

## MINUTES | April 9, 2015

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

**Members Present:** Debra Filla, Mike Gillaspie, Scott Pashia, Jim Potter, Chris Schultz, Alicia Jennings, Gareth Matthews

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

**Members Absent:** Marica Putman, Bob Pierson, Julie Cain, Martha Conradt, Andrew Van Der Laan

**Guests:** Brian Cullum

- ✚ The SAB meeting came to order at 7:43 am.
  - Chris Schultz made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mike Gillaspie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Alicia Jennings made a motion to approve the February 12<sup>th</sup> minutes. Chris Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- ✚ **Master Calendar**
  - Reviews the calendar for upcoming events. Brian Anderson adds May 15 for Bike to Work. The Bicycle Friendly Committee is expanding its community awareness and programs. Chris Claxton mentioned the Chamber of Commerce's after hour's event as another avenue to spread the word.
  
- ✚ **HOA Meeting**
  - Reviews the HOA attendance and interests/survey results.
  - Great attendance!
  - Chris Claxton explains that she would like to resend the survey due to new info, email address kickbacks, incorrect email addresses, etc. She also suggested calling members and receiving their opinions. Our guest gave members his insight on the meeting. He suggested that board president assign a member to act as a liaison. Members discuss this issue and if we can do this event in a different way that may garner the results members are looking for suggest as zip code postcards.
  - Chair Filla passed out gift certificates for Science City tickets for the schools to their respective liaisons. She has sent tickets to the raffle winner of Science City tickets and will send out thank you notes to the speakers.
  
- ✚ **What next? 7 Year Review of Mission, Goals & Objectives - ALL**
  - Chair Filla asked members were asked if the mission statement needed to be revised. Members suggested that some words could be swapped out. Suggests include connectivity and community to be used instead of citizen.
  - Members brainstormed ideas and thoughts as follows:
    - How do we measure outreach?
    - Are we connected to 'green' teams at schools/churches?
    - Tiered levels of Board members like PV Environmental (see end of minutes)
    - Annually, suggestion 3-5 things council and staff can do to support SAB's top priorities with specific recommendations
    - Water conservation
      - Leverage JoCo \$10,000 matching dollar grant for rain gardens, barrels, trees, etc.
        - Focused outreach program to home owners on streams
        - Offer hands-on build Rain Garden class
        - Develop list of knowledgeable vendors – design, install, where to buy plants
      - Lawns – conservation tips, even/odd watering days, HOA rules requiring watering
      - Streams - promote Tomahawk clean up
      - Coordinate with Stormwater on education e.g. Parks and Recreation Guide
    - HOA meeting/summit dinner meeting
      - Convert to a public forum
      - Set up PCs at meeting to calculate 'footprint'
      - Target Top 30-35 HOAs in # of homes (80/20 rule) and assign Board Liaisons accordingly
      - Assign board member with HOA DB
      - What's the Follow-Up after annual meeting?
    - Recycle – Reduce – Reuse
      - Eliminate plastic bags
      - Eliminate plastic bottles (filtered water fountains now at parks)
    - Green Mobility
      - Walk/Bike to School

- Expand awareness, Walking School Bus, Incentives
  - Amy Walker assist in cross city meeting with Leawood hosting
- Bike to Work
  - Incentives, Chamber After Hours Event
- City Biking Event on Large Scale e.g. close Tomahawk Creek
- Outreach and Education
  - Mature Sustainability Speaker Series to be a bigger event
  - Increase use of city web site (daily tips)
  - Investigate leveraging Parks and Recreation Facebook site
  - Expand SAB presence at other city events e.g. Chamber After Hours Mingling with City event (August), SAB table at Police and Fire Dept. open houses
  - Single page 'slick' mailers
- Protecting our City's trees
  - Promote new tree planting (matching \$ for up to 2 trees/yr)
- Home conservation - residential version of a city energy project –
  - Prioritize improvements based on age of home age
  - Encourage solar - LDO friendly codes
  - "green tape" vs "red tape"
  - Encourage use of clothes line to dry clothes

#### **Trees Update** **Update**

- A council work session has been scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>. A small neighbor, staff, SAB planning session about concerns and packet for work session was held 2/3 of our street trees are pine oak, maple, and ash.

#### **Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourns at 9:07 am. Next meeting is May 14, 2015.
- Future meetings for 2015: June 11, July 9, Sept 10, Oct 8, and Nov12.
- No meetings in March, August, and December.

## **Prairie Village Environment/Recycling Committee Membership**

**Active Members:** Upon an invitation from the Mayor, the volunteer commits to serve a three-year term. Active members regularly attend Committee meetings at 7:00PM on the 4th Wednesday of every month. Ideally, there should be no more than three missed meetings in a given year. Dependable participation in Committee sponsored projects and events is expected, as is participation in public meetings, and in online or write-in efforts to address environmental issues.

**Supporting Members:** The term of a supporting member is three years. The supporting member is invited, but not required, to attend all regular Committee meetings. The supporting member is also invited to volunteer in support of at least one Committee sponsored project or event each year, and to participate in public meetings, and in online or write-in efforts to address environmental issues.

**Friends:** A friend of the Committee is welcome at all regular sessions and invited to volunteer on any committee sponsored project or event. Friends are encouraged to attend public meetings and to make their opinions known to their legislators on matters of the environment.