

Sustainability Advisory Board

October 12th, 2017 MINUTES

🚩 Welcome, Introductions, and News

- Members meet and greet.

🚩 The SAB meeting came to order.

- Vice-Chair Filla motioned to approve the amended agenda. Alicia Jennings seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Vice-Chair Filla motioned to approve the September 14th meeting minutes. Kenn Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

🚩 Master Calendar

- Members reviewed and revised the calendar.
- Bike/Walk Leawood meetings will be added to the calendar.
- Events coming up: Recycling Extravaganza is this weekend at Black & Vetch and The Fall Trail Clean-Up on November 11th.
- Marica Putman will send out the Recycling Extravaganza flyer.

🚩 Communications

- COR & Leawood Chamber – Chair Sipple**
 - Kathy Corbin has been writing and submitting weekly recycling articles to the Leawood Chamber of Commerce. The articles are published on their website.
 - The board discussed Kathy Corbin's earlier suggestion to ask the HOAs to add a sustainable/green board member or liaison position. She passes out an HOA Sustainability Board Member description. Members discuss whether being a member of Friends of SAB would achieve the same objective. Chair Sipple will present this idea at the annual HOA meeting. It is suggested that Kathy Corbin meet with Ross Kurz to put these recycling tips on the website.

🚩 Bike/Walk

- Update on the Brookwood Meeting – Vice-Chair Filla**
 - The new principal is very supportive of MR2S efforts.
 - Brian Neilson, who has children who attend Brookwood and former BFC member, has offered to take the lead. This group has active members.
 - For the groundbreaking ceremony for the Brookwood School, Sergeant Yoder was called to coordinate with Overland Park to help walk 300 students across the road to their new tech school.
 - Members discussed the benefits of having police presence at the peak of bike/walk. They also discussed various other crosswalk locations that need crossing guards and what to do when none are available. The Police are in charge of crossing guards.
 - Other school updates:
 - Cure schools has an environmental committee lead by former board member, Martha Conradt. Alicia Jennings is also active.
 - Nativity. Bill Blessing assisted with their very successful walk event.
 - Alicia Jennings asked school secretaries Peg Bono and Martha Ramsey to collect problems that parents see that needs to be addressed by BWL.
 - Prairie Star: Dave Harwood is their liaison.
 - Mission Trail: Gareth Matthews is their liaison.
 - St. Michaels: Believes they are doing okay and do not want a meeting.
- Bike/Walk Signs were picked up by Alicia Jennings. There were 6 signs not picked up. The signs received many compliments.

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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- Sergeant Mark Hackathorn will replace Sergeant Kirt Yoder for the next Bike/Walk Leawood meeting.
- David Ley will bring a sign proof. He is researching other cities' signs. They will reuse as many street lamps and preexisting poles as possible. New posts will be used if there isn't another option.

✚ Conservation

▪ Trail Cleanup November 11, 2017 – Scott Gamerl

- There are 7 possible kick-off points and is in need of additional volunteers/staff. Chair Sipple suggests 2 kick-off points. The kick-off points will be reviewed and designated prior to the event. The segments for cleanup are along the Tomahawk Creek to Roe to the waste water plant, Leawood, and Indian Creek to I-435.
- Event improvements include thicker bags and gloves of various sizes to fit adults and children.
- At least 20 Rotarians are participating. Approximately 30 Individuals and families have called to participate. The scouts will have their own section along with their scout master or parents.
- Vice-Chair Filla suggests a handout of what to do, what is expected, etc.
- Members continue their discussion of kick-off points and more.

▪ Community Gardens – Vice-Chair Filla

- Council extended the task force until next September due to time finding alternate sites and staff time. They will try to meet between November and February.
- Vice-Chair Filla met with the Mission Hills Mayor about their ordinance that requires arborists to be licensed and insured. Arborists are required to pay the \$25 fee to the city. Members discuss contractor issues, damage examples, tree protection, and more.
- Kathy Corbin introduces a new concept of 'Tiny Forest'. It is a small planned area of nutrient rich soil, planted shrubs, trees, canopies that becomes a total ecosystem forest within 10 years in a tiny, tiny space that would normally take nature 100 years to achieve. The size of a tiny forest is like the size of a tennis court. It would become thick and eventually filled with wildlife.

▪ Leawood Rotary Trees – Chair Sipple

- The Leawood Rotary plans to donate 20 trees next spring for 3 years in a row. It is planned to be on the path that goes north and east of the amphitheater in Ironwoods Park.

▪ Ripple Glass Test Case – Jim Potter

- There are no updates. A test case is being proposed at 135th and Mission behind Price Chopper.
- Stacia Stelk has moved to be the Director of Kansas City Native Plant Initiative. He will reach out to her.
- KC Curbside does glass pick-up as an alternative. Bob Pierson shares that it would be \$1-\$1.50 per household per month for Leawood HOA but decided they did not want it. Members discuss other examples and the costs.

✚ Sustainability Summit & Annual HOA Meeting 2/22

▪ Ideas for theme?

- Members discuss various theme ideas. These are themes are the forerunners.
- Vice-Chair Filla shares an idea about the importance of nature to absorb carbon and the critical importance of our green infrastructure framework. To that end she has reached out to Tom Jacobs from MARC and their GI Framework.
- Another idea proposed was the topic of reducing plastic. Jeff Bridges' video 'When did we become a plastic society' was discussed. and how do we reduce and recycle.
- Scott Gamerl offered a 'cycles' theme that covers recycle, bicycle, water cycles, etc.
- Vice-Chair Filla suggested talking about 1 of the 3 of the mission statement. She recommends waiting one year for cycling as there would be more to present and be more impactful. Chair Sipple would like to talk about cycling now and what is coming in the near future.
- Brian Anderson proposed informing HOAs as to how they can be proactive and involved through sprinkler timing, sidewalk clearing; promote cycling or tree protection, etc. Alicia Jennings advised speaking and learning about power outages and why they have them.

- Vice-Chair Filla also suggested 5 Green Things by Bridging the Gap. Smart things to do. Show why plastic impacts them. Give people a solution to coexist with nature and 10 billion of people if we do smart things. She will contact The Nature Conservatory and MARC before the next meeting.
- Members talked about stainless steel tumblers as giveaways for the meeting. So many tumblers for the first few registrants or first come, first serve. Costco has similar Yeti tumblers for 2/3 the normal cost.
- An email blast for reminding HOAs of the Citywide Recirculation Saturday resulted in about 40 returned emails. Chair Sipple and Vice-Chair Filla will contact Ross Kurz to get the current email list for everyone to reach out for updates prior to the Save the Date blast for the HOA dinner meeting.
- Marica Putman to work ahead on the save the date cards and invites after the topic is picked. The cards will be sent out after Thanksgiving and invites in January.
- Request was made to think about catering ideas.

Adjourn

▪ Upcoming Meetings

- **Next SAB meeting is January 11th, 2018.**
- Future meeting dates in 2018: 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.