

District II Advisory Board Minutes

September 10, 2012

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The District II Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at Fire Station #20 located at 2255 S. Greenwich Road. CM Meitzner was in attendance, (9) board members, and (4) staff attended.

Members Present

Max Weddle
Aaron Mayes
Joe Yager
David Babich
Tom Roth
Nick Howell
Cynthia Colbert
Blaine Knott
April Leason

Members Absent

Steve Harris
Brian Carduff

Staff Present

Antione Sherfield- Neighborhood Assistant
Officer Neal– Wichita Police Department

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. CM Meitzner welcomed everyone the meeting and explained how the DAB meeting is conducted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

- **September Agenda approved (9-0)**
- **August Minutes approved (9-0)**

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. **Off-Agenda Items**
No items submitted

STAFF REPORT

2. **Community Police Report**

Officer Neal provided information pertaining to current crime trends in District II. Officer Neal stated that a suspect was custody for the tire slashing incidents that were taking place throughout the City of Wichita. A resident spotted the suspect cutting tires in the area and immediately notified Law Enforcement who were able to make an arrest.

Officer Neal also stated that there have been several burglaries at Storage facilities in District II. They believe someone is renting storage units to gain access to the facility which allows them to break into units during late hours of the night. Wichita Police have recovered stolen property linked to the burglaries but no arrest have been made.

DAB Concerns/Comments

- DAB Member Cynthia Colbert asked if Domestic Violence statistics could be made available at the meeting.

Recommended Action: Receive and file

NEW BUSINESS

3. Lights on the River – Holiday Boat Parade Event

Brian Nelson, Lights on the River Volunteer provided information regarding the Lights on the River – Holiday Boat Parade Event.

Background: The City of Wichita, under a grant agreement with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), is actively engaged in developing a WRAPS Program for the Lower Arkansas River watershed within the City limits. This project is part of a coordinated effort by the City of Wichita, concerned citizens, other local agencies and private sector organizations to develop a watershed restoration and protection strategy for the Arkansas River watershed. “*Lights on the River*”, presented by RiverCity WRAPS, is a free family-friendly event that highlights Wichita’s best natural asset each holiday season – the Arkansas River. The annual river parade will feature a variety of floating boats decorated from bow to stern with festive holiday lights. The event is scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012 on the River in the Downtown District, between the Lewis Street Bridge, and the 2nd Street Bridge.

Analysis: RiverCity WRAPS is partnering with the City to present the “*Lights on the River*”, event which is planned to be the first of many annual events. Companies, organizations and individuals are invited to participate in Lights on the River. The parade of boats is a great holiday experience for employees, friends and families. Interested participants are invited to enter a decorated boat for the parade, by going to the website: www.lightsontheriverwichita.com. RiverCity WRAPS is currently seeking sponsorships to ensure this free family holiday event continues for many years to come! Contributions not only support the parade, but also help to improve the Arkansas River's water quality. A sponsorship letter is attached that provides more information, or you may visit the website.

Financial Considerations: RiverCity WRAPS has applied for the City Community Event Permit and has developed a security plan that will pay for off-duty police officers.

Goal Impact: The event supports the goals for Safe and Secure Communities, Efficient Infrastructure and Quality of Life.

DAB Questions/Concerns

- Who provides funding for project?

- Are personal boats allowed on the River during the event?
- How does this coincide with the ASR project?

Recommended Action: Receive and file

4. City of Wichita Redistricting 2012

CM Meitzner provided information regarding 2012 Redistricting process.

Background: Charter Ordinance 173, adopted in 1998, requires the City Council to appoint a Commission of Electors in this July. The Commission's task is to examine the current plan of City Council Districts and make district boundary revision recommendations to the Council by September 30, 2012. The City Council must reestablish district boundaries, taking into account the Commission's recommendations, by December 31, 2012. Because of these time constraints, it is important that the City Council appoint the Commission as soon as possible.

The Charter Ordinance does not state specific requirements regarding the size and composition of the Commission of Electors. These matters are left to the discretion of the Council. The ordinance does require that the Commission "have at least one elector from each district." In 2002, 1998, and 1992, each City Council Member made one appointment each to the Commission. The Mayor made a seventh appointment who served as the Commission's Chair and reported its final recommendation to the City Council. In 1990, the Council appointed fourteen members.

