

MINUTES | September 12, 2013

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

Members Present: Debra Filla, Julie Cain, Martha Conradt, Mike Gillaspie, Alicia Jennings, Gareth Matthews, Jim Potter, Chris Schultz

Staff Present: Brian Anderson, Marica Putman

Members Absent: Bob Pierson, Scott Pashia, Mike Schaadt

Guests: Blue Valley North High School Students:
Danielle London, Chris Clarkston, Jessica Toney, Zaara Baig

✚ Welcome & Introductions

- The SAB meeting came to order at 7:34 am. Members welcomed Blue Valley North High School Students. Introductions were made.

✚ Approval of today's meeting agenda.

- Vice Chair Cain made a motion to approve the agenda. Gareth Matthews seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

✚ Approval of the past meeting minutes.

- Chris Schultz made a motion to approve the July 11th minutes. Vice Chair Cain seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

✚ Master Calendar – Mike Gillaspie

- The calendar will be updated and sent out to members.

✚ Sphere of Influence - Schools

- The August workshop's main point was how to link up with schools given the diversity of sustainability efforts, e.g. some schools are composting lunch and have walking school bus while others have not even organized a walk/ride to school day, while others have environmental clubs.
 - Members discuss the following:
 - Low participation in the art (5th) and essay (7th) contests from the public schools.
 - Creating a \$250 grant/scholarship for each of the schools. Chair Filla shares our past history and what the SAB would like to accomplish. The grant/scholarship would be awarded based on the school's 'green' plan and how they would spend the money. She suggested various 'green' initiative programs, options, and fundraisers from the August work session. It would be offered by the SAB liaison to their designated school, setting up a meeting with the principal and other persons of interest. Chair Filla reiterated that she would assist the SAB board members in speaking to their schools about the grant/scholarship opportunity.
 - Blue Valley North High School student Zaara Baig shares that they are currently water testing at Corporate Woods stream once a month for the BRWA. Their school uses Styrofoam and reusable lunch trays. Her group is trying to get more students to use the reusable trays. An idea they came up was to raffle off an I-pad. Students would receive a raffle ticket if he/she uses a reusable lunch tray. Another suggestion would be to investigate the purchasing policy and perhaps toward curtailing purchase of the disposable trays, leaving only the reusable trays as an option.
 - Vice-Chair Cain sent a letter to area high schools explaining the grant opportunities. She received two replies, one from Chris Ollig (Blue Valley North Science Teacher) and the other from Eric Kessler (Bioscience Director, BV CAPS). There will be a Blue Valley wide environmental committee in the future and he is excited about these opportunities.

MEMBERS

Debra Filla, Chair
Corinth

Julie Cain, Vice-Chair
BV High Schools

Martha Conradt
Cure

Mike Gillaspie
Leawood Middle

Alicia Jennings
Nativity

Gareth Matthews
Mission Trail

Scott Pashia
Brookwood

Bob Pierson
St. Michaels

Jim Potter
Prairie Star Elementary

Mike Schaadt
Leawood Elementary

Chris Schultz
Prairie Star Middle

Chris Claxton,
Director of Parks
& Recreation

Brian Anderson,
Parks Superintendent

Marica Putman,
Adm. Graphics Tech

Scott Lambers,
City Administrator

Kevin Jeffries,
Pres. & CEO Leawood
Chamber of Commerce

- Gareth Matthews will draft a letter for members to send to schools. This will assist in setting up meetings to explain the grant/scholarship opportunity (including the BMP stormwater program), and possible ideas. Also discussed the desire to have contact with one's assigned schools in 30 and 45 days so that the money from this year's budget can be used.

Vice-Chair Cain also referenced www.greenschools.com in her letter. Greenschools.com offers various scholarships through the State of Kansas.

- Mike Gillaspie sent two emails to Leawood Middle School and did not receive a response. Given the volume of mail that the Principals and teachers received, it was suggested that a personal visit with the school might be needed.

• Gareth Matthews makes a motion to appropriate \$250 per school to customize a grant/scholarship program for green activities. Mike Gillaspie seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

✚ Recycling – Bob Pierson

Large Item Recirculation Day – 135th-155th St., September 21st

- This flier is on the website. Martha Conradt will post this flier on the Re-Use It KC Network and Craig's List.
- Brian Anderson talked about the email blast and the questions that followed when it was sent out to all the HOAs. Marica Putman explained that she had not been able to separate those emails into several groups. Gareth Matthews had sent out his HOA contact list that did have the groups separated and she will look into it again.

Sleep Head Beds – Julie Cain

- Recycles approximately 150 mattresses a month. They have to be really clean. Jim Twigg has spoken with them concerning the Recycling Extravaganza. They are not able to handle the volume at this time.

