

Sustainability Advisory Board

April 13th, 2017 MINUTES

🚩 Welcome, Introductions, and News

- Members meet and greet. Welcome guest Kevin Corbett from the Bicycle Friendly Committee.

🚩 The SAB meeting came to order at 7:42 am.

- Vice-Chair Filla motioned to approve the amended agenda. Alicia Jennings seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Kenn Miller motioned to approve the February 9th meeting minutes. Bob Pierson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

🚩 Master Calendar

- Members reviewed the calendar, emphasizing the Spring Tomahawk Trail Clean Up, Recycling Extravaganza, Shawnee Mission East Earth Day, and the RX Take Back.
- Members discuss methods to distribute flyers to HOA members and Friends of SAB. Brian Cullum will draft a summit follow-up letter to include the flyers and/or even links. Members can distribute their flyers to churches too.

▪ Friends of SAB

- Brian Cullum requests an updated interest list.

🚩 Communications

▪ Outward Communications Through Website (Gareth Matthews)

- Communications from the HOA board members to residents was discussed.
- Creating several databases based on interests, tailored for specific mailings/blasts similar to those from Public Works/Parks & Recreation by providing "sign up to receive specific information" boxes on the city's website. Members discuss various programs and managing them.
- Members discuss 'Nextdoor' and 'eNeighbors'.

🚩 Green Mobility

▪ Main Routes to School (Gareth Matthews)

- Mission Trail is the pilot and its documents were submitted to Kevin Corbett, Chair of BFC and point of contact for the city and schools. A brief explanation of the process between involved parties.
- Draft a letter and deliver it to the principal, information about the Leadership Award and other items, to discuss with staff. And offer to schedule a meeting to discuss further. Important for Cure and Brookwood to be involved.
- Members discuss the various processes in getting approval from involved parties and past written communications.

▪ Naming of the BFC

- By-laws are limited. Previous achievement goal was to aspire to be a bicycle friendly city of the League of American Bicyclists which not as important today. Now our goal is to continue the mission for the city and citizens, becoming more than a designation of a bicycle friendly city.
- The bike-ped plan sets the BFC. Bylaws will be rewritten. The committee renamed. Members discuss it further.

ATTENDEES

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

- Chuck Sipple, Chair**
- Debra Filla, Vice-Chair**
- Brian Cullum**
- Alicia Jennings**
- Kathy Corbin**
- Kenny Johnston**
- Gareth Matthews**
- Kenn Miller**
- Scott Pashia**
- Bob Pierson**
- Jim Potter**

- Chris Claxton**
Parks & Recreation Director
- Brian Anderson**
Parks Superintendent
- Marica Putman**
Administrative Graphics Tech
- Scott Gamerl**
Outdoor Education Supervisor
- Scott Lambers**
City Administrator
- Kevin Jeffries**
President & CEO
Leawood Chamber of
Commerce

Guests

- Kevin Corbett**
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- **Revising Mission Statement**

- The mission statement was revised, removing “green mobility” as it had a geriatric implication.
- A new mission statement now discussed:
 - To lead, educate, and collaborate with the Leawood community to encourage conservation, increase recycling, and promote walking/cycling in the City of Leawood.

- **Two New Member Candidates**

- Two very qualified recommendations to the BFC. Ron Schikevitz is an engineer at Burns and McDonnell who designs bike trails and was recommended by Ben Biller. Barry Nelson works for John Deere and recommended by Brian Anderson. Chair Sipple will handle their nominations.

- **MARC Seminar**

- MARC has an all-day seminar on September 13 on walking/biking routes.

- ✚ **Conservation**

- **Community Gardens Update**

- Three plots remaining.
- Dustin Branick and Kayla Bruce are managing the plots.
- Construction discussion follows.

- **Trees & Landscaping Work Session**

- A work session for trees is next Tuesday. This group is a volunteer SAB subcommittee is currently reviewing Leawood Development Ordinances (LDOs). The city does not have a baseline to measure our urban tree canopy. Is our urban forest growing or receding? This helps define policies. Thinking of trees as a utility and their impact on energy costs and stormwater. The volunteer SAB subcommittee made a recommendation that a budget item of \$10,000 be included in the 2018 budget.
- Vice-Chair Filla made a Council Report referring the opportunity for matching dollars from Johnson County to Stormwater Committee which will discuss at their May meeting.
- Members discussed the above issues. Another suggestion was related to managing the Canadian Geese population. Chair Sipple was told that rather than mowing to the creek edge, leave a buffer of 10-15 feet of native grasses, bushes, etc. down to the water so that the geese can't determine if there are predators and thus will not approach it (walk, live or get into the lake). It works.

Motion:

Vice-Chair Filla makes a motion to include a budget line of \$10,000 to cover the cost of a baseline assessment of the City's urban forest canopy. Gareth Matthews seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- ✚ **Misc.**

- Chair Sipple and Kathy Corbin are visiting the recycling plant this afternoon and has extended the invitation to members to join them.

- ✚ **Adjourn**

- **Upcoming Meetings**

- **Next SAB meeting is May 11, 2017.**
- Future meeting dates in 2017: June 8th, July 13th, September 14th, October 12th, and November 9th.
- No meetings in March, August, and December.