

## Sustainability Advisory Board

# January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 MINUTES

### ✦ Welcome, Introductions, and News

- Members welcome new committee member Truss Tyson. Introductions are made.

### ✦ The SAB meeting came to order.

- Art Peterson motioned to approve the amended agenda with a second from Vice-Chair Lisa Harrison. Bill Schutte seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Vice-Chair Lisa Harrison motioned to approve the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Bill Schutte seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### ✦ Introduction of New Member – Truss Tyson

- Truss Tyson presents his background, accomplishments, interests, etc. to members. He attended the Leawood Police Academy and that's how he found the SAB.

### ✦ Master Calendar – SAB and Recycling Events

- Members reviewed the master calendar.
- Chair Sipple inquired if a recycling link is available on the city's website. He is fielding calls concerning recycling and would like the link to be as simple as possible. A website redesign is currently in the works and it is believed that a link will be available when it rolls out.

### ✦ Presentation of SAB Award to Mission Trail Elementary

- Chris Claxton and Chair Sipple presented the Mission Trail Elementary principal and an active parent a \$500 check for their recycling activity. The school composts cafeteria waste. The program was started by former SAB committee member Gareth Matthews. Unfortunately, the Blue Valley School District plans to discontinue the program in the fall of 2019 due to hauling and composting costs. BVSD is tightening their budget and will no longer cover the future composting costs.
- Joan Leavens is active in environmental issues with Shawnee Mission School District. Chair Sipple ask Alicia Jennings to follow-up with Joan Leavens for new ideas to use in approaching the BVSD.

### ✦ SAB Membership – Need One More Citizen Member

- Vice-Chair Harrison announced Erin Chacey as a possible candidate. She is awaiting Erin's resume who is an active parent at Mission Trail Elementary School.

### ✦ Re-Work of HOA Database and Access from City Website – Art Peterson

- SAB and HOA sections of the website were down recently and not functioning due to website redesign work.
- Art Peterson is maintaining the HOA's database, removing bad records and misleading information, etc. He discussed the information he is receiving and the set-up processes that he and Ross Kurz created. A resident will submit their information and he receives a copy to view. Members discussed the issues further. There are currently 116 HOAs, 4 of which need attention as to data quality. We have reasonable contact information for over 91.

We reviewed the templates available for collecting HOA data selected Sample 2 to be displayed as the HOA Contact Information Form for the website.

- Marica Putman will contact Ross Kurz for the HOA email list to send out email invites for the HOA meeting.
- Art Peterson checked with HOAs and glass companies. There are 11 glass companies in the area.

#### ATTENDEES

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

- Chuck Sipple, Chair**
- Lisa Harrison, Vice-Chair**
- Kathy Corbin**
- Alicia Jennings**
- Scott Pashia**
- Art Peterson**
- Bob Pierson**
- Jim Potter**
- Bill Schutte**
- Truss Tyson**
  
- 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

- None

#### ✚ **Tree Ordinance / Tree Committee – Brian Anderson**

- The City Council on Monday 7, 2019, approved the formation of a Tree Committee made up of citizens and staff to work on tree matters. There are 4 people on the committee and are looking for one or two more members. The Tree Committee is a subsidiary of the SAB. Like the Bike/Walk Leawood Committee, the Tree Committee reports to the SAB if they want to make any changes to the LDO or make recommendations on tree issues. Those efforts will go through SAB, then to the governing body.
- The City Council also approved new tree ordinances. A number of changes were put into the LDO with regard to how to plant trees, how to locate trees near the sidewalk, etc.
- Brian Anderson announced the major changes.
  - Street Clearance over the street. Clear zone over the street, 14 feet and over the sidewalk, 10 feet.
  - Street tree placement. Any new construction is 10 feet of tree lawn (5 feet from the curb, 5 feet from the sidewalk). If there is no sidewalk, then 5 feet of the curb. This will protect the tree and sidewalk. In older neighborhoods without much tree lawn, then use 7 feet tree lawn (3.5 from the curb, 3.5 feet from sidewalk). In areas, less than that, no tree planted is recommended (damages the sidewalk).
  - New construction of a single family, dual family dwelling, the City requires right-of-way street trees. They will count the length of the frontage and for every 40 feet, a street tree is required. There are exemptions. The goal is to encourage people who want to plant trees to have a boulevard effect.

