



MINUTES | April 21, 2011

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

Members Present: Debra Filla via phone, Julie Cain, Paula Cornwell via phone, Paul Duffendack, Alicia Jennings, Jennifer Hassler, Kevin Jeffries, Scott Pashia, K.O. Strohbehn

Staff Present: Chris Claxton, Brian Anderson, Marica Putman

Members Absent: Bob Pierson, Murali Ramaswami

Guest: none

MEMBERS

Debra Filla, Chair
Julie Cain, Vice-Chair
Paula Cornwell
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 & Introductions

- The SAB meeting came to order at 7:42 am.

✚ Approval of today's meeting agenda.

- Jennifer Hassler made a motion to approve the agenda. K.O. Strohbehn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

✚ Approval of the past meeting minutes.

- Jennifer Hassler made a motion to approve March 10th, 2011 minutes. K.O. Strohbehn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

✚ Essay and Art Contest – Paula Cornwell, Jennifer Hassler

- Essays and art pieces were delivered this morning. Jennifer Hassler and Paula Cornwell have reviewed the essays and have identified 13 essays to be recognized. 1st place and honorable mentions have been chosen. They requested assistance in choosing 2nd and 3rd place winners. Paula Cornwell has notified the teachers of the students that will be recognized. Posters are displayed for the committee to review and rank.
- Participating schools: St. Michaels, Cure of Ars, and Prairie Star.
- Awards for the essay and art contests are on the City Council Agenda under presentations. Mayor Dunn would like to read aloud the winning essay.
- For the art contest, Todd Peterson had 51 students participated from Nativity. There are 19 total, select 6 to 7 pieces, and 20 students would have an invitation to the recognition.
- Extra Ripple Glass bins are for giveaways. Paula Cornwell requested a dozen potted plants for teacher gifts.
- Chair Filla inquired if the students were interested in the True Blue Program (stream teams). No one knew if they were. Perhaps writing a letter to the teachers and gauge their interest in the program for future considerations. Jennifer Hassler will speak with Kate Delehunt about the True Blue Program for the science curriculum at schools.
- Members discuss the award ceremony details. Mayor Dunn and the Council will receive a copy of the winning essay. Mayor Dunn will choose the sections she would like to read aloud. Paula Cornwell can provide Mayor Dunn additional comments for shout outs during the presentation. Julie Cain and Jennifer Hassler will review the selected 8 essays for ranking placement.
- Members selected the best 7 art posters based on theme of "How does recycling create different things we can use in our lives and help our planet along the way".

✚ Large Item Pickup – South Leawood

- JR from Town and Country Disposal can pick up any route on any day we select.

- June 4th from I-435 south to 135th Street. The large item pick up flier will be updated.
- Kevin Jeffries can give the drivers maps of the trash pickup areas.
- It was discussed to put the two dates for pickup, June 4th and September 17th, on the same flier and advertisement. The idea was later nixed to avoid confusion for everyone. Rain dates were not selected.

✚ **E-Waste Event – Paul Duffendack**

- Scheduled for April 30th at Waddell and Reed location (SM Parkway and Lamar).
- Requested volunteers, banners, and signage from us.
- Revise and update spring E-waste flier.

✚ **Bicycle Friendly Community – Brian Anderson and Alicia Jennings**

- Spoke 'n Art fliers were given out to members. Brian will bring additional fliers to Bikesource, Revolve, and Elite Cycling. Alicia Jennings will also bring fliers to Sprint's Earth Day, a ride at the Overland Park's Farmers Market, and the schools' Bike to School Day.
- Registration information is on the website.
- For Bike to School, Corinth (during green week) and Brookwood (date not known) are independent. Alicia Jennings will assist Cure of Ars (May 11th).
- Brian Anderson and Alicia Jennings met with the Planning Commission's work session last Tuesday. They reviewed our Complete Streets Resolution and will be on their agenda for the next meeting for recommendation to the City Council.
- Randy Rasa of KansasCyclist.com is putting all our events on his website.
- Bike to Work Week is May 16th-20th, the same as the Kansas City metro. We have the Bike Rodeo on the 20th with Dave Jennings, Leawood Police Officer and the Elizabeth Bejan's CycleSmarts class on May 14th and 15th in preparation for ride to work week.
- Kevin Jeffries can advertise the Bike to Work Week in the Chamber newsletter.
- Reapplying for the bicycle friendly designation was discussed. The BFC subcommittee is working to show that the City has made a marked improvement and progress in becoming a bicycle friendly city. In addition to a Complete Streets Policy, we still need signage and bike lanes. Other ideas were discussed including, a motorist bicycle educational class for how to ride with bicycles on the road. The class could be an alternative to being ticketed. Brian Anderson spoke with the police about this idea plus handing out tips when a driver is stopped.
- Members discussed safe routes, how to encouraging riding, and receiving transportation credits.
- At the Spoke 'n Art event, informational fliers such as the "Green Gauntlet" can be rolled up and stuffed into the participant's water bottle. KO Strohbehn will design a third of a page flier to promote the "Green Gauntlet".
- May 22, Tour de Brew will be running through Leawood. There's a stop and go at the north shelter by the north lake along Tomahawk Creek Parkway.
- Kansas City, Kansas did approve and adopted a complete streets policy.

