



MINUTES | October 13, 2011

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

Members Present: Debra Filla, Julie Cain, Jennifer Hassler, Gareth Matthews, Michelle Moloney, Scott Pashia, Bob Pierson

Staff Present: Chris Claxton, Brian Anderson

Members Absent: Paula Cornwell, Paul Duffendack, Alicia Jennings

Staff Absent: Marica Putman

Guests: Dustin Branick, Landscape Supervisor; Leawood Parks and Rec Dept.

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.

Approval of today's meeting agenda.

- Removed Bicycle Friendly Business Lunch and Lean, moved "February 2nd" under the Summary of Action Items, and added "Other" category at the end as Misc.
- Julie Cain made a motion to approve the agenda. Bob Pierson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the past meeting minutes.

- Scott Pashia made a motion to approve September 8th, 2011 minutes at the end of the meeting. Michelle Moloney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bridging the Gap Award – Chair Filla

- City of Leawood is receiving this year's Environmental Excellence Award for Business in the Government Category. Bridging the Gap Environmental Excellence Awards Ceremony will be held on November 3rd, 2011 at the UMB Bank Auditorium. Ceremony details are explained.
- Thank you to Chris Claxton for submitting our efforts to Bridging the Gap.
- Thank you to all members for achieving this award.
- Jennifer Hassler will accept this award.
- Thanks to Michelle Moloney for her idea on creating a summary of action items.
- Chris Claxton will be responsible for RSVPs to the Bridging the Gap awards ceremony.
- Finish taping the Bridging the Gap's 12 minute video (1 minute for Leawood).
- Jennifer Hassler – Water Testing
 - o Recycle Bins in the parks
 - o Bicycles and bike rack
 - o Debra Filla – Brook Beatty Park

ACTION ITEMS

- ✓ Chris Claxton - Send out BTG RSVPs
- ✓ Finish BTG Video
- ✓ Brian Anderson - Post map and statement on website for PTOs and HOAs to review
- ✓ Marica Putman - create a flier promoting BFBs
- ✓ Julie Cain - speak to Kevin Jeffries about Chamber Due Incentives for BFB Awards/Honors
- ✓ BFB info in Program Guide
- ✓ Chris Claxton/ Brian Anderson - set up a meeting with Overland Park to discuss trail connectivity south of 151st and Kenneth
- ✓ Chair Filla - speak with Scott Lambers about the 2012 SAB budget

✚ Bicycle Friendly Community – Brian Anderson

- Alicia Jennings efforts produced great results for Cure of Ars school event.
- BFC's Leawood second application for the Bicycle Friendly Community designation resulted in the City receiving Honorable Mention. Lee's Summit received an Honorable Mention too. No new bronze awards were given out. Thank you to those involved with this submission for Bicycle Friendly Community.
- Brian Anderson is currently working with others in creating a map that has recommended bicycle routes. This will be brought to the Bicycle Friendly Committee for review, along with recommendations and other bike related information such as bike lane, bike route, signage, or even a multi-use path. The map will be known as the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. It will also be used as a guidebook for us so that when an improvement is made to the street we will know what to add to the Capital Improvements Program.
- Chair Filla asked if there are benefits in sharing this map with PTOs and schools that we are active with us. Brian Anderson indicated that this would be a good idea as they would know where their students are entering and leaving. The plan will go to the Park Board and Planning Committees.
- Chair Filla suggested sending notifications to PTOs and Homes Associations letting them know that this Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan map is under review and ask that they go to the green team website, review and submit comments. Chris Claxton suggested using Survey Monkey to track comments. Julie Cain commented that what one thinks of as the most logical route is not always taken because students find other routes. Members discuss various route examples. Brian Anderson clarifies that this is really a traffic plan and they could add recommended school routes. He discusses bike clubs and their routes too. Chair Filla suggested making it simple with a statement on the website that if you have any thoughts or interests to contact Brian Anderson. Brian Anderson will contact Mark Andrasik for assistance and web posting. Julie Cain suggested posting mileage info if available.
- Bicycle Friendly Business Chris Claxton commented that she was at Panera about three weeks ago, on a Friday, and they were overrun with bikes along the benches, fence, etc. The manager was at the door and she suggested that he needed a bike rack. They discussed the issue and about being a Bicycle Friendly Business, which they would love to be one. She found out that they have bike racks but they are not close and if they want one, Panera would have to purchase and install it. Mall management did install a huge bench which all the bikes were laying on it. Mall management is not happy with the fence that encloses the patio because of its nicked up appearance from the bikes resting on the fence. Chris Claxton will talk to the planning department to assist him. Panera's was supportive of bike racks but they are not receiving any cooperation from the management of Town Center.
- Brian Anderson shared that bike rack at City Hall is being installed soon by the entry. In the Justice Center Planning, they have included a covered bike parking. The Planning Commission is supportive of the covered bike parking.
- The deadline to submit our application as a Bicycle Friendly Business is January, 2012.
- Chris Claxton would like Marica Putman to create a flier with Elizabeth Bejan's information, incorporating it for Leawood, and getting it to the businesses here to promote them to get involved in Bicycle Friendly Businesses. Julie Cain will contact Kevin Jeffries to explore \$50 or \$100 incentives off Chamber dues the first year if a business becomes involved. Great idea to have businesses to participate and it will look good for the Bicycle Friendly Business application. We can recognize these businesses in the program guide.

