

MINUTES | January 8, 2015

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

Members Present: Debra Filla, Julie Cain, Mike Gillaspie, Gareth Matthews, Scott Pashia, Bob Pierson, Jim Potter, Chris Schultz

Staff Present: Chris Claxton, Brian Anderson, Marica Putman

Members Absent: Martha Conradt, Alicia Jennings

Guests: Thomas O'Brien, Prairie Village Environmental Group; Bruce North, Leawood HOA Tree Committee

- ✚ The SAB meeting came to order at 7:35 am. Guest introductions are made.
 - Mike Gillaspie made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Chris Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Chris Schultz made a motion to approve the November 13th minutes. Bob Pierson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

✚ Master Calendar

Members review and adjusted calendar events. Note that the April meeting will consist mostly on visioning.

✚ Recycling

Guest Speaker: Thomas O'Brien, Prairie Village Environmental Group

- The Prairie Village Environmental Group is a steering committee whose mission is to promote sustainability and recycling practices to the citizens of Prairie Village throughout various community functions.
- They focus on two main events. And Earth Fair in the spring and a Community Forum in the fall.
 - The 13th Earth Fair is March 28th at Shawnee Mission East. It is an all-day event (10 am-3 pm), 50-70 exhibitors, activities, educational seminars, food trucks, and more.
 - The Community Forum is held in October focusing on a Kansas environmental issues, e.g. water, fracking. Topic TBD for 2015.
 - Chair Filla suggested including these events on our calendar, website, and future announcements to help spread the information.
- The proposal of a recent bag ban has garnered interest. The plastic bag manufacturer representatives will be presenting to their committee at their next meeting. The committee is reviewing the size and volume of the thin plastic bags. They are encouraging reusable bags.
- Community Gardens are also sponsored. They are at 77th and Delmar. The program is four years strong with a waiting list for plots. The plots are \$40 each a year.
- The group has instituted a pilot weekly curbside fabric recycling program to start in April. They were approached by a for-profit group to collect any type of textiles. The textiles will be sorted for thrift stores and countries. A portion of the gross proceeds to their municipal foundation.
- Members discuss the topics at hand.

✚ Conservation

Guest: Bruce North, Leawood HOA Tree Committee

- He participated in the Emerald Ash Borer roundtable.
- He is interested in 'green' activities and is attending this meeting to learn more about the board.

Chair Filla Council Report Update

- Martha Conradt and Bruce North spoke to the council following the Council report about protecting our trees, our urban forest, and request for a work session.
- A recommendation from the SAB was implied. Should a formal recommendation from the SAB be made? Chair Filla emphasizes the education needed to help stop the tree loss. Jim Potter asked several questions about tree issues and developers. Scott Pashia commented on the cost to homeowners. Members discuss it further.
- Chris Schultz makes the motion for the SAB to support and protect our urban forestry and supporting the council to address this. Mike Gillaspie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Arbor Day Foundation's one page document and MARC info is available for review.
- Tree Fund matching dollars for tree planning by the Dunn family shows Leawood having donated \$169.

HOA Roundtable Topics

- For the pine disease roundtable, Dustin Branick will lead the discussion at the Prairie Oak Nature Center.
- Members discuss tree inventory/database and the tagging system for treated, non-treated, and diseased trees. They discuss the EAB destruction and the latest findings about EAB.
- Safe Routes to School will be headed by Brian Anderson and Alicia Jennings in the Lodge.

🌱 Green Mobility

Bike/Walk Date

- The committee did not discuss moving the date for bike/walk. Instead, they focused primarily on the HOA roundtable and presentation. School Nurse Kristen Albert, Corinth, who started the walking school bus and 2 PTO presidents will attend the roundtable. They are willing to speak and share tips.
- Most important to-do's in January is to call upon HOA list, schools and churches. A list of registrants will be sent out to members. Marica Putman to send out invites to the council and the Mayor. Over invite. We hope to have 150 in attendance.
- School liaisons have been rearranged and Sunrise Elementary has been added to the list.

🌱 HOA Meeting

- Chris Schultz emphasizes the need to dedicate the next meeting to the final walk through of the agenda and presentation. He reconfirms member ownership and tasks. Confirm vendor list with Alicia Jennings.
- Scott Lambers will be available if HOAs have any question about Little Free Libraries.
- For the next meeting, note the giveaways in hand. Every school that comes will receive dinner and 2 tickets to Science City to be used as desired.
- Chair Filla would like to a giveaway of composting bin plus a composting and rain barrel class scheduled.
- Brian Anderson would like to raffle an Arbor Day visit. The visit includes a presentation and seedlings to attendees. This would be a raffle given at the roundtable.
- Chris Schultz and Chair Filla walk members through agenda and presentation. Chris Schultz edits as he presents.
- Marica Putman will add an open slot for the member page and additional edits. Chair Filla will send info for the 'We The People' Award certificates.

🌱 Adjourn

- Meeting adjourns at 9:07 am. Next meeting is February 12th, 2015.
- Future meetings for 2015: April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, Sept 10, Oct 8, and Nov12.
- 7th Annual Sustainability Summit – February 26th, 2015
- March, August, and December – no meetings.