

Sustainability Advisory Board

September 14th, 2017 MINUTES

🚩 Welcome, Introductions, and News

- Members meet and greet.

🚩 The SAB meeting came to order.

- Gareth Matthews motioned to approve the agenda Scott Pashia seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Gareth Matthews motioned to approve the amended July 13th meeting minutes. Bob Pierson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

🚩 Master Calendar

- Members reviewed and revised the calendar as needed.
- Events coming up: Citywide Recirculation Saturday, Bike/Walk to School, and Recycling Extravaganza.
- The Fall Trail Clean-Up on November 11th was added to the calendar.
- Discussed changing next year's citywide recirculation dates to coincide with the recycling extravaganza. Bob Pierson will contact Jim Twigg to discuss it further.

🚩 Communications

▪ Schools – Leadership Award

- Gareth Matthews requested monies be set aside for participating schools at the last meeting.
- The district is looking to reduce their trash output by increasing composting and recycling. They are doing a four school trial for this semester for the schools that are already composting, Blue Valley schools plus Leawood Middle School. The composting cost is absorbed by the district and Johnson County. They have seen the changes so far and like it. If the pilot is successful, they will open up composting to all Blue Valley schools who want to participate.
- Gareth Matthews continues to talk to principals, parents, and PTOs. Scott Pashia agrees that it is a grass root effort; starting with the PTO at individual schools to build momentum between the schools to get the district's attention and involvement.
- Waste Management measures their collections by the number of times they show up to collect and the size of the container. The number of trips may reduce in the future to help reduce the cost to pay for composting.
- Chair Sipple requested measurement stats as available. Gareth Matthews shares that at Mission Trail, 8-10 tons of food waste is not going into the landfill. Some of the compost goes back to Mission Trail for a fundraiser and some to Missouri Organics who then sells to others.

🚩 Bike / Walk

▪ Main Routes to School

- Gareth Matthews held a 2nd meeting with various departments to discuss the Mission Trail plan and implementation. They discussed preliminary costs (signage, sidewalks, and striping), CIP, and budgets. Once costs are determined, there are opportunities to apply for matching funds (Safe Routes to Schools), etc.
- Brian Neilson asked him to speak to the Brookwood principal and discuss what is being done at Mission Trail.
- Chair Sipple, Brian Anderson, several others from Cure, attended the Bike/Walk regional meeting. They have many presentations including what cities are doing for participation. In Lawrence, schools include

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**
- Alicia Jennings**
- 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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bike safety/repair as a part of the 4th and 5th grade P.E. curriculum. In 7th and 8th grade, there are chances to win bikes. Ridership at Lawrence schools has increased as a result of this curriculum.

- The City wants to be bike friendly and to do that, the mindset needs to change to accept new asks into the budget. Gareth Matthews believes the current greatest hurdle is getting new items such as striping to be accepted and integrated into the traffic portion of the budget.
- Bike/Walk Leawood has mocked up an informational sign for the north bike loop. It will be green and will have the tree logo along with City of Leawood and North Loop. The south loop will be red. Both loops will start in the city park. The plan is to get the signs installed and to have the north loop ready to go in the spring. David Ley will get a prototype. The cost to install the sign is \$250. The loop has some paths but it is mostly non-busy streets through residential north neighborhoods. A small kiosk at the city park to explain the loops and moving the bike repair there too.
- Chris Claxton shares that there will be a family friendly bike event next Labor Day weekend. Karry Rood of the Police Department has given her some kid activity ideas for the event.

Conservation

▪ Trail Cleanup November 11, 2017 & April 28, 2018

- The event is from 10 am – 1 pm.
- Leawood Rotary has made a commitment of 10-15 people at the event. Chris Claxton is working with the Boy Scouts.
- The segments for cleanup are along the Tomahawk Creek and Indian Creek from Mission to State Line. There is a lot of debris in the river basin and may be a difficult to pick up. Recent flooding at the Parks Facility took out most of the equipment that could have been used to pick up the heavy debris.

▪ COR & Leawood Rotary

- COR green people and Leawood Rotary were invited to participate in the fall trail clean-up. Vice-Chair Filla is the liaison for COR. Chair Sipple is the liaison for the Leawood Rotary.

▪ Community Gardens

- Kayla Bruce has sent an email to remind people to be accountable and to clean up their plots.
- Status for next year is unknown.

▪ Citywide Recirculation Saturday

- The signs were distributed by Chair Sipple, Bob Pierson, and others.
- An email blast was sent out.
- Brian Cullum advertised in Craigslist, Reuse group, Next Door, and more. Martha Conradt has also assisted. Kathy Corbin suggested Letgo. Members discussed other apps and organizations. Scott Gamerl suggested contacting vendors at First Friday and west bottom people.
- Feedback on the success of the event would be great. It is open for everyone to pick.
- Thanks to Kenn Miller for suggesting LJS Graphics for the higher quality, lower priced signs. They were highly visible. The signs will be collected and reused next year.

▪ Leawood Chamber

- The Leawood Chamber has been publishing Kathy Corbin's weekly sustainability tips in their newsletter. She has met with Kevin Jeffries and has discussed tips and more. It has been very successful.

Sustainability Summit & Annual HOA Meeting 2/22

- Chair Sipple and Kathy Corbin met with Sara Gardner and is a likely candidate to speak.
- Kathy Corbin presented a comprehensive recycling information website from Perth, Australia. She finds that people are still confused about recycling and do not participate in the process. Members discussed simplifying the process (mobile data app to look up what can be recycled). She can take to Lisa McDaniels about the process and available app.
- Kathy Corbin suggested asking HOA boards at the meeting to create or add an environmental green position. This position would be a liaison to the SAB board. The idea is well liked. It was suggested that she come up with a list of to do's for that position that they can coordinate with the HOAs.

- Jim Potter is working on the Ripple Glass recycling bin in Leawood. He watched the Corinth's bin location and found approximately 20 people using the bin in a matter of minutes. Ripple Glass would like a bin behind Ranchmart at 95th & Mission and at Price Chopper at 135th and Mission. Ripple Glass has approval by the grocers and property owners but has been unsuccessful with the Planning Commission. They have asked the Planning Department to give on the screening provisions. They have given them an example of Overland Park's 1 year trial project with the exact same screening provisions. Their trial project was 3 years ago and has continued since. This issue went to the Planning Commission on the 12th and has no other updates since then. Members discuss ordinances, cities with current containers, and cleanliness, etc.
- Bob Pierson sought a KC Curbside bid for his homes association with added cost of \$1 that many residents wanted only to be told at City Hall that most items are no longer in glass except for beer and wine bottles, along with a few items. Discussion continues of what can be recycled.
- Brian Cullum suggested drafting a letter to the Planning Commission on behalf of this committee in support of Ripple Glass to do trial project. Jim Potter is in favor of that idea. He will reach out to the Planning Department for the project status and will inform the SAB board of his findings. Benchmarking is important and could change the views of the Planning Commission.
- On another note, Kathy Corbin mentioned that Seattle has a plastic straw less campaign. Straws are either reusable or of paper.

✚ Adjourn

▪ Upcoming Meetings

- **Next SAB meeting is November 9th, 2017.**
- Future meeting dates in 2018: January 11th, February 8th, April 12th, May 10th, June 14th, July 12th, September 13th, October 11th, November 8th.
- Sustainability Summit & Annual HOA Meeting is February 22nd.
- No meetings in March, August, and December.