The Charter Ordinance requires that boundary lines for each City Council District be established in a manner that:

- Approximately one-sixth of the City's total population is allocated within each district, with no district having more or less than a five percentage point (5%) deviation from the one-sixth population figure;
- Reasonably compact areas in each district are maintained;
- Election precinct lines set by the County Election Commissioner are followed;
- Use of any partisan data is avoided; and
- The integrity of "broadly cohesive areas of interest" is maintained.

Previously, in 2002 and 1998, the Commission of Electors solicited comments on various alternative redistricting plans from the District Advisory Boards and other neighborhood and civic organizations before submitting a final recommendation to the City Council. Also, as in previous years, the City's Geographic Information System will be an essential aid to the committee in determining what new district boundary option or options to recommend to the City Council.

Analysis: The City has continued to increase in geographic size and population since the 2000 Census results were used for the 2002 redistricting. The 2010 Census shows a total City population of 382,368, an increase of 38,084 from 344,284 in 2000. The target population to balance every district evenly, therefore, would be one-sixth of the total, or 63,728. In order for the five percent deviation standard to be met, the population of each district must fall within the range of 60,542 to 66,914.

The table below indicates the degree to which the current districts comply with the Charter Ordinance standard. Only District 4 falls within the target range set by the ordinance. The districts range from a low of 90 percent of the target in District 3 to a high of 113 percent in District 5.

District	1	2	3	4	5	6
2010 Population	59,055	71,682	57,617	62,233	71,872	59,909
% of Target Population	93%	112%	90%	98%	113%	94%

The Commission of Electors will propose revisions to current district boundaries that provide an appropriate population balance among districts and that take into account the requirements of the Charter Ordinance. It may also consider other factors such as natural boundaries, the boundaries of local neighborhood associations, the likely magnitude and direction of future growth over the next ten years, and the manner in which the core area and Central Business District should be represented.

Financial Considerations: The redistricting process will require staff time, materials, supplies, copying and postage costs that have not specifically been budgeted for this year.

Goal Impact: Providing appropriately balanced representation on the City Council is fundamental to the fulfillment of all City goals.

District II DAB Member Mr. Babich who has been engaged in the process provided the feedback below.

David Babich began by stating he opposed the idea of moving the District I and District II boundaries east of Woodlawn. Mr. Babich stated his map preference is Map B5. Mr. Babich recommended moving District I further south, and to make Woodlawn a boundary that would keep areas of common interest together; one of these areas of common interest is K96. Mr. Babich stated he is opposed to having two Council Members representing two miles of Rock Road. David Robins asked Mr. Babich if he prefers keeping District II as part of downtown. Mr. Babich stated that is not an issue of concern. Mr. Babich stated he is opposed to creating new district boundaries based on future growth predictions, and feels that the COE does not need to take the next ten years into consideration when drawing new district boundaries. Mr. Green asked Mr. Babich how having Rock Road part of two separate Council Districts would be a concern. Mr. Babich stated that Allen's Lake is in District I but is separated from other neighborhoods.

DAB Questions/Concerns

- What happens if someone on a District Advisory is displaced due to redistricting?
- How accurate are the future projections.
- What are the goals of Redistricting?

5. Monthly REAP Update

Joe Yager, REAP CEO provided the following information.

The following are highlights of the [September 10, 2012 REAP Board Meeting](#).

REAP Annual Retreat

Please note that the REAP meeting for October is scheduled for **Monday, October 1, 2012** at **2:00 PM** and will serve as the Annual Retreat. Please note that this is the first Monday. The retreat will feature Dr. John Bardo, President of Wichita State University, as the keynote, a review of the annual survey results, and discussion of issues and priorities that REAP will want to focus on for 2013.

REAP 2012 Review and Survey

A presentation highlighting the accomplishments of REAP and the REAP WRC since its inception, including highlights of the past year were provided. The [presentation and handouts](#) is available on the REAP website and was provided to prepare members for the survey and upcoming retreat.

In conjunction with this staff will forward out the annual survey via email. All members, alternates, and participants are encouraged to respond on the survey. Please note that staff will again utilize Constant Contact that will provide a web-based survey. *Please note that surveys will be forwarded on **Monday, September 10** will be asked to be responded to by **Monday, September 17**.*

2012 South Central Kansas Legislative Policy Summit

The REAP Legislative Committee identified use of an annual regional legislative policy summit that includes relevant speakers and topics as an activity to be completed in 2012. Due to timing of Committee meetings and the Listening Tour, staff identified potential locations and dates and vetted them through various partners while also conferring with both the REAP Chair and Legislative Chair. The REAP Board took action to schedule the Policy Summit for **Thursday, December 13, 2012 at the Drury-Broadview Hotel in Downtown Wichita**. This year's event will begin with a lunch and end with a reception. Issues, speakers, and times will be determined at a later date.

