

Sustainability Advisory Board

June 8th, 2017 MINUTES

Welcome, Introductions, and News

- Members meet and greet.

The SAB meeting came to order.

- Gareth Matthews requested that a review of SAB budget be included as a regular part of the SAB agenda. It was agreed that the SAB budget would be reviewed in subsequent meetings on a quarterly basis. Chris Claxton explains the items and services within SAB's budget. Gareth Matthews motioned to approve the agenda. Vice-Chair Filla seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Vice-Chair Filla motioned to approve the May 11th meeting minutes. Kenn Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Master Calendar

- Members reviewed the calendar.
- Chair Sipple conferred with Scott Gamerl about adding a fall trail clean-up in October or November.
- Alicia Jennings stated that several peoples' items were not picked up during the June Citywide Recirculation Saturday. Brian Cullum shared where it was advertised. The low pick up may have been due to amount of pickers and no signage. New signs are needed. Kenn Miller will provide Brian Anderson a sign quote for 100 signs. Alicia Jennings will check into Prairie Village's recirculation event. Members discuss pickers, signage/flyer distribution, event name change, etc.

Communications

HOA DB update

- Database was used to send out Citywide Recirculation Saturday information.
- Remove the database from Gareth Matthews' responsibilities.
- Brian Cullum briefly discusses Friends of SAB, eNeighbors, and the outreach. He has the ability to post and reach out to 60% of the residents because of eNeighbors. Chair Sipple and others noted that they did not receive any notices from eNeighbors (Siena, Mission Prairie). eNeighbors is a service that requires sign up.
- Chair Sipple and Kathy Corbin met with Kevin Jeffries, Chamber of Commerce, to write a one paragraph blurb to go out with the Chamber of Commerce' communications. Kathy Corbin has also reached out to Lisa McDaniell. Members discuss ideas to send recycling ideas like plastic bags, reusable bags, water bottles, glass, etc. The number one thing that drives people to change is peer pressure. This topic may be on the July agenda for further discussion.

School – Leadership Award

- Since SAB is meeting with the schools one-on-one, PTOs, principals, etc. for Main Routes to School (MR2S), this would be a great time for someone to draft another letter, adding information about the leadership award and partnering with schools for community gardens (matching dollars for rain gardens). Gareth Matthews has volunteered to draft the letter.
- Past leadership awards: Shawnee Mission received a water bottle refiller and Mission Trail received one an award for composting and almost every year. Gareth Matthews reached out to Leawood Middle School to start composting and discussed the leadership award. Brookwood is rebuilding a new school. It is not known if they will incorporate water bottle fillers in their plan. The Blue Valley School Districts

ATTENDEES

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

- Chuck Sipple, Chair**
- Debra Filla, Vice-Chair**
- Brian Cullum**
- Alicia Jennings**
- Kathy Corbin**
- Kenny Johnston**
- 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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have been adding water bottle fillers. It is not known whether Shawnee Mission Districts is adding them to their schools.

- **Clarification of the Mission Statement**

- The mission statement listed on the agenda differs from the one in the minutes. Members are asked for input and clarification. The correct mission statement is:

To lead, educate, and collaborate with the Leawood community to encourage conservation, increase recycling, and promote biking and walking in the City of Leawood.

- ✚ **Green Mobility**

- **Main Routes to School**

- All letters were sent out with the exception of the preschool Montessori school. Brian Anderson will contact the school to set up a meeting.
- Bill Day's meeting with Leawood Elementary and Middle may take place prior to the July meeting.
- City Council approved the two new Bike/Walk Leawood members and they will be invited to the next meeting.

- **Bike Events**

- Boulevardia riders will have a stop point at one of the city parks.
- The Kermis event has been dropped. For a city event, a budget project must be approved and the Kermis was privately funded event that Parks and Recreation helped facilitate. The event marketing was not extensive and the sponsorship money came in too late. Members discuss tweaking the event to be more family friendly and to be in May to correspond with bike month. Chris Claxton will canvas the metro for bike related events that Leawood might emulate. Marica Putman suggests a summer bike riding program (log your miles) similar to the library's summer reading program to win a prize in age group and kick it off in May. Estimated event cost is \$5,000.

- ✚ **Conservation**

- **Community Gardens Update – Vice-Chair Filla**

- They have identified organizations to contact like the Church of the Resurrection, Baptist Church, for sourcing out land. A piece they are looking at is after I-435 south and Mission, turning into the park, near the water treatment facility, which land the City owns. They are looking to incorporate the land as it is centrally located. They are working with WaterOne about using the site in south Leawood.
- Current plots will most likely not be available after this year due to construction and Park plans.
- Plots are filled with one as a pollinator, one for demonstration and one for gifting and sharing.
- The Council did approve the Stormwater Committee to do some marketing plans and a matching dollar program. Vice-Chair Filla would like to contact Julie Stasi and Michelle Sherry, both attended the landscaping meeting of David Dodds and Marica Putman about creating a piece for them for stormwater runoff issues. David Dodds could be a great speaker for the next HOA meeting. She briefly explains the absorption of carbon and water, increasing pollinators, and hardscapes. A rain barrel can be located at the Nature Center. A brief discussion follows.
- Scott Gamerl and group were featured in the KC Star in the 913 insert. He received a grant from Monarch Watch and received four (4) varieties of milkweed plants. These were planted around the open grass areas of Ironwoods Park. He would like to do a Monarch giveaway but it is hard to get because brides want them for their weddings. Also, a caterpillar giveaway too.

- **Trees Work Session – Leawood Development Ordinances Changes**

- The committee met several times with the planning people in terms of what are the ordinances for new trees and shrubs. They are making incremental changes. Vice-Chair Filla spoke with Richard Coleman about tree calibers from 4" to 2.5" and LDOs. The effective date to get this done is August. He would initiate the process for Planning Commission and Council approval so that trees that are planted in the fall can have a 2.5" caliber instead of 4". Shrubs will not be specified in gallons sizes, only height.
- Another tree work session will be scheduled in the summer.

- **Guide Ads**

- Marica Putman asked about the types of ads wanted for the fall guide. The ads will be charged to the committee. Chris Claxton explains the cost and percentages of each ad. Or even a suggestion for the cover to promote a green idea. A brief discussion follows.
- Alicia Jennings would like to ask for money to promote a documentary called "Before the Flood". It is apolitical about climate change and prognosing the future. It is excellent. Leonardo DiCaprio put this together. She would like the documentary available for people to use. It is an hour and half long and available on YouTube. There's astronaut named Sellers who has pancreatic cancer and has an urgency to get something done. He has seen the planet from a different perspective and has shown what happens due to climate change. It is free but for a group there may be a cost. Scott Gamerl suggested this could be promoted at the Nature Center as a movie night event.

- ✚ **Adjourn**

- **Upcoming Meetings**

- **Next SAB meeting is July 13, 2017.**
- Future meeting dates in 2017: October 12th, and November 9th.
- No meetings in March, August, and December.