✚ Green Mobility Update – Brian Anderson, Alicia Jennings

Summit on Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan-Kick Off event

- Pedestrian Master Plan Kick-Off Event (mini expo) was amazing.
- The workshop at O'Neill's had great participation. A flier was sent out by Chair Filla for the meetings on the 16th (Ironwoods) and 17th (City Hall).
- Brian Anderson reported on the online surveys. The first report had 40 participants and the next day he received 80.
- They met with Public Works and Parks & Recreation. Cleaning debris in the bike lanes was discussed. It is one reason why riders do not use bike lanes. Joe Johnson, Public Works Director, commented that they sweep curb-to-curb so that will not be an issue for future bike lanes.
- There was some confusion between the 2 different meetings this week. The Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan met on the 16th and 17th and The Parks & Recreation Revised Master Plan meeting is on the 18th.
- Our consultant has been riding throughout Leawood. He is gathering and sharing that information.
- Chair Filla would like to make the results of the Bike/Ped Master Plan to be the focus/presentation at the HOA meeting. Members discuss the prep work for the future presentation. They continue to discuss policy and issues of various areas. Gareth Matthews discussed linking it to the HOA meeting expectations based on previous reviews/feedback concerning relevancy. Vice-Chair Cain mentioned that the other two master plans, Park and Recreation and 135th Street should be presented too. Chair Filla will check

ACTION ITEMS

- ✓ **Mike G.**
 - Update calendar and send out to members.
 - F/U and schedule speakers 1) Small Step and 2) lighting for the SAB Oct. mtg.
- ✓ **Marica**
 - Send out Large Item Recirculation, Recycling Extravaganza, BMP fliers to the HOAs and put on the website.
- ✓ **Gareth**
 - Draft a letter for members to send to schools explaining the grant/scholarship opportunity and time table.
- ✓ **Martha**
 - Will post the Large Item Recirculation flier on the Re-Use It KC Network and Craig's List.
- ✓ **Brian**
 - Discuss with consultants our desire to share the bicycle/pedestrian master plan at the HOA annual meeting.
- ✓ **Debra**
 - F/U about green space/rain garden in the common area and the 'green street' pilot.
 - Invite Joe Johnson to the October meeting.
 - F/U with Mayor and Scott about communications
- ✓ **Alicia**
 - Contact Aaron Bartlett for more flashers.
 - F/U with Wendy about the WSB at Leawood Elementary.
 - Send HOA booth info to Chris S.
- ✓ **Chris S.**
 - Provide a draft agenda for the HOA meeting.
- ✓ **Jim Potter**
 - Contact Richard Coleman about getting a Ripple Glass container in Leawood.

with [Joe Johnson](#) about the green space/rain garden in the common area of either Waterford and Wilshire, and the 'green street' pilot on Belinder Rd.

Walk/Ride to school and WSB – Fall 2013

- International Walk to School day is October 9th. [Chair Filla](#) informs everyone that if he/she need extra 'Walk ~ Ride to school this Wednesday' signs to contact [Brian Anderson](#).
- [Alicia Jennings](#) contacted Wendy about a Walking School Bus for Leawood Elementary. Wendy who had participated in a conference call with Corinth about their Walking School Bus, had also worked with the Walking School Bus concept when living in California. They would like the flashers for their students. Alicia will contact MARC for flashers give-aways.
- [Chair Filla](#) and [Scott Pashia](#) printed out fliers and highlighted the O'Neill date at Corinth and Brookwood schools.

✚ Conservation

Water - Promoting BMP – Program Guide, Press Release, etc.

- The BMP is mentioned in the Parks & Recreation Program Guide.

Electricity – Mike Gillaspie

- [Mike Gillaspie](#) spoke with potential HOA speakers concerning energy conservation, lighting, and home audits. A lady from Small Step Energy Solutions (home audits) based in Prairie Village is willing to speak at the HOA meeting. He will ask if she can also speak in our October meeting. He is seeking a speaker for lighting. [Chair Filla](#) suggested he contact [Joe Johnson](#) about the original question which was, "What are we doing as a city about LED lights into our street lights". Members discuss speakers concerning residential use of energy and vetting a possible speaker at the next meeting.
- [Gareth Matthews](#) confirms [Ashok Gupta](#), senior member of the National Resource Defense Council, as the November speaker. He does the big special projects and is accepting applications from 10 cities. Each city will review their energy consumption in very large buildings. This will provide a baseline of information and will be used to reward businesses for improving on the energy envelope of their large buildings. He gave a brief history of the speaker and his motivations and goals. [Chair Filla](#) would like the Mayor [Peggy Dunn](#), City Administrator [Scott Lambers](#), and others to be invited to this meeting. Members discuss agenda ideas and return on investment on lighting.

HOA – Chris Schultz

- [Chris Schultz](#) asked for extended time at the October meeting to discuss task lists, schedules, agendas, surveys, etc. for the HOA meeting. There are 4 meetings left for planning the HOA meeting. He will provide a draft agenda for the meeting. [Alicia Jennings](#) will assist again with booths.
- [Jim Potter](#) asked about Ripple Glass for Leawood. [Chair Filla](#) gave a brief history on Ripple Glass and the city's ordinance issues. They pondered about different restaurant locations by Park Place. [Chair Filla](#) suggested he speak with [Richard Coleman](#) about getting a Ripple Glass container in Leawood.

✚ Other

- [Chair Filla](#) mentions the Ogallala Aquifer study that foresees further aquifer depletion. Members discussed other issues. [Alicia Jennings](#) spoke of trips to western Kansas and solutions to the issues such as perennial wheat which negates the need for plowing and disturbing the soil.
- [Gareth Matthews](#) and [Jim Potter](#) had concerns about event/meeting information not sent to residents. Members discussed getting HOAs to forward messages from the city to their residents. They discuss a check list method in providing information on the community calendar, Facebook, website, etc. and a mass email list that any citizen can opt-in for any city information. The issues of coordinating city information was discussed. [Chair Filla](#) reviewed the accomplishments the team and city has made thus far in communications and took the to-do to discuss the issues with Mayor Dunn and Scott Lambers.

✚ Adjourn

- Meeting adjourns at 9:03 am. Next meeting is on October 10th, 2013.
- No Meetings in March, August, and December.