



## MINUTES | May 10th, 2012

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

**Members Present:** Debra Filla, Alicia Jennings, Gareth Matthews, Scott Pashia, Bob Pierson, Mike Schaadt

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

**Members Absent:** Julie Cain, Paul Duffendack, Jennifer Hassler

**Guests:** Jennifer Byers, True Blue Women Environmental Committee; Jim Twigg, Overland Park Environmental Program Coordinator.

### MEMBERS

Debra Filla, Chair  
Julie Cain, Vice-Chair  
Paul Duffendack  
Jennifer Hassler  
Alicia Jennings  
Gareth Matthews  
Scott Pashia  
Bob Pierson  
Mike Schaadt

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.

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

- Mike Schaadt made a motion to approve the agenda. Alicia Jennings seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- Scott Pashia made a motion to approve the April 12<sup>th</sup> minutes. Alicia Jennings seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### ✚ Members – Two New Members will be on the May 21<sup>st</sup> Consent Agenda

- Martha Conradt
- Chris Schultz

#### ✚ Meeting Dates and Schedule

- Chair Filla proposes a schedule of 9 meetings a year and skipping March, August, and December in recognition of Spring Break, Summer Vacation, and Christmas. There will be an HOA working meeting in December if needed. Meeting will continue to be from 7:30 – 9:00 am, second Thursday of the month.

#### ✚ Green Mobility

##### Ride/Walk to School – Alicia Jennings

- Ride/Walk to School was May 9<sup>th</sup> and it did not happen. Schools were extremely busy with other events with school dismissing next week. October would be a great month for participation.

##### Bike to Work Week – Brian Anderson

- Bike to Work Week is next week May 12-19th. Mayor Peggy Dunn had a proclamation in the last council meeting. There are activities across the metro.
- The Police Department has a Bike Rodeo for Kids event this Sunday at Town Center Plaza by Pottery Barn. Officer Joe Peebles did not have a large number of reservations.
- The American Academy of Family Physicians will have an active Bike to Work Week. Employees will park at City Park and their VP will lead a ride from the City Park to their offices that morning.

### ACTION ITEMS

- ✓ Marica to email Spoke 'n Art and revised Recirculation fliers to the HOAs.
- ✓ Marica will send Gareth the latest HOA contact list.

- Spoke 'n Art is on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fliers will be received today and has been emailed to various bicycle clubs and shops. Eleven riders have signed up. A brief explanation of the ride (an 8 and a 16 mile route) and sculptures is presented to our guests.

### **Student Essay and Art Contest Fall 2012 – Scott Pashia**

- Circulated the first draft of topics and how they might be phrased. Scott's goal is to send it to the school before they dismiss for summer and to give them an advance notice about the topics.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Contest. What are some creative ways that we could introduce green mobility/transportation into our community? Perhaps find an inspirational quote to add to that. Issues to address: forms of green transportation that currently exist, what might future forms of green mobility might look, and how it might change the look of our community, etc. Chair Filla suggested picking an art medium.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay Contest. How can green mobility have a positive influence on our community? How does transportation impact on our community? What are some positive qualities of green mobility can have on the community? And how can we contribute to improving green mobility?
- Cash for the school, certificates, and goody bags were given out.
- Gareth Matthews has volunteered to assist Scott Pashia.

### **Complete Streets Policy – Staff Work Session**

- Chair Filla made a Council Member's Report on the Complete Streets work session. Chair Filla, Julie Cain, and James Azeltine (Chairs Public Works) together with the appropriate staff for a 1 to 2 hour work session regarding Complete Streets.
- Jim Twigg shared that Overland Park just adopted a resolution on Complete Streets and are currently developing a Complete Streets policy.
- Brian Anderson shared that he, David Ley, Joe Rexwinkle, and Justin Peterson have driven the streets and shared with the Bicycle Friendly Committee the routes for improvement. They have also ideas for how to proceed so that Public Works can incorporate the Complete Streets plans and suggestions. The staff will collaborate.

### **Brookwood Honor – Scott Pashia**

- Brookwood received **The Green School Medal** from the Department of Education. It is 1 of 78 in the country and the only one received in Kansas for their school programs (recycling/composting).
- Scott Pashia will send a recognition write up and a picture to Mark Andrasik to be posted online. Chair Filla would like to recognize them at the next HOA meeting and she will speak with Mayor Peggy Dunn to have them recognize at a council meeting.

### **Recycling**

#### **Leawood Estates/Leawood**

- Each HOA has 1500 homes, representing probably 40% of the homes in Leawood. They are the largest and oldest HOAs in Leawood.
- They implemented their trash management four years ahead of what is now the Johnson County ordinance for haulers. This year Leawood HOA distributed the 65 gallon blue- lidded recycling wheeled containers to all residents. Leawood Estates elected not to distribute the 65 gallon containers. Bob Pierson has taken this as a personal challenge to follow up with their HOA. Jim Rawlings is also on that board. Chair Filla will follow up with Jim Rawlings.

#### **Recycling Extravaganza, April 28th – Jim Twigg**

- Chair Filla speaks to the great partnership Leawood has enjoyed with Jim Twigg and Overland Park.
- Jim Twigg shares that 40,000 lbs of electronics was collected last October. It was one of their smaller events. They have been noticing a little bit of a drop off for

electronics. Typically the collection is between 80,000 – 125,000 lbs. They decided to add on different items. Last fall they added Revolve, paper shredding, Habitat Restore, and Goodwill. The numbers again were down and met to discuss if it was worth continuing to offer these special events. They decided to go ahead with the April event.

