

Sustainability Advisory Board

May 11th, 2017 MINUTES

Welcome, Introductions, and News

- Members meet and greet.

The SAB meeting came to order at 7:37 am.

- Vice-Chair Filla motioned to approve the agenda. Scott Pashia seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- BFC's Two New Member Candidates
 - Gareth Matthews asked for a bit more background and qualifications of Ron Schikevitz and Barry Nelson. Brian Anderson provided additional information regarding the two candidates.
- Vice-Chair Filla motioned to approve the April 13th meeting minutes. Kathy Corbin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Master Calendar

- Members reviewed the calendar, emphasizing the Bike to Work Day ride from Ranchmart to the Justice Center. The Corner Bakery will cater breakfast and door prizes to lucky winners.
- The Citywide Recirculation Saturday is June 3rd. Please distribute flyers. An email will be sent out to HOAs and to include the native landscaping class on May 17th.

Communications

- School – Leadership Award**
 - A cover letter and form will be distributed.

Green Mobility

- Main Routes to School**
 - A letter was sent out to superintendents and followed-up with a request to principals for a meeting before school closes along with liaison names.
 - New principals at: Cure, Brookwood, and Prairie Star Elementary/Middle.
 - A brief discussion on the Montessori School at 104th Street. Scott Pashia and Brian Anderson will be their liaisons. Members discussed trail connections near the school.
 - Gareth Matthews attended a 2-day workshop for Roeland Park. At the Roesland School, they are trying to do main routes to school to make it easier for kids to walk and bike to Roesland Park. They had a Seattle consultant and resources from Johnson County. He lectured on:
 - Mid Street Crossings
 - Street Crosswalks
 - School Areas
 - Height Visibility
 - Speed
 - And other factors
 - Gareth Matthews to present the workshop information to Bike/Walk Leewood for evaluation. Brian Anderson will follow-up with Roeland Park, maybe with a lunch and learn opportunity. Suggestions included an event in the fall for Bike Walk KC.
- Naming of the BFC**
 - Bike/Walk Leewood is the new name for Bicycle Friendly Committee.
 - BikeWalkKC is the actual name of the organization (no spaces). Walk Bike KC does not exist.

ATTENDEES

7:30 am • Leewood 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
Leewood Chamber of
Commerce

Guests

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- **Revising Mission Statement**

- The mission statement was reviewed. The mission statement is:

To lead, educate, and collaborate with the Leawood community to encourage conservation, increase recycling, and promote walking/cycling in the City of Leawood.

- ✦ **Conservation**

- **Community Gardens Update**

- A couple of plots have not been chartered.
- [Kayla Bruce](#) is doing a great job and sending out organic gardening blurbs.
- The SAB Community Garden Task Force was extended 3 months. Their next meeting is Tuesday, May 23rd.

- **Visit WM's Recycling Center – 4/13**

- [Chair Sipple](#), [Gareth Matthews](#) and [Kathy Corbin](#) attended the Waste Management's recycling center open house. [Chair Sipple](#) gave an overview of their recycling operations.
- Mayors, dignitaries and other public figures also attended. The tour was well done and very informative.
- [Chair Sipple](#) along with [Kathy Corbin](#)'s help is to determine Leawood's involvement and recycling numbers. The percentage for recycling in Kansas City is 15%.
- [Kathy Corbin](#) has found various misinformation concerning items that can be recycled. For example, aluminum foil for some is not recyclable.
- Members discuss percentages and recycling awareness. [Vice-Chair Filla](#) reminds all that she has not done enough to offset her footprint on the planet. [Kathy Corbin](#) comments that all the bad stuff is out of sight. We need to see that visual impact and act on it.
- [Julie Davis](#) and [Brandon Hearn](#) are contacts for Johnson County Environmental and Health.

- **RX Take Back Disposal - 4/29**

- [Chief Troy Rettig](#) shared that 120 pounds of drugs was collected. Last year's event yielded 70 pounds. On average, 35 pounds is collected monthly.
- [Brian Cullum](#) will send out Take Back information to HOAs to inform them that the drug drop off is any time.
- For the Spring Tomahawk Trail Clean-Up, some members collected several bags of trash. The amount collected is unknown.

- **Trees Work Session – Leawood Development Ordinances Changes**

- [Vice Chair Filla](#) shares that a Landscape Architect and his supplier, a Nurseryman attended the work session.
- The discussion got a little heated, good progress was made and consensus on what changes need to be made on the LDOs. Such as going with 2" instead of 4" caliber trees for better diversity and long term success, parking lot tree plantings, sidewalk panels, etc.
- [Brian Anderson](#) and [Dustin Branick](#) are working the details for [Patty Bennett](#), City Attorney, to review.
- [Brian Anderson](#) shared the tree success of the City of Ithaca, New York. They have a very good forestry master plan and given permission for him to utilize their documents for Leawood. He has sent their documents to [Richard Coleman](#) and [Mark Klein](#) the parking lot/island tree planting, sidewalk buckling, etc.
- Members discuss the LDOs and explanations. [Vice-Chair Filla](#) has addressed [Brian Cullum](#)'s email and contacted [Scott Lambers](#) about legal issues and a letter from [Bruce North](#). The volunteer sub-committee tree board is represented by citizens [Jim Decker](#), [Jim Ernest](#), [Thad Carver](#), and [Bruce North](#) from Foxborough, Huntington Ridge, Leawood, and Edgewood. They discuss the [Brian Cullum](#)'s HOA stand on tree maintenance, islands further, and legal issues. [Brian Anderson](#) offers his assistance on bylaws or requirements from a consultant arborist's standpoint.

- **Water Irrigation and Conservation**

- The Stormwater Committee discussed the matching dollar program and agreed to spend money on a brochure to be handed out to those getting permits.
- Julie Stasi and guest will attend the May 17th training on native landscaping.
- Chair Sipple and Joe Johnson will meet with a home owner at Leawood Estates section on the east side of Leawood South next Thursday about a stormwater runoff drainage issue that may be a candidate for a rain garden in that swell according to Joe Johnson and David Ley.

- ✚ **Misc.**

- Gareth Matthews has some conservation concerns to be addressed and would like to take on Leawood Middle due to Kenny Johnston's absence. Bike/Walk Leawood's Bill Day is the current contact for Leawood Elementary/Middle and David Harwood is the current contact for Prairie Star Elementary/Middle.
- Discussed alternating continental/breakfast meals to offset cost. Other involved costs are minimums, deliver costs, and packages.
- Brian Cullum asks if the city has established a contact person for social media posting and on eNeighbors. Chair Sipple experience is that people do not like eNeighbors due to ads and frequent emails. Gareth Matthews comments that they take it on and if the City likes it, they can use it as a model for the future.

- ✚ **Sustainability Summit & Annual HOA Meeting 2-21**

- Vice-Chair Filla commented to be thinking of the topic and a speaker is chosen soon for the next HOA meeting.

- ✚ **Adjourn**

- Vice-Chair Filla moved to end the meeting. Members seconded the move.

- **Upcoming Meetings**

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