Bob Pierson made a motion to recommend expenditure of \$500 for the Ripple Glass Containers. Alicia Jennings seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- High School Green Events Advertising - \$100. Julie Cain made a motion to recommend expenditure of \$100 for High School Green Events Advertising. Jennifer Hassler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Recommendations for additional expenses will be voted on in the December meeting.

 **Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourns at 9:10 am. The next meeting will be December 9th, 2010.