✚ **Spring Clean Up at Tomahawk Creek – Chris Claxton**

- Weather was not favorable. Low attendance but was able to cover many areas so it was not a huge issue. People worked quickly.
- City has seasonal staff that cleans up the creek banks and trails on a scheduled basis.
- Julie Cain suggested an-adopt-a-creek-bank system. This might be a program that Jennifer Hassler could suggest to her stream team. Another suggestion was having scouts participate in the clean up and rewarding those with free climbs at Ironwoods Park. Chair Filla suggested speaking with stream team members on promote stream team clean up and the fact that it does not require training.

✚ **Stream Teams – Jennifer Hassler**

- Stream Team's newest member is Bridgette Harper, who is an Engineer.
- Tested half of the sites and will test the rest of the sites when it stops raining.
- The young scout who wanted to help has been contacted and is joining the team.
- They will be adding Ironwoods Park Lake to the list of test sites. The City uses Blue Valley Labs to treat the algae. Members discuss the construction of Ironwoods Lake.
- Spoke with the EPA about putting in a monitor in one of the streams. Jennifer Hassler spoke to a representative, who was not positive about the display monitor and has not heard back. Brian Anderson also spoke to an EPA representative before the flood of June, the area for the display and warn them of how high the water can reach, also with the logs in the area, and he has not heard back either. Jennifer Hassler did not believe that they will be putting in a monitor any time soon. She will contact the representative once more about their display and monitor plans.
- Gezer Park stream is manmade and treated with a chlorine system. There was a lot of residue and silt. It was the first time it had been drained since the construction 2 years prior. There was 4 bobcat buckets full of silt that was at the waterfall entrance and the rest was algae. Switched products earlier in the year to a non-stabilizer type (temperature will affect how long the chlorine will stay in the water) so that the chlorine levels should be higher and prevent the algae. It's crystal clear now. This is will help the park look great for future dedications and more.

✚ **PR – K.O. Strohhenn**

- Spoke with a lady from St. Michaels who teaches earth day classes to the fifth graders every year. She wanted some topics for her classes. K.O. Strohhenn suggested landfills and gave her Julie Coon's contact information for further research. She was not aware of the recycling changes that are coming.
- Members discussed potential new members' contacts and interests.

✚ **Misc – All**

- Chair Filla, Scott Pashia, and Julie Cain will meet to discuss HOA assignments and the follow-up letter.
- Carolyn Long had a concern for lifting the recycling bins. Chair Filla has spoken with her. Town and Country will deliver/pick up her recycling bins at the garage instead of curbside.
- Julie Cain shared that the art committee was interested in an art function at Artichokes. Brian Anderson spoke that he had spoken with the Mission Farms contact and she was going to speak to Artichokes too. He spoke about the staff issues at Elite Cycling and thus may not be able to assist with the Spoke 'n Art event. Chris Claxton suggested that he finalize vendor information with her.
- Julie Cain shared that Oklahoma Joe's has made application to the former TGIF. Aarón Sanchez, a Judge from Food Network's Chopped is opening a flagship restaurant at Park Place for Latin cuisine (one he'll take nationally). It will have two outdoor dining areas: next to the skating rink and a rooftop area. Gordon Biersch is coming to Park Place next to Ra Sushi.

✚ **Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourns approximately at 9:00 am. Next meeting will be June 9th, 2011.