

Sustainability Advisory Board

January 14TH, 2016 MINUTES

Welcome, Introductions, and News

- Members share personal news and updates.

The SAB meeting came to order at 7:35 am.

- Scott Pashia made a motion to approve the agenda. Chris Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Chris Schultz made a motion to approve the November 12th meeting minutes. Scott Pashia seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Master Calendar

- Members reviewed and added events to the calendar. Discussed the possibility of a bicycle event over Labor Day.
- Chris Schultz will provide a conference call number for a post Summit discussion, Thursday, March 3rd at 8:30 am.
- The following ads will be in the 2016 Spring/Summer Parks & Recreation Program Guide: Prairie Village Earth Day Fair, community gardens plot availability, and Trash to Treasure event.

Updates

- Sustainability Leadership Awards – Shawnee Mission East (SME)**
 - SME students applied and received a \$500 grant to purchase a filtering water fountain for water bottles. (*Guest speaker Jennifer Byers of True Blue Women Environmental Committee spoke to this board concerning environmental impact of water bottles on May 10th, 2012*). Gareth Matthews with SME's consent, volunteered to provide a summary based on the SME's research to help promote their success and grants to other schools. SME's contact is student Kyle Baker, president of the environmental club group and student council.
 - Action Items:** Gareth Matthews will contact Kyle. Brian Anderson will take a picture of the parks water bottle fountain for the slide show.
- Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Tree Meeting**
 - Chair Filla and Chuck Sipple are working with Brian Anderson and Dustin Branick and HOA members interesting in participating in a volunteer EAB tree subcommittee. Brian Anderson and Dustin Branick have created a tree survey for HOAs. Feedback will be included in Leawood's Tree USA application.
 - Seeking volunteers to call the top 34 HOAs to find out what they are you doing about EAB?
 - Brian Anderson is attending the Shade Tree Conference and will learn more about KCPL's EAB plan.
 - Members discuss education needed to engage HOAs and individual home owners that now is the time to act.
 - Action Items:** Brian Anderson to send out EAB tree meeting e-blast with Marica Putman.
- Bicycle Friendly Committee (BFC) Update**
 - Leawood was awarded an Honorable Mention for the Bicycle Friendly Application. The report was forwarded to members.
 - Bike Walk KC has a new person heading up education. Brian Anderson has been speaking with this person, discussing various programs for everyone. She received a grant from K-DOT and is very excited to work with Johnson County organizations.

ATTENDEES

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

- Debra Filla, Chair**
- Chuck Sipple, Vice-Chair**
- Brian Cullum**
- Mike Gillaspie**
- Alicia Jennings**
- Gareth Matthews**
- Scott Pashia**
- Bob Pierson**
- Jim Potter**
- Chris Schultz**

- Chris Claxton**
Parks & Recreation Director
- Brian Anderson**
Parks Superintendent
- Marica Putman**
Administrative Graphics Tech
- Scott Lambers**
City Administrator
- Kevin Jeffries**
President & CEO
Leawood Chamber of
Commerce

Guests

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- BFC had budget this year for \$50,000 for wayfinding signs but was pushed out to 2017. MARC is working on regional wayfinding signs and will see if there is an opportunity to 'piggy-back' on their design work.
- A brief summary of the proposed bicycle event on Tomahawk Creek Parkway and College. A course for professionals and then a civilian event.
- For Bike/Walk, MARC also has cool information on air quality and what walking and biking does to help prevent ozone.
- Public Works is working on the radius area of every school, marking for sidewalk gaps, etc. So far, they have met with Prairie Star. The BFC wants to review each school. [Gareth Matthews](#) has been the BFC's unofficial liaison for Mission Trail. Scott Pashia is working with Brookwood. As maps are completed, [Brian Anderson](#) will distribute them.
- Currently considering changing the charter name of BFC to Bicycle & Pedestrian Friendly Committee.
- New BFC Chair is [Brian Neilson](#). Vice Chair is [Alicia Jennings](#).
- **Action Item:** [Chair Filla](#) to send out new MARC link for air quality when ready in March.

✚ Sustainability Summit (Annual HOA Meeting)

▪ Critical Dates

- Review of dates and checklists.
- While making calls to HOAs,
- Sending EAB invites to: Ironhorse Golf Club, Planning Commission, Storm Water Commission, and Public Works.

▪ Agenda

- Review and edit the agenda. General discussion of agenda items.
- The caterer is Taco Republic.
- [Cathie Lavis](#) slides will cover: What's happening to our water in Kansas? How is water wasted? In landscapes? Helpful city codes. What can HOAs home owners do to improve landscape water use? What can home owners do to help conserve water?
- [David](#) with Raintree will speak on behalf of the Hallbrook HOA about their water conservation efforts.
- [Brian Anderson](#) will speak about the City's water conservation efforts, e.g. computer monitored sprinkler system.
- Members discuss electricity's relationship with water conservation.
- Review slide distribution. Slides due February 1st.
- Review vendor list, raffle items, and assignments.
- **Action Items:** [Brian Cullum](#) will draft form for Friends of SAB and set expectations (minutes, invites, volunteer help, etc.) for the next meeting. Everyone to send Marica Putman updated contacts for invitations.

✚ Adjourn

▪ Upcoming Meetings

- Annual Sustainability Summit and HOA meeting – February 25, 2016
- No March meeting. Conference call March 3, 8:30am.
- Next SAB meeting is April 14, 2016.
- Future meeting dates in 2016: May 12, June 9th, and July 14th.
- No meetings in December, March, August.