

MINUTES | July 17, 2014

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

Members Present: Debra Filla, Julie Cain, Mike Gillaspie, Alicia Jennings, Bob Pierson, Jim Potter, Chris Schultz

Staff Present: Chris Claxton, Brian Anderson, Marica Putman

Members Absent: Martha Conradt, Gareth Matthews, Scott Pashia, Mike Schaad

Guests: None

✚ Welcome & Introductions

- The SAB meeting came to order at 7:39 am.

Approval of today's meeting agenda.

- Alicia Jennings made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Chris Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

✚ Approval of the past meeting minutes.

- Chris Schultz made a motion to approve the May 8th minutes. Bob Pierson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

✚ Master Calendar – Mike Gillaspie

- Chair Filla is excited about how this group has a rhythm and is officially sharing info to other departments.
- Marica Putman will revise the calendar to a rotating month-to-month format.

✚ Circles of Influence

Expanding Our Circle of Influence - Churches

- Members agreed to extend an invitation to area churches for their environmental interests and to attend the February meeting. Chris Schultz recently made a list of churches to contact and will send that list out to members.
- Vice-Chair Cain will contact Church of the Resurrection. They have a large environmental group.
- Mike Gillaspie will contact Village Presbyterian (67th and Mission). They too have an active large environmental group and are interested in partnering with SAB.
- Jim Potter will reach out to Leawood Methodist (95th).
- Chair Filla will reach out to Leawood Presbyterian.

School Sustainability Initiative Awards

- Chair Filla commented that this is the time to reach out to schools for the bike/walk school event on October 8th and/or walking school buses startups.
- Chair Filla thanks Martha Conradt for ensuring information accuracy on the website. Chair Filla suggested a one page flier of facts, quotes or blurbs, and "Did You Know" info posted on the website that HOAs can download the link to use for their newsletters. She suggested having all fliers for the year ready for the February meeting.

✚ Green Mobility

Update on Active Transportation – Brian Anderson and Alicia Jennings

- Brian Anderson, Alicia Jennings, BFC, and steering committee members attended the work session. Brian Anderson will send out the link to the study and presentation. He briefly explains the chapter format, research/comparisons/prioritizations, and recommendations. He zeros in on the focus on schools to improve walkability and bike ability. He suggested taking those focus segments to each school and they could apply for grants to improve their campus. He explains the segment breakdowns/impacts and various routing systems. Chair Filla asked that Brian Anderson create a 'Wind-Up Package' for members to give to our schools. Members discuss various route paths and other possibilities such as a

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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 Schaad
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

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cycle track. They also discussed best practice designs in engineering for intersections and crosswalks recommendations, signage, etc. to make the city to be more bike friendly.

- Brian Anderson and Chris Claxton are meeting with Joe Johnson and David Ley from Public Works to discuss CIP shows for roadwork in the future (implementing a workable system in the next 5 years and long run vision). This was a work session and the next step to the Planning Commission and then moving them to recommendation for approval at council. The goal is approval from the September Planning Commission meeting and then to council in October. Brian Anderson shared grant processes of other cities. Members also discussed trail and connectivity options surrounding Aloft, Park Place and City Hall.
- Chris Claxton will send out meeting notes from the Council work session to SAB when ready.
- Chair Filla will speak with Mayor Dunn about creating a 'We the People' award for the 83rd and Corinth area and the collaboration between a Prairie Village council member, PTO member, and Prairie Village Public Works talking with Joe Johnson – what a great team effort. Brian Anderson had talked to a council woman in Prairie Village along with various people about Leawood's effort on the bike pedestrian plan. And it all started with Alicia Jennings interest in walk/bike safety program at Corinth.
- Members discussed purchasing flashers for kids along with the schools. Members discussed creating a bike information kit for schools to include walk/bike to school routes, education, safety, grants, walking school bus, and Sustainability Initiative Awards. Chair Filla suggested a work session for this topic on August 14th at 7:45-9:00 am. Marica Putman will schedule the meeting.
- Add to the master calendar a reminder to re-submit BFC application in June 2015.
- Alicia Jennings shared the BFC's thought of having a fun bike ride as of a way of introducing the trails. This could possibly be in the next summer program guide. Members discuss walking trails/routes recommended by the study.

Conservation

- Kansas City Water Services shared information to Leawood's Stormwater Committee. Our public works group reviewed the green street pilot proposal with what they have learned. Leawood is upstream to Kansas City and Leawood's water flows down to them. And Leawood is downstream of someone else's water too. If our water is clean that benefits them and not just flooding them with our stormwater. Eventually the EPA will track when the water enters and exits area. We will be held accountable for maintaining or improving the quality of that water. This is changing the dynamics of ownership. Treat the problem and the water close to the source as oppose to sending it down river. Kansas City treats the water and sends Johnson County the bill. Members discuss the treatment plants and possible future actions. Our water flows north into the Little Blue River. Chair Filla presented some slides from the KC Water Services presentation. It's called 'KC to the Sea'. Members discuss runoff articles, how chemicals, fertilizers, and animal waste impact our water quality, etc.
- Chair Filla will include a subset of slides from the KC Water Services presentation and contact JoCo Stormwater for a similar education program like KC, MO's 'KC to the Sea'.
- Chair Filla will have a presentation by Jamie Green (air quality) to share for the next meeting.
- Mike Gillaspie spoke about the 'Green Apple Day of Service'. He is a member of the local chapter of the United States Green Building Council. The 'Green Apple Day of Service' is a volunteer effort to help schools. They may be able to connect with a school for projects to do. Members discuss possible scout projects.

Recycling

Recirculation Days – Bob Pierson

- Chair Filla leads a discussion based from Martha Conradt's recent email on whether to continue large item recirculation pick-ups. She cited that there is no good method of getting information to 1500 homes and whether their homes association is spreading this information to homeowners. This is a concern because there seems that less pick-up is needed and the need seems to be diminishing. The other question is that we know it is working and it can be improved upon but should we. Is it worth the time and effort of staff and resources? Is it time to do something else?
 - Bob Pierson spoke with JR Pesek and was informed that 2 trucks went out and were 2/3 filled. JR Pesek felt that it was working. Other reasons for a low turnout are that items were set out and were picked up. This area already has a large item pick-up of 1 per month. The wet weather may have played a role too. Bob Pierson agreed that we needed to let people know about it. He suggested putting out signs as early as 3 weeks.
 - Many members felt that it is a worthy cause. Brian Anderson commented that he seldom receives a bill from JR Pesek for the service. Signs would need to be changed to give extended notice.
 - Chair Filla hears an affirmative to continue the recirculation pickups. Jim Potter makes a motion to continue the recirculation pickups. Alicia Jennings seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

- Chair Filla suggested that HOAs be contacted prior to the recirculation days to remind residents about the pickups. Chair Filla asked Bob Pierson to follow up with Leawood Estates HOA to increase publicity/awareness for the next pick up.

HOA Meeting

- Moved to September meeting.
- Members are to follow up with the HOA contact and update the feedback.
- Members discuss the interests/survey and how to assimilate HOA information to all. Identify an HOA that is The Best-of-the-Best to give a 5 minute share at the HOA meeting about how they communicate and share with their homeowners.
- Members agreed to invite schools and fund for 2 dinner invitations per school.

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourns at 9:05 am. Next meeting is September 11th, 2014.
- No meetings in March, August, and December.
- Future meetings: October 9th, November 13th, 2014, January 8th, 2015.