ACTION ITEMS

- ✓ Bob Pierson – dates for the next spring/fall recirculation days
- ✓ Chris Claxton - speak with Mayor Dunn to declare November 15th as America Cares Recycle Day

- The program guide will have a ½ page about the Honorable Mention, Bridging the Gap, and Bicycle Friendly Business info and ad.
- Chris Claxton mentioned that one of their plans for the park acreage is to take the trail in Ironwoods and go along the northern creek and take it out to Kenneth. When the trail comes out of Kenneth, everything past LeaBrooke is in Overland Park. The trail is also used for cycling too. She attended the Metro Green and wanted to talk to the City of Overland Park about connectivity plans south of 151st. Brian Anderson would also like to talk to them because he has learned that Overland Park does not want bike lanes at all rather they want shared used paths which are 10 ft wide trails that go along one side of their ride network like Nall. Statistics show that it is less safe when riding on a multi-use lane because you are going counter traffic and a vehicle making a left hand turn often times isn't thinking about a cyclist coming and more with driveway crossings. They do have a recommended route system with a north side and south side. There may be some grant money available. Prairie Village's focus is doing some bike lanes where they can and concentrating on walking connections with 5 ft to 6 ft wide sidewalks on both sides of their street. And Leawood is trying to have the same connections with them. Various sidewalk examples are discussed.

✚ **Resignation of K.O. Strohbehn – Chair Filla**

- K.O. Strohbehn has resigned and living in Jackson, Wyoming.
- Michelle Moloney will serve as the liaison for the PR/Communications, website, and the newsletter.
- Louis Rasmussen of Ward 2, appointed K.O. Strohbehn. If you know someone who would make a good candidate, please let Chair Filla know.

✚ **Recirculation Day (September 17th) – Brian Anderson and Bob Pierson**

- 2.5 truck loads. \$1,200 is the cost.
- Brian Anderson received approximately 6 calls. Chris Claxton shared an issue where a Leawood Falls resident had spoken with a truck driver concerning a pickup. This resident felt comfortable leaving the item out for a resident to reuse but was not comfortable with putting the item out to be picked up by a truck for resell. A suggested solution is to be more defined in our goals. She also suggested certain pick up times for the resell people. Chair Filla suggested that we put this disclaimer, "keep reusable materials out of the landfill" on the next flier to clarify that is the primary objective for Recirculation Day.
- Chair Filla will speak with Scott Lambers in regards to the 2012 SAB budget.
- Bob Pierson will look into the 2012 dates for Leawood and Leawood Estates for the next spring (June) and fall (Sept) recirculation.
- We will include this as a topic for the HOA meeting.

✚ **E-Waste Event (October 29th) – Paul Duffendack**

- Volunteers and event advertising are requested. Brian Anderson is working on the banners.
- Bikes collected will be picked up by Revolve.

✚ **Green Gauntlet Challenge – Debra Filla**

- Invite HOAs to be speakers at the HOA meeting. They can share about what they have done for the challenge (Steeplechase, Oxford Hills, Leawood, and Leawood Estates, etc.) The Bridging the Gap video will be motivational, leading into the individual HOA speaker topics.
- KC Habitat for Humanity will have a booth and still is a possible HOA topic. Michelle Moloney is the Project Manager for the HOA meeting.

