

Sustainability Advisory Board

July 13th, 2017 MINUTES

🚩 Welcome, Introductions, and News

- Members meet and greet.

🚩 The SAB meeting came to order.

- Vice-Chair Filla motioned to approve the agenda. Gareth Matthews seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Vice-Chair Filla motioned to approve the June 8th meeting minutes. Gareth Matthews seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

🚩 Master Calendar

- Members reviewed the calendar.
- No meeting next month.
- Vice-Chair Filla shares that Kenny Johnston has stepped out of his board position and for anyone to send a resume to a SAB member or to Mayor Peggy Dunn if interested in becoming an SAB member.
- Fall recirculation extravaganza is coming up. Jim Twigg is working with Marica Putman to revise the flyers. The City-Wide Recirculation Saturday is also coming up too. Brian Anderson will follow up with Kenn Miller for signs. Both events will be in the Fall/Winter Parks and Recreation Program Guide.

🚩 Communications

▪ Doodle Scheduling Tool

- Anne Blessing, member of an arts panel, uses Doodle Scheduling. Members discuss whether this tool will be useful to members scheduling meetings rather than assigning meeting dates, etc. Chris Claxton will follow up with Ross Kurz or Mark Tepesch.

▪ Schools – Leadership Award and Rain

- Members met with principals and briefly discussed main routes to school.
- Gareth Matthews is meeting with Leawood Middle for composting. He also had a meeting with Blue Valley School Superintendent Todd White, Tony Lake, and Dave Hill. He is receiving help from Joan Leavens from the Shawnee Mission School District.
- Gareth Matthews comments that the response was great and he feels they will verify this information before speaking with the school principals in July. They will also visit the site in Liberty. They are interested in cost opportunities. He mentioned that the SAB has an annual \$500 award and Johnson County Health & Environment has a \$500 set-up funding opportunities and individual grants. The Founder's Grant for Mission Trail really helped to solidify the story. If they decide to do this, they were told that there is money available for them this year (maximum of 5 schools: Prairie Star Elementary, Prairie Star Middle, Mission Trail, Leawood Elementary, and Leawood Middle, \$2500).

▪ Before the Flood Movie Night

- Scott Gamerl reviewed the idea and feels it needs to be with something bigger to draw people because it is a long documentary (126 minutes). He suggested Ted Talks, short movies, short speeches, etc. He will contact Galvin Spake, District Coordinating Teacher at the Carolyn Ball Blair Wilderness Science Center for Blue Valley Schools, to discuss working together to show the movie. Members debated about having a clip for the HOA meeting or speaking with the Church of the Resurrection to sponsor the movie to show. Gareth Matthews and Kathy Corbin will contact Dick Cooper and other church members about co-hosting the movie.

ATTENDEES

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

- Chuck Sipple, Chair**
- Debra Filla, Vice-Chair**
- Brian Cullum**
- 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

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- **Parks & Recreation Guide**

- The City-Wide Recirculation Saturday, Recycling Extravaganza, HOA meeting's Save the Date, etc. will be in the fall/winter guide. The deadline is tomorrow.

- **Social Media**

- Chris Claxton shares that there will be more Facebook Live posts, and other opportunities to blast or broadcast information. Vice-Chair Filla will contact Martha Conradt to come back to do PR for the group again. She loves PR work and she is very good at it. The summit is at USD 500; KCK Public Schools Central Office, 2010 N. 59th Street, Kansas City, KS.

- ✚ **Green Mobility**

- **Main Routes to School**

- Most principals have been contacted about MR2S. Brian Anderson is to contact the Montessori School to see if she would like to work the committee.
- Brian Anderson attended the Bike Pedestrian Action Committee Meeting at MARC. BikeWalkKC is going to have a Safe Routes to School Summit on September 13th. He is willing to register for anyone who would like to go. They wanted some feedback and he told them he would like to see a breakout session about alternative funding and strategies about having courtesy rules enforced. He and Dan Schaeffer will be attending.
- Brian Anderson visited with Brian Shields, Overland Park City Engineer, who will talk to Blue Valley School in Overland Park about Safe Routes to School. He will send him a copy of our packet. Vice-Chair Filla will resend the summit info, offer to pay and enroll, to Bike/Walk Leawood and SAB. She will also send an email addressing Gareth Matthew's letter.
- Members made remarks of the new ladder crossing markings along Roe. They are really visible and were recommended in the bike plan.