2012 Legislative Committee Listening Tour

In an effort to connect REAP with the communities in the region while allowing REAP members to identify issues that are important to individual communities and could be beneficial to the region, the Committee will have several Listening Tour stops for 2012. The Committee has noted that many issues may not be of regional importance, but could be important to individual communities, and REAP should be aware and supportive as long as the issue does not hurt any other community in the region.

The 2012 Listening Tour kicked off in **Andover** on July 12th with 21 people in attendance (including participants from Andover, Augusta, El Dorado, Whitewater and Rose Hill). The second Stop was in **South Hutchinson** on August 9th with 23 people in attendance (Reno County, Valley Center, Hutchinson, McPherson County, and South Hutchinson). Part of the 2012 Listening Tour schedule also included a stop at the **South Central Kansas Community & Municipal Resource Fair** hosted by the Kansas Department of Commerce in partnership with the City of Derby held on August 20th at the Derby City Hall. The next Stop was at Strother Field in **Cowley County** on August 30th with 15 people in attendance (Winfield, Wellington, Cowley First, and the Winfield School District). The next stop was at the City Council Chambers in **Cheney** on September 6th with 16 people in attendance (Kingman County, Cheney, and Sedgwick County). In addition, at each stop were numerous partners and interested citizens, businesses, and organizations.

All members and partners are encouraged to attend one, many, or all of these informative and educational discussions to identify issues that could be beneficial to the region and help strengthen our partnerships. The remaining stops we have identified are as follows:

- **September 12th** 7:00 am, Newton, Harvey County Council of Governments Meeting
- **September 13th** 6:30 pm, McPherson Municipal Building, McPherson
- **October 13th** 8:30am, Derby City Hall, Sedgwick County Association of Cities Meeting

Chief Elected Officials Actions

The following REAP EDC / Chief Elected Officials Board actions were ratified:

- Several appointments and re-appointments were made to the Workforce Alliance WIA Oversight Committee as a representative of the WIA mandated Youth Council.
- Approved contribution of \$10,000 to participate in the Regional Economic Development Leadership Council, a campaign to assemble a group of regional public and private sector leaders to invest resources and identify priorities for economic development in the region.
- Received an update that per the authority granted to the Executive Director in February 2012, the WA entered into a contract with two companies for On-the-Job Training (OJT): American Control and Engineering Service, Inc.; and Butler County – Board of County Commissioners at the Detention Facility.
- One of the duties of the CEOB is to provide input into the Governor’s Workforce Investment Act (WIA) State Plan, the Kansas Integrated Workforce Plan. A letter of support for comments from the Workforce Alliance staff signed by REAP EDC Chair was included with the official response from the WA.
- Received updates on the 2013-2015 Workforce Alliance Board of Directors Strategic Plan; Youth Work Experience and Summer Employment Opportunities; and additions and changes to the Eligible Training Provider List (ETP) and Demand Occupations list.

The full report can be found on [pages 10-15 of the Board Agenda Packet](#).

Visioneering Priorities

Visioneering is the comprehensive long-range planning initiative for the region. Last fall Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer and then-Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Dave Unruh, challenged Visioneering in a letter to identify where our region has momentum and where our efforts should be focused in order to make sure Wichita and the surrounding communities remain strong, viable and competitive – a place where people want to live and work. Visioneering joined forces with the Young Professionals of Wichita (YPW) and Wichita Downtown Development Corporation (WDDC) to meet this challenge. Funding was provided in part by a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

For the past few months Visioneering engaged 16 Alliances, 11 Vision Partners, and 127 organizations throughout the region asking them about their successes, as well as what they believed needed to be accomplished in the next few years. As a result, eight priorities were identified in three broad categories. These eight priorities were included in an online survey that was distributed to the public and a network of Visioneering Alliances and Partners. Results have been tabulated and the top three priorities were shared with elected leaders, business leaders and the public at a special news conference at 11:00 am on Monday, September 10, 2012. Those priorities were identified as follows:

- Diversify the local economy by keeping existing industries here and recruiting new jobs in new industries.
- Increase the number of people in the region seeking education beyond high school.
- Develop more downtown activities and events for all ages.