- Members discussed reviewing the Bridging the Gap 12 minute video for relevancy to the HOA meeting. Members suggested 3 HOA speakers (Steeplechase, Oxford Hills, and Leawood Estates). HOA meeting is Thursday, February 2nd.

✚ **MARC – Chris Claxton**

- Ask the Mayor Dunn to declare November 15th as America Cares Recycle Day at the November meeting. Chris Claxton and Brian Anderson met with Matt Riggs of MARC. He received the Bridging the Gap info and they discussed recycling programs at the City, like cleaning out the files days at work, paint recycling with pickup, cell phone, paper recycling, and batteries. He gave them resource contacts. Chair Filla suggested contacting Jim Twiggs for paint recycling.

✚ **Stream Teams - Jennifer Hassler and Chair Filla**

- Stream Teams and Sustainable Stormwaters are the discussion topics for the Stormwater meeting on October 26 at 7:30 am, Main Conference room. They will be reviewing the presentations from Kevin Perry of Portland and David Dowell of Baltimore. These presentations examine an idea of hardscaped storm water vs. allowing the water to percolate back into the aquifer. Davis, California defied logic, didn't use hardscapes and even though everyone said they would flood when there's a big rain, they were the only city that did not flood. The fact that hardscape solutions do not cleanse the water will also be discussed.
- Summer testing is done. Fall testing will be in the beginning of November. Macro invertebrate testing will added in the spring testing sessions.
- Testing is not done in the Indian and Tomahawk Creeks. Testing site are residential areas. She would like to expand to other areas and build more stream teams. Possible topic at the HOA meeting is get interests for more stream teams.

✚ **Street Trees Program – Dustin Branick and Brian Anderson**

- Discuss the street tree program in more detail at the next meeting when Richard Coleman is present.
- There is an opportunity to create a streetscape from Nall to the Justice Center that can really define our city. We currently do not have a street tree program.
- Brian Anderson commented that the city's decision is that trees are maintained by the home associations, which may not have the maintenance knowledge or skill set for these trees. Many times in new subdivisions, trees tend to be of the same species and/or inappropriately placed. A long time goal is to consider placement and management of these trees. Initially it goes to the HOAs first and then the tree maintenance falls to the home owners.
- Chris Claxton suggested that Brian Anderson and Dustin Branick meet with Richard Coleman prior to the next SAB Meeting internally and bring info back. Brian Anderson would like to review the development ordinance pertaining to the proper spacing of the tree line is wide enough. Many trees are failing because they are planted too close to the sidewalk and a curb. There is not enough space for it. Need to review the standards as well as the quantity of trees that are required to be planted.
- Residential calls about trees increase during a Public Works street rehab. Brian Anderson and Dustin Branick would like to be part of the planning process to help preserve the tree rather than being called on a reactionary basis when the tree has already been removed or damaged and it's too late.
- Gareth Matthews mentioned that Deffenbaugh switched to a single driver garbage truck and they drive along the curb, using a grabber and the new truck is ripping tree limbs as it travels the street.

- Brian Anderson shared that the Fire Department has asked for this change and Joe Johnson, Director of Public Works, is proposing an ordinance change in the tree limb clearance of 14 feet above the street. Currently the ordinance is 8 feet of clearance.

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

- Letters have been sent out.
- Donations are welcomed and nonprofit donations can be given to the Leawood Foundation which will grant it to the City.

✚ **Ripple Bins in Leawood – Gareth Matthews**

- A follow up discussion about a possible Ripple bin location at 95th and Mission, tucked around the east corner. Ripple has a relationship with Price Chopper and is trying to have a Ripple bin in Leawood, however, they have struggled with that process in the past. Gareth Matthews shared his conversation with Stacia Stelk. Ripple also is looking for a sponsor who keep an eye on the bin, sweep or pick up glass as necessary.
- Members discuss locations (Cure) and ordinance restrictions (size, clearance, shrubbery, screened). Possible sponsors are Ace Hardware and Prairie Village.

✚ **Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourns. Next meeting is on November 10th, 2011.