



MINUTES | September 8, 2011

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

Members Present: Debra Filla, Paula Cornwell, Paul Duffendack, Alicia Jennings, Gareth Matthews, Scott Pashia, Bob Pierson

Staff Present: Chris Claxton, Brian Anderson, Marica Putman

Members Absent: Julie Cain, Jennifer Hassler, Michelle Moloney, K.O. Strohbehn

Guests: Kate Fields, Director of Resource Development; Heartland Habitat for Humanity, Mark Naster, Resource Development Coordinator; Heartland Habitat for Humanity; Richard Coleman, Director of Planning and Development

MEMBERS

Debra Filla, Chair
Julie Cain, Vice-Chair
Paula Cornwell
Paul Duffendack
Alicia Jennings
Jennifer Hassler
Gareth Matthews
Michelle Moloney
Bob Pierson
K.O. Strohbehn

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. We welcomed and introduced ourselves and guests Kate Fields and Mark Naster of Heartland Habitat for Humanity.

✚ Approval of today's meeting agenda.

- MARC's America Recycle's Day, November 15th has been added under the Green Gauntlet Challenge.
- Alicia Jennings made a motion to approve the agenda. Scott Pashia seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

✚ Approval of the past meeting minutes.

- Alicia Jennings made a motion to approve July 14th, 2011 minutes. Paul Duffendack seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

✚ Recirculation Day South of 135th Street, September 17th – Bob Pierson

- Chair Filla thanked Marica Putman and Gareth Matthews for their assistance with the email list. The wording on the Recirculation fliers is concise and clarifies that this is not a trash day.
- Chair Filla asked if there any questions from residents concerning the event. Chris Claxton and Brian Anderson had a couple of inquiries that were resolved.
- Chris Claxton submitted an event description to the Neighborhood News section of the K. C. Star. An ad is very expensive. The Sun Newspapers has closed. She will check into Craigslist.

✚ Green Gauntlet Challenge – Chair Filla

- No meeting date in August was scheduled.
- Gareth Matthews did a great job creating a new spreadsheet and tabulating the information. Members discuss the next steps for the challenge.
- Members discuss MARC's America Recycles Day and Prairie Village's recycling competition. Ripple Glass has reported that Prairie Village is the local city that collects the most glass. Chair Filla shares the ordinance information in regards to the Ripple Glass bin.
- Chris Claxton received an email from Matt Riggs. We are part of a group of a recycling challenge and he wanted to set up a meeting and talk about solid waste services and outreach efforts. Chair Filla suggested that she write up our participated events. Members discuss asking the council for a temporary bin to participate in the challenge as they discussed the pros and cons. Gareth Matthews to call Ripple Glass

concerning the bin at Ranchmart, south side of 95th Street and Mission Road. Many people think this location is Leawood instead of Overland Park. Leawood does support the Ripple Glass bins around us.

- Chris Claxton suggested bringing this challenge to Mayor as she may do a proclamation at the 2nd meeting in October. We can do something at the city and include our write ups for the recirculation day, e-waste, bikes, and more. Shredding options are discussed.
- Schedule an HOA Green Gauntlet work session for Wednesday, September 21st.

Bicycle Friendly Community – Brian Anderson and Alicia Jennings

- The application process went well and was turn in on the due date. Brian Anderson worked with Elizabeth Bejan, Alicia Jennings, and staff. They reference applications from Kansas City, Missouri and Shawnee, Kansas. We should have a reply in October.
- Recycling bikes has been added to the e-Waste event. Brian Anderson will contact Elizabeth Bejan as to what she may need for the event whether it be signage, trailers, etc.
- The Bicycle Friendly Businesses Lunch and Learn Chamber have 4 individuals signed up.
- Bike to School day is looking similar to last year's. Alicia Jennings was not able to visit with the PTOs because it was the first month of school. The proposals to the PTOs are, "Would someone in your PTO organization be interested in sponsoring a bike club that would meet once a month for the kids after school in the parking lot, weather permitting?" "Do you have a parent who would be interested in helping out in the Bike to School/Walk to School Day? Would you like to make this instead of a bi-monthly event, would you like to make it a monthly event?" She has noted that many have participated (individuals volunteering) in the program but there is no one group that sponsors it. North Kansas City has the same problem as Leawood which is the lack of sidewalks. She has been to several MARC meetings in which they discuss walking/biking to school programs, etc.
- Brian Anderson provides an update for the Complete Streets Policy for designated routes to schools. He and staff meet on a bi-weekly basis. He received maps/plans of Prairie Village, Overland Park, and Kansas City concerning their bike route plans for the future that exists today, their linkages, our connections on streets, and curb replacements from Public Works. Planning, prioritizing and adding complete streets stuff where it needs to go, focusing on various areas of the city, when it could happen and more. Members discuss signage, articles, and publicity on sidewalk and safety.
- Brian Anderson explains the sidewalk situation. In the 90s, the aggregate in the concrete specified wasn't as durable as previous mixtures causing the curbs to disintegration faster. Public Works is working on a plan to accelerate replacement of the failing curbs. Chair Filla noted that Leawood is not alone in this burden. The aggregate used should have lasted up 50 to 100 years, but now they are crumbling in 10-15 years. Chair Filla suggested that this may be an opportunity to incorporate recommendations in the Complete Streets Plan Paul Duffendack suggested that we don't forget other opportunities in waterways and trails planning process. Planning has been incorporating complete streets items such as new bike racks whenever it can and so far, the process has not met any opposition.
- Chair Filla pointed out that there are streets without sidewalks wide enough to add sidewalks without removing trees and offering up the opportunity to design the street to be multi-use. Alicia Jennings shared that she went to Columbia on their bikes and noticed that the lanes have chevrons and it had cars and bikes in it. It was very obvious that this was a bike lane and a car lane.
- Brian Anderson and Joe Rexwinkle will attend a MARC meeting and update them on Leawood's progress. They have a planner's roundtable; Lee's Summit, Kansas City, Kansas, and Shawnee will attend.