Transportation Update

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has scheduled eight regional meetings to update Kansans on T-WORKS projects in their areas and gather input from the public on how state transportation dollars are being invested. These meetings are part of KDOT’s continuing emphasis on collaboration with the public in implementing the T-WORKS program. All REAP members are encouraged to participate.

The dates and locations of the meetings that affect the REAP region are as follows:

Region	Date	Time	City	Location
North Central	Sept. 24	1pm-4pm	Salina	Kansas Highway Patrol Training Facility, 2025 E. Iron Ave.
South Central	Sept. 27	9am-12noon	Hutchinson	Ramada Conference Center, 1400 N. Lorraine
Wichita-Metro	Oct. 11	1pm-4pm	Wichita	KDOT Wichita Metro Hillside Office, 3200 E. 45 th St. N.

Staffing Update

Effective July 9, 2012, Dane Baxa, REAP Executive Officer of Water Resources, has transitioned into the role of Assistant Project Director for the REAP Sustainable Communities Grant. With this transition it created a vacancy for the REAP Water Resources Committee and those duties will be covered by the REAP Chief Executive Officer in the short term. In addition, the REAP Executive Committee has been evaluating the overall structure of REAP personnel for the past year and with this vacancy the Committee directed staff to consolidate responsibilities of the two existing positions (Chief Executive Officer and Executive Officer of Water Resources) into a more cohesive and efficient structure that would not delineate Water as a separate position. Staff has been meeting with several member communities to develop options and with the planned September 10 Water Resources Committee meeting staff will utilize the opportunity to take the issue to the WRC for additional discussion to help determine the necessary priorities and duties.

1st Annual Governor’s Water Conference

Governor Brownback will host the 1st Annual Water Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas. The event will be held October 30-31, 2012 at the new Hilton Garden Inn & Conference Center in Manhattan, Kansas. This conference will highlight the latest policy and research developments of water issues in Kansas and attract hundreds of attendees, including state and Congressional legislators, state and federal officials, organizations and citizens who share an avid interest in our state’s water resources.

REAP will serve as a sponsor which will allow for a booth that will highlight the region and the work of the Water Resources Committee. For questions and registration please contact the Kansas Water Office at 785-296-3185 or at kwo-info@kwo.ks.gov

GWEDC Presentation on Certified Sites Program

At the July 9th REAP Board Meeting, David Bossemeyer of the Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition (GWEDC) provided a presentation on a marketing and economic development opportunity known as the Greater Wichita Certified Sites Program. This program is being created to help develop a comprehensive list of available commercial/industrial real estate properties; assist the owners/developers in readying their sites for occupancy by prospective companies through the various states of acquisition, certification and permitting; and to develop an effective and robust marketing plan for the sites.

The full presentation has been placed on the REAP website on the [meetings page](#). If you have additional questions or would like more information, please contact David Bossemeyer (dbossemeyer@gwedc.org), Managing Director Business Development, GWEDC.

WSU President Bardo Featured Speaker at Hugo Wall Day

The Hugo Wall School invites you to attend Hugo Wall Day 2012. Hugo Wall Day provides an opportunity for all in public service...local, state and federal government, nonprofit, administrators, board members and elected leaders....to come together to learn, share and connect on issues impacting the future of public service.

Hugo Wall Day is scheduled for September 28, 2012 and will feature Keynote Speaker new Wichita State University President John Bardo presenting "Universities as Stewards of Place: Changing Expectations for Engagement". In addition, Patricia Stevens, executive director, Office of Public Private Partnerships, Fairfax County, will discuss "Excellence in Private Public Partnerships". A social hour begins at 5:00 PM and the event is free of charge. The luncheon is \$15 per person. For the complete events scheduled for the day click the following link: [Agenda](#).

To register, go to [Hugo Wall Day](#) and for more information, contact [Misty Bruckner](#), (316) 978-6527.

Mid-Continent's New Terminal Groundbreaking Ceremony

Mid-Continent's New Terminal Groundbreaking Ceremony is scheduled for 2:00 PM on Tuesday, September 13, 2012 at Mid-Continent Airport.

6. Updates, Issues, and Report

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next **DAB II Meeting will be October 1, 2012**

Respectfully Submitted,
Antione Sherfield, Neighborhood Assistant