Members briefly discussed the tree ordinances and tree companies.

#### ✚ **Annual HOA Meeting: February 21**

- Speakers:
  - Kathy Corbin is the main speaker for plastics, plastic recycling
  - Kevin Corbett for the Bike/Walk Leawood Committee (North Loop, South Loop)
  - Dustin or Brian will speak for the new Tree Committee and new ordinances, guidelines etc.
  - Mayor Dunn will present the status of Leawood and new committee updates
- Vendors need to stay an additional 10-15 minutes after the main presentation concludes. Alicia Jennings will continue to contact vendors. Members discuss which vendor should be there or not and what will be presented at their booths.
- Members revised the schedule.
- Giveaways are reduced. It was decided to use one drawing container.
- The Interest Form will be revised to be an HOA Update Form.
- Pizza, salad, and cookies will be ordered from (hopefully) a Leawood vendor. Average of two slices per person to start with, estimating 175 people total.
- Stick on labels for badges.
- The invite was revised to reflect various changes.

#### ✚ **Bike/Walk Leawood**

- The booth will have a map of the North Loop, status of the South Loop, and video, if available, of the North Loop ride (submitted by Ron Schikevitz).

#### ✚ **Bottled Water Purchases**

- Vice-Chair Harrison would like to request that the City discontinue the practice of purchasing bottled water for City facilities with City money. Water pitchers could be used instead.
- Alicia Jennings shared that on December 17<sup>th</sup>, she was proposing to go to City Council for an ordinance on single use plastics (bottles and grocery store bags). She contacted Debra Filla and was told to wait until the first meeting after the HOA's plastics recycling presentation. There are several cities that have ordinances against bottles and plastic bags that can be followed.
- Brian Anderson shares that the water bottles that the City receives are actually free due to Parks & Recreation's selling of Pepsi products at the concession areas. Some municipal cities have banned the use

of single use plastic sales in vending machines and they have gone back to selling cans rather than bottled items.

- Chair Sipple reminded members that the mission statement is to “lead, educate, and communicate”. The Council feels that this committee should not mandate. If we want to ban the use of plastic bottles at City Hall, he proposes that we do a survey of City employees to see how they feel about this. Vice-Chair Harrison did not know that the bottled water was free, she is postponing the request to do more research on the matter. Brian Anderson reiterated that Pepsi gives the City the pop and water in the main conference room because they sell Pepsi products at the golf course, concession areas, and events. Pepsi products that are available at events are purchased from Pepsi first to be sold at those events.
- Truss Tyson shared his work-place experience with his initiative to remove Styrofoam cups (more than 10,000 cups a month were being used). He did a survey and found that people were concerned about how they were going to drink their coffee. He offered to purchase a coffee cup similar to a Yeti to anyone who needed one. Kathy Corbin points out that it needs to start with leadership and they need to take a stand. Members discussed the issue further along with excess paper packets.
- Bob Pierson announced that Overland Park Sustainability Advisory Council is having an open meeting on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm at the Matt Ross Center. They are trying to eliminate plastic bottles, etc. They are trying to work with Prairie Village, Fairway, Mission, and Leawood to share ideas and more. He will send the information to members and we will try to send members to the meeting.
- Bill Schutte mentions that in December's Wall Street Journal, there have been two articles dealing with plastic bottles and packaging. It's about the pressures companies are receiving from consumers, municipalities, and state governments about packaging and what it involves for them about pricing, margins, and finding alternatives. A brief discussion follows.
- Kathy Corbin and Alicia Jennings would like to present their plastics presentation to other organizations, schools, etc. If anyone is interested, please have him/her contact Kathy or Alicia.
- A practice session is planned for the HOA presentations with the new AV equipment at the Lodge. They are thinking of the week of January 29<sup>th</sup>. Brian Anderson is Kim's backup.

#### Adjourn

##### ▪ Upcoming Meetings

- **Next SAB meeting is February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**
- Future meeting dates in 2019: April 11<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup>, June 13<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>, September 12<sup>th</sup>, October 10<sup>th</sup>, November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- No meetings in March, August, and December.