- **Bike/Walk Signage Plans for 2017-2018**

- Bike/Walk Leawood recommended moving forward with getting the North Loop marked and possibly the South Loop if funds are available. Brian Anderson and David Ley drove the North Loop which is 11 miles. Brian Anderson also rode it with his bike and feels it is fairly safe with no major concerns. Other discussions include the South Loop, which has a combination of trails plus streets. A new bike committee member, primarily a road cyclist, is seeking a street only alternative route. The trails are great for family riders. Signs will be placed every 300 yards and possibly installing some reinforcement signs. Members discuss the scenery of the ride's path. He would like an information sign to be a starting point or trail head to be at or near the bike repair station and parking is nearby.

- ✚ **Conservation**

- **BMP Water Conservation Flyer – Vice-Chair Filla**

- Stormwater committee did make a recommendation to create a flyer to be distributed in late September, early October to promote the matching dollars program. A mini meeting to be held in September to discuss it further. Julie Stasi, Marica Putman, Michelle Sherry, Debra Filla, James Azeltine and Stormwater_committee are possible attendees.

- ✚ **Sustainability Summit & Annual HOA Meeting 2/22**

- Vista 154 does not have the capacity to host the meeting.
- Members suggested these topics:
 - Oak Wilt is rare fungus and is not new. There is a pocket of it south of 97th and north of City Park. Brian Anderson was contacted through the Action Line. He researched it and it was Oak Wilt. There is no cure and the tree will die. Affected trees must be cut down and any oak trees nearby must be trenched to sever the root system so it does not spread. He explains it further, symptoms, and emphasizing not to prune oak trees in the spring. Pruning may cause a wound and the insects would then spread the fungus to a wound, spreading the disease. After contracting the disease, White Oaks may survive if extreme maintenance is performed but Red Oaks die within a year. All are in agreement that a

section is needed for tree information to include an EAB update and the message to plant early, plant now, and diversify. The discussion continues to include Sycamore trees and updating the website and alternate forms.

- Back to basics information of why we do what we do and world impacts of our actions like climate change, planet change, carbon footprint (picking up and reducing our waste), clean air, etc. Also to provide suggestions for people's daily lives. Vice-Chair Filla will contact David Dodds to be a speaker. Members continue discussing ideas and more.
- End recycling confusion by asking Johnson County Health & Environment's Brandon Hearn for help because the waste companies are not consistent of what can or cannot be recycled or what the market will buy.
 - Plastic bottles.
 - Butterfly and rain gardens.
 - Bike/Walk.
 - Capture water.
 - Solar.
- HOA ad is to be updated for the next program guide. A suggested theme is "Sustainability - What can we do?" How we can make City more livable? How do we make the Sustainability issues fit into pattern of everyday life in the city of Leawood? Members share stories and ideas. The take-away is everybody has to chip in to do their part to turn the tide. Members chose this theme: "A green Leawood...A greener world". Vice-Chair Filla will continue working with the theme and other topics.
- Alicia Jennings was asked to include the power shortages, power outages, and trees on High Drive to be addressed due to aging trees. Gareth Matthews suggest contacting PUC for a formal complaint to get it resolved. Vice-Chair Filla suggested the HOA to write a letter and send it to Mayor Peggy Dunn and do what Gareth Matthews suggested.
- Chris Claxton shares that \$5,000 has been approved for the bike fest. If the bike fest is at the City Park, they can show the signs, the bike loop, facilities, and more. More discussion follows.
- Chair Sipple was approached by the Leawood Rotary Club. They would like to get involved in the Tomahawk Trail Clean-Up and would like to participate in it like the scout troops. The Leawood Rotary Club would like to take ownership of the clean-up or another section of the trail. Chris Claxton suggests they consider an Adopt-a-Trail piece which allows them to have an area with signage and participate any time. The scouts can do the same and the big event will still be done twice a year. More photos are needed to show how much trash is collected. The tree grove is an area that the Rotary Club might be more suited for. The proposed Rotary Grove is behind City Hall. Trees will be added around the sidewalk. The trail will be completed and it will be nice. Vice-Chair Filla suggested a Rotary Lane; a project with canopy street trees. Members talked about locations.
- Members talk about replacing the microphone system at the Lodge. Chris Claxton is concerned with the ceiling acoustical paneling. She will check on the system and budget.
- Members reviewed expenses and explanations. The spreadsheet is incorrect and will be amended.

Adjourn

- **Upcoming Meetings**
 - **Next SAB meeting is September 12, 2017.**
 - Future meeting dates in 2017: October 12th, and November 9th.
 - No meetings in March, August, and December.