- April 28<sup>th</sup>'s event was a huge success. It had more vendors: Sprint, Fabric Recycles, Surplus Exchange, KU Audiology, eyeglasses, band instruments, paper shredding, Revolve Bicycles, Rehab Institute for books, Restore, Goodwill, and Overland Park Police Department for the medication take back in conjunction with the DEA/Leawood Police Department. From the time that it was open until close, the line was way out to College Blvd. The wait was around 1.5 hours. He closed the line at 1:10 pm and cut it because the volunteers were exhausted. The police had to block the end because people kept trying to get in the event. A big concern is the wait time. Traffic needs to be reconfigured to get rid of the backup. Need more volunteers. Suggestions were discussed.

**Known Amounts Collected:**

500 lbs cell phones/chargers	150 pairs of eyeglasses/sunglasses
Carload of band instruments	2 pickup loads of fabric
75,000 - 80,000 electronics	25,000 lbs paper shredded
750 lbs of medications (possible state record)	110 bikes
12,000 lbs of hardback books	2 trucks full for Restore
2 trailers full for Goodwill	

**Recirculation Day North Leawood – June 9<sup>th</sup>/Recirculation Days**

- Event is posted online. Chris Claxton suggested mailing the HOA presidents a flier in that geographical area to post. Bob Pierson will have the flier posted in their newsletter.
- Confirmed with JR for pickup.
- Our biggest overage was picking up the recycling out south. One of the reasons that the cost was low in the North was that they already had a 1 large item pickup per month in their contract. It has been suggested that we need to talk to the HOAs in South Leawood this year that if you want to participate in the pickup next year, 2013, that we ask them to help defer the cost. We would handle the publicity, fliers, notification, and organizing with the handler. HOA participation would be to reimburse the city for pickup costs for those items that are not re-circulated. The estimated cost would be \$50-\$100 per HOA. Gareth Matthews volunteered to analyze by HOA/number of households and work with Brian Anderson to determine what the cost might be.
- Revise flier for clearer definition of items pick up.

 **HOA Survey – Gareth Matthews and Chris Claxton**

- An email will be sent to the HOAs with information pertaining to the survey. It will probably go out next Tuesday.
- Gareth Matthews did a great job on the questions. People will be able to fill out the information quickly.

 **Conservation – Water**

**Johnson County Stormwater Management Program - Update**

- There's a grant for \$10,000 for rain barrels and rain gardens to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs). It was discussed in the Stormwater Committee and since rain barrel ordinance is pending, they elected to defer any action till later in the year. Staff felt it is labor intensive. The citizens have to pay for half, be advertised, and maintained for 3 years. There are three cities that have participated in it, Lenexa

being one of them. Jim Twigg suggested speaking to Nico Cantarero, Overland Park Stormwater Specialist, 913.895.6172.

- Leawood South contacted Chair Filla to share they are going to a more naturalized grass to minimize their water and mowing. They will let the grass grow tall and become native and treat it as part of their landscaping. Chair Filla will send a note to Richard Coleman of their intentions as they are concerned with possible fines and resident calls.

#### **Expanding Our Sphere** **HOA Liaisons**

- Gareth Matthews

#### **Schools Liaisons – will be verified at the next meeting**

- Brookwood – Scott Pashia
- Corinth – Debra Filla
- Cure – Martha Conradt
- Leawood Elementary – Mike Schaad
- Leawood Middle – Jennifer Hassler
- Mission Trail – Gareth Matthews
- Nativity – Alicia Jennings
- Prairie Star Elementary – Chris Schultz
- St. Michaels – TBD

#### **Eagle Scout Programs**

- Need suggestions for Eagle Scout projects. Stream Clean Up? Managing a Bike to School Project? Suggestions are discussed and continued for the next meeting.

#### **Jennifer Byers – True Blue Environmental Program**

- Presented her presentation on bottled water pros/cons.
- Convenient and a habit. Most bottle waters are reprocessed tap water. 200 out of 1,000 were contaminated. FDA regulates bottle water and EPA regulates municipal water. They do not share the same standards or in some cases there are no standards. Test results for municipal water are public.
- Plastic contamination. Plastic is a petroleum product that can be recycled once. Buy water in a can (aluminum). Petroleum input is about ¼ of the bottle. 40% to 50% of recycled water bottles are bailed and shipped to Asia and reprocessed. Plastic is not biodegradable. Recycling rate is 20%. Avoid plastics in general. Aluminum, glass, and steel are recyclable.
- The cost. Municipal water is 1,000<sup>th</sup> of a cent per gallon. Bottle water is higher than the cost of gasoline. \$10.00 cost per gallon for exotic water (Fiji). Aquifina is filtered municipal water.
- It takes 3 liters of water to process 1 liter of bottle water. Not a good use of water.
- Water bottle options: Use stainless steel. Stay away from plastic bottles labeled 3s and 7s. Don't use the epoxy lined aluminum. They will etch away and then contaminate the water.
- Chair Filla invited Jennifer Byers to participate in our HOA event next February 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Members discuss additional pros/cons on plastic and bottle waters.

#### **Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourns at 9:00 am. Next meeting is on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012.