

# Sustainability Advisory Board

## March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 MINUTES

### Welcome, Introductions, and News

- Members greet.

### The SAB meeting came to order

- Dr. Shelley Bhattacharya makes a motion to approve the agenda. Alicia Jennings seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Dr. Shelley Bhattacharya makes a motion to approve the February 14<sup>th</sup> minutes. Mark Ciaramitaro seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Master Calendar

- Please see upcoming meeting dates at the bottom of the agenda. The next scheduled meeting is April 10<sup>th</sup>. Adjustments will be made as needed.

### Nativity Parish School Sustainability Grant Request – Alicia Jennings

- Reviewed the award proposal.

#### MOTION:

Vice-Chair Harrison requests a motion to approve the \$500 grant to Nativity Parish School for a water bottle filler. Dr. Shelley Bhattacharya makes a motion to approve the \$500 grant. Alicia Jennings seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- The committee will send a copy of the grant request to Chris Claxton who will receive the check to be delivered to the school prior to summer.
- Alicia Jennings to work on other grant requests.
- The committee may increase the grant money from \$500 to \$1,000 in the future.

### Cafeteria Food Waste Composting at Schools – Erin Chacey, Dr. Shelley Bhattacharya

- A brief update was provided. Started as a pilot project of Gareth Matthews at Mission Trail Elementary.
- The plan is to meet with the PTO of each Leawood elementary school to garner parent champions to meet with the principals. They would be informed about the grant programs and reasons to be involved in the sustainability initiative for their cafeteria food waste composting. As a composite team, they would meet with the Blue Valley school superintendents in the summer. Other schools are being considered.
- Erin Chacey, Dr. Shelley Bhattacharya and Chair Sipple attended the Prairie Star PTO meeting. They were very receptive and will garner two parent champions. The principal is interested and will set a date to meet.
- Leawood Elementary will receive a new principal in the summer.
- The project is ongoing at Mission Trail Elementary.
- Dr. Shelley Bhattacharya will contact Missouri Organics. Estimated cost of the program is approximately \$2,500/year (9 months). Members suggested other contacts.

### Major SAB Initiative – Reduction in Plastic Bag Usage – Alicia Jennings, Kathy Corbin

- Alicia Jennings and Kathy Corbin wrote a proposal to present to City Council to form a task force. Members received a copy. The proposal explained the problems of single use plastic bags along with considerations to think about. They asked for suggestions.
- Mark Ciaramitaro made a suggestions to introduce the possible fee earlier along with bullet points in the event a fee is determined.
- Vice-Chair Harrison pointed out that the task force does not need to do a study. It's been studied enough and has been established. Just present what the experts around the world have already said, review or

#### ATTENDEES

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

- Chuck Sipple, Chair (via phone)**
- Lisa Harrison, Vice-Chair**
- Dr. Shelley Bhattacharya**
- Erin Chacey**
- Mark Ciaramitaro**
- Kathy Corbin**
- Alicia Jennings**
- 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
- Kevin Jeffries**  
President and CEO  
Leawood Chamber of Commerce
  
- Guest**
- None**

share the research and design an ordinance in response to the world wide knowledge that single use plastic is bad. More suggestions were made to the proposal.

- A brief discussion follows including the evaluation of commercial reactions and consumer behavior such as a spike of purchased plastic bags when a ban is announced.
- The proposal will be amended and a PowerPoint to be presented to council. They discuss it further.
- Dr. Shelley Bhattacharya recently visited Cabo, Mexico. There are no plastic bags in the city. She shared the experience and how it was accomplished through their council.

#### **Bike/Walk Leawood – Chuck Sipple**

- Work continues for the South Loop signs.
- They are making progress on the kiosk plaza. If all goes well it should be done by Memorial Day.
- The Bike/Walk Leawood committee might have a ribbon ceremony and invite SAB members.
- The Bike/Walk Leawood booth at the HOA meeting. They will have signage of the North and South Loops and a rendering of the kiosk plaza.

#### **Review of Will Gibson's Summit Presentation – Delayed**

- Will Gibson did not show up for his presentation. The reason is unknown.
- Mark Ciaramitaro will follow up with him to chat about the presentation.

#### **HOA Sustainability Summit – April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Ironwoods Lodge**

- Members discuss the possibility of canceling the summit due to Covid-19 concerns. There are many unknowns at this time and it's ever changing. Vice-Chair Harrison notes that the committee will continue to plan on having the summit until the Mayor suggests otherwise. Decisions may be made by the county too.
- The summit can be moved to another date in the future if it is cancelled. Other topics may be chosen with the season like trees. Erin Chacey suggested Community Supportive Agriculture (CSAs) for the fall (August/September/October).
- Members discuss cancellation or postponing, attendee's primary age group, and other concerns. Cancellation deadlines for invites, postcards, emails, linens, supplies, utensils, foods, public perception, etc. are discussed. Vice-Chair Harrison will email Mayor Dunn and the City Administration copying Chair Sipple about cancelling or deferring the meeting.
- Members review the checklist.
  - Theme – Practical Lawns and Sustainable Landscaping for Residential and Common Areas
  - Speaker – *Will Gibson, Down to Earth Services*
  - Food – *Truss*
  - Master Gardeners – *Mark*
  - Presentation/PowerPoint – *Mark, Marica*
  - Baskets – *Erin*
  - Basket Winners Announcement – *Chuck*
  - Database Updates – *Mark*
  - Vendors – *Alicia, , Erin, Mark*
    - Atlas Glass – *Alicia*
    - Bike/Walk KC – *Alicia*
    - Down to Earth Services – *Mark*
    - Glass Bandit – *Alicia*
    - K State – *Mark*
    - Missouri Organics Recycle – *Erin*
    - Public Works – *Alicia*
    - Tree Committee – *Alicia*
    - WaterOne – *Alicia*
    - Bike/Walk Leawood – *Alicia*
    - Compost Collective – *Alicia*
    - Evergy – *Mark*
    - Good Energy Solutions – *Alicia*
    - KC Curbside Glass – *Alicia*
    - Outdoor Education – *Alicia*
    - Ripple Glass – *Alicia*
    - Urban Forestry – *Alicia*
    - WCA – *Mark*

#### **Adjourn**

##### **Upcoming Meetings**

- **Next SAB meeting is April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**
- Tentative future meeting dates in 2020: June 12<sup>th</sup>, September 11<sup>th</sup>, and November 13<sup>th</sup>.
- HOA Sustainability Summit April 16<sup>th</sup>.