



## MINUTES | May 12, 2011

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

**Members Present:** Debra Filla, Julie Cain, Paula Cornwell via phone, Paul Duffendack, Scott Pashia, Bob Pierson, Murali Ramaswami

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

**Members Absent:** Alicia Jennings, Jennifer Hassler, K.O. Strohbehn

**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 7:43 am.

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

- Scott Pashia made a motion to approve the agenda. Paul Duffendack seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### ✚ Approval of the past meeting minutes.

- Scott Pashia made a motion to approve April 21st, 2011 minutes. Paul Duffendack seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### ✚ Essay and Art Contest Awards – Paula Cornwell

- 220 students participated (down from last year). Schools that participated last year were not able to participate this year due to time constraints. Future goal is to increase the number of participants next year.
- Recognized 20 students (13 for the essays, 7 for the art contest). Every student recognized was present and their parents. Overall evening attendance was very high.
- Great participation from the teachers and the principal from St. Michaels.
- The ceremony was lead by Mayor Peggy Dunn, who read excerpts from the essays, in the council chamber. Cure of Ars did a fantastic job. They had three honorable mentions.
- Received many thank-you's, appreciations, and what an honor for the kids to be recognized, etc.
- Paula Cornwell thanks everyone for their help for a successful event.
- Chair Filla agreed that Mayor Peggy Dunn's reading of the excerpts of the top three honors was great. The mayor spoke of the importance of influencing our children. Chair Filla spoke of the green team's history and goals.
- Chair Filla asked those present if this is their first city council meeting. For many, this event was their first city council meeting. Chair Filla felt immensely pleased that their first experience at city hall was a positive one and a way to support to the community too.
- Chair Filla requested event pictures for the website. Paula Cornwell will receive permission from the students/parents prior to posting online and send them to KO Strohbehn.
- Members discuss school participation for next year. Scott Pashia might be able to influence Brookwood 5<sup>th</sup> graders to participate in the art contest. Mission Valley will not exist next year.
- Paula Cornwell suggests these contests be in the fall due to spring testing and recognition in February (a quieter month from the school perspective). Chair Filla suggests at the HOA meetings. This would increase our numbers and HOA meeting costs. The Lodge has a 300 capacity for sit down dinner.

- Chair Filla asked for a time frame for a fall contest. Paula Cornwell suggests sending letters at the first of the school year with a deadline before Thanksgiving and receive teacher feedback.
- Scott Pashia and Murali Ramaswami will assist with Paula Cornwell's essay and art contests for the next school year.
- Members discuss contest topics. Paul Duffendack suggests using the new green stamps for our correspondence. Suggested theme: Ghost Energy – How Low Can You Go!

#### ✚ **E-Waste Event – Paul Duffendack**

- No confirmed numbers yet; appeared to be as successful as the previous events.
- No diminished interest; demand is high.
- Fall event planned. Date unknown.

#### ✚ **Large Item Pickup – South Leawood**

- Flier is presented to members.
- Flier will run for 2 ads (The Sun Newspaper, the May 25<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>) and press releases. Flier will be sent to the current HOA email list.
- Members discuss banners, yard signs, and sign ordinance.
- Chair Filla suggests yard signs for your subdivision entrance (for the Green Gauntlet Challenge). For the HOA emails, "if you would like a sign, contact Chris Claxton by May 25<sup>th</sup>". Julie Cain suggests letting people know that this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> in the series.

#### ✚ **Green Gauntlet Challenge – Chair Filla**

- KO Strohbehn designed a postcard to be packaged with the Johnson County Environment magnet for the Taste of Leawood event. (Postcard and magnet inside a bright orange envelope with an Ertle the Turtle seal). For the Taste of Leawood event, 650 are needed. For the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event, provide a poster (11 x 17) and have the magnets provided at the table.

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

- Spoke 'n Art is promoted on the Leawood Chamber of Commerce, Kansas Cyclist website, our website, distributed to various bike shops and events, etc.
- Chair Filla suggested contacting Art communities and various resources.
- Complete Streets Policy as passed the Planning Commission and will be on the May 16<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda for approval. May 16<sup>th</sup> is the start of bike week. Brian Anderson will speak to the Council
- The deadline for the committee to apply for the Bicycle Friendly City designation is July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The committee has elected to apply again. Kansas City, Missouri was recognized as a bronze. Chair Filla shared that the 2 things they wanted us to do was an official policy and more education.
- Alicia Jennings' participating schools for bike week received 449 glow-n-the-dark bracelets that say, "I am a bicycle safety superstar" with a list of 5 bicycle safety rules. Jill Paton received 175 certificates. Additional stickers, back pack tags, and tattoos were ordered too.
- Chair Filla suggests including these fun items in our BFC application.

#### ✚ **Stream Teams – Chair Filla**

- New members. Chair Filla, Chris Claxton, and Jennifer Hassler met with a Blue Valley North Swim Team Captain, Jack Goldberg (Junior). He is interested in a stretch of a stream that has a steep incline, not easily assessable, to collect stuff tangled in the roots. He uses the trail several times a week. He has taken pictures of the debris that is caught. A goal he would like to accomplish is to start an Adopt-a-Trail (in mile increments) starting

with kids and generating interests for other community groups to take action as well. He is interested in challenging others to take action such as getting the Biology Club involved in water quality. He is very excited to participate in this program and to leave a legacy that he started and for others to carry-on. (This is fabulous for college applications and leadership skills). He is interested in education. His father suggested that he be educated in the process, create his timeline and use his resources.

- Members suggested CAPS and True Blue programs in the schools. Members discussed similar issues. Jeff Peterson, Parks and Recreation's Outdoor Education Supervisor also met with Jack Goldberg. Jeff Peterson has worked with the Missouri Stream team and was able to provide additional information. He is excited to have high school students' interests.

- Murali Ramaswami expressed his support for water testing. He has enjoyed getting out and participating in the fun.

#### **Ward 3 Open Position – Chair Filla**

- Position is open and reminder to fill it.

#### **Adjourn**

- Julie Cain made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Pierson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourns approximately at 8:35 am.

- Next meeting will be July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011.