✚ E-Waste Event – Paul Duffendack

- Volunteers and event advertising are requested.
- Chair Filla will ask K.O. Strohhenn to advertise the event in the newsletter and PR methods to get the word out.
- Gareth Matthews asked whether we had a process of wiping data from computers and etc. Paul Duffendack suggested contacting Surplus Exchange and if they are providing this service, we should advertise it in our events.

✚ Stream Teams

- Chair Filla shared an opportunity to do water testing at Cure from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm.

✚ Essay and Art Contest Awards – Paula Cornwell and Scott Pashia

- No funding information from the Leawood Foundation or Leawood Rotary. Sprint's funding has been worked out. Blue Valley Foundation is still being worked out. Funds from our budget may not be available due to the cost of the first recirculation day.
- Catholic schools are participating. She would like to see public schools participate. It was suggested that Jill Paton of the Bicycle Friendly Committee contact Corinth, Scott Pashia contact Brookwood, Jennifer Hassler contact Leawood Middle, and Gareth Matthews contact for Mission Trail and Leawood Elementary. Paula Cornwell will create the letter to request school participation and for the contacts to personally follow-up with the principals. The letter will be created this weekend. Members discuss contacting the schools.
- Chair Filla suggested that we apply from our budget \$500 toward the essay and art contest awards. She or Chris Claxton will speak with Scott Lambers about increasing our budget next year.
- Issues to discuss are the new deadline of December 1st and the Notice to Recipients on January 15th. Paula Cornwell will be inviting winners to the February 2nd HOA meeting.

✚ Misc

- Gareth Matthews spoke with Julie Coon of Johnson County Environmental about the outdated stickers on the recycling containers in his neighborhood. JoCo is switching from magnets to stickers and he will work with her in some of the design elements.
- Paula Cornwell asked if we are doing anything on trees; i.e. offering special deals in the spring from vendors. Her subdivision has lost many trees. Brian Anderson will research that and he is familiar with other cities that have a street tree planning programs where the City would cost share on some things. We would need to request a budget for that. Chris Claxton spoke with Richard Coleman who wants to move forward on a street tree program. Members discuss more options and tree issues. Currently, it is the homeowners association that maintains the street trees. If there is no homeowners association, the responsibility falls onto the homeowner. Chair Filla will put this issue on the next agenda.

✚ Heartland Habitat for Humanity – Kate Fields and Mark Naster

- Guest speaker, Mark Naster, shares the mission of Heartland Habitat for Humanity. They serve Johnson, Leavenworth, and Wyandotte Counties in Kansas. In Missouri, they serve Clay and Platte counties. Truman Heritage supports eastern Jackson County in Missouri and Kansas City supports western Jackson County.
- Habitat is known for building and repairing simple, decent, and affordable 5 Star Energy rated homes. They are committed to the idea of sustainability, from deconstruction of properties to the ReStore. The ReStore is short for recycling store which is open to the general public and accepts donations of a variety of materials. They have free pick-up at your house. Magnets are available. The ReStore is also a training facility for youths to build items to sell. Habitat is involved with other organizations for their

recirculation activities. For example, Ripple Glass donates some of their glass to Owens Corning who makes insulation and Habitat uses the insulation in their homes.

- They have good corporate support and they welcome Leawood's support of them and of their residents. It gives Leawood residents an opportunity to help other families and to keep the money here to help us support our programs. They have the ability to publicize our events on their Facebook page, newsletter, email blasts that covers over 14,000 people, and more.
- They will be at the e-Waste event to collect other items.
- Members discuss having Mark Naster present Heartland Habitat as our HOA speaker. Chair Filla asked Marica Putman to schedule an HOA snowbird meeting for April 19th.
- Brian Anderson explains the Recirculation Day Event details. Marica Putman will modify the Recirculation Day flier to include Heartland Habitat's contact information. Members discuss recirculation options such as paint and deconstructing buildings and more. Heartland Habitat of Humanity diverts *60 tons a month* from going into the landfill because they are reusing the items.
- Richard Coleman suggested leaving Heartland Habitat for Humanity for residential and commercial fliers at the Planning and Development counter. Chair Filla is considering asking the council to incorporate deconstruction and recycling materials whenever it is possible in the planning process.
- Members talk about the deconstruction process and the upcoming e-Waste event and various details.

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourns at 9:05 am. Next meeting is on October 13th, 2011.