

District IV Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2012
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The **District IV Advisory Board Meeting** was held at the 6:30 p.m. at the Lionel Alford Branch Library, 3447 S Meridian. Eight (8) DAB members, seven (7) staff and eleven (11) citizens were present.

Members Present

Councilmember O'Donnell II
Nancy Wilhite
June Bailey
Jerry Warren
John Whitmer
Don Richter
Ben Saucedo
Bruce Werth
Matt Goolsby

Staff Present

Kelli Geier, City Manager's Office
Dale Miller, Planning
2 fire staff
1 police staff
Dave Barber, Planning
Brian Coon, Engineering

Order of Business

Call To Order

Councilmember O'Donnell II called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

The October 1, 2012 agenda was approved as submitted. (**Bailey/Richter: 7-0***)

The September 10, 2012 meeting minutes were approved as submitted. (**Richter/Warren: 7-0***)

**Saucedo arrived after the agenda and minutes were approved*

PUBLIC AGENDA

The public agenda allows members of the public to present issues not on the agenda to the District Advisory Board. Each presentation is limited to five minutes unless extended by the Board.

1. Scheduled Items

No items were submitted.

2. Off-Agenda Items

No items were submitted.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Public Safety Reports

3. Community Police Report

Police staff reported the following:

- Increase in non-residential burglaries in the 13 beat off of the alley and they have suspects.
- Increase in larcenies at the motels and retail shops on West Kellogg, but have added 4 additional officers to patrol the area and larcenies have now decreased 23%
- Fraud decreased 53%
- Vandalism decreased 26%
- DUI increased 22%
- Forgeries increased 42%

Action Taken: Received and filed.

4. Fire Report

Fire staff reported the following:

- Last month there were 14 fires - 5 accidental fires and 3 incendiary fire and the other 6 are unknown - \$800,000 total loss
- 15 new fire recruits graduated September 28.

Bailey stated that 14 fires is high for a month and asked how this compared to last year's figures. Staff stated that they did not have that information with them, but it may be a citywide statistic.

Action Taken: Received and filed.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Bicycle Master Plan

Dave Barber, Planning, and Brian Coon, Traffic Engineering, presented the DRAFT City of Wichita Bicycle Master (Plan), a 10 year guide for the provision of bicycle infrastructure, policies, and programs in both the City of Wichita (City) and the Wichita 2030 Urban Growth Area. Over the last year, the planning Steering Committee has worked closely with the Plan Technical Advisory Committee and the community at-large to create a plan that meets the needs of our community. More than 4,000 individuals provided input for the Plan by completing surveys, serving on committees, volunteering for community events, participating in community meetings, and attending open house events. The Plan includes goals, objectives, actions, priorities, and performance measures along with a Priority Bikeway Network map of more than 150 miles of recommended new bicycle facilities.

The Plan includes the following three goals.

- Goal 1: Increase the amount of bicycling in Wichita
- Goal 2: Improve the safety of bicyclists in Wichita
- Goal 3: Foster and promote a culture where bicycling is a viable and acceptable form of transportation.

The recommended Bicycle Network includes more than 814 miles of future bicycle facilities. The Steering Committee identified the priority facilities to accomplish in the next 10 years as the Priority Network (approximately 150 miles). In addition, the Plan identifies the following top 10 on-street and sidepath facilities; and the top off-street shared-use path facility.

Facility Name	Description
1 st and 2 nd Street Bike Lanes	Extend existing bike lanes from I-135 to the Arkansas River (east/west)
2 nd Street Bike Lane and Shared Lane Markings	Install mix of bike lanes and shared lane markings from the Arkansas River to Hoover (east/west)
Armour Ave Bicycle Boulevard	Install bicycle boulevard from Huntington Ave to K-96 (north/south)
Douglas Avenue Shared Lane Markings	Install shared lane markings from St. Paul Ave to Edgemoor Ave (east/west)
I-235 East/West Crossing: Central Ave or Maple St	Pending further study, install a side path connection under I-235 and across the “Big Ditch” (east/west)
Market St & Topeka Ave Bike Lanes	Install bike lanes from 21 st St to Mt Vernon Rd (north/south)
Mt Vernon Bike Lanes	Install bike lanes from Broadway Ave to Woodlawn Blvd (east/west)
Pedestrian Crossing Signal & Bicycle Boulevard	Install signal to cross Ridge Road and Westport Ave to provide access to Sedgwick County Park; install bicycle boulevard starting at Ridge and going west to Glenhurst Street; then south along Holland Ln/Country Acres Ave/Woodchuck to University Ave (north/south)
Perry Ave Bicycle Boulevard + 17th / 18th St Shared Lane Markings	Install bicycle boulevard starting at Perry Ave & 13 th St., and going north to via Perry/Portier/20 th /Coolidge to 21 st Street (north/south) + Install shared lane markings on 17th, then 18th St from I-135 to Perry Ave (east/west)
Sycamore St Bicycle Boulevard	Install bicycle boulevard starting at Sycamore and Douglas and going south to Glenn St via Dayton, Osage, McCormick, Dodge and Orient. (north/south)

The Plan recommends utilizing existing funding to develop the recommended Priority Network over 10 years. The adopted City of Wichita 2011-2020 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) includes the Bicycle Enhancement line item, which could be utilized to fund the infrastructure improvements. This line item is contained within the Arterials section of the CIP and includes \$500,000 every other year. In the past, the Bicycle Enhancements line item has been used to

provide the local match for City of Wichita Transportation Enhancement funding applications to KDOT, and has been used to develop the majority of Wichita's existing path network. The Plan recommends that this funding would continue to be utilized to leverage federal grant funding (i.e. STP, CMAQ, Transportation Alternatives, etc.) which generally allow up to 80% federal match. If federal funds are leveraged, then there is the potential for \$12.5 million over 10 years to implement the Plan.

Based on the current CIP, the City of Wichita will utilize funding from a variety of sources (local, State, Federal, and others) to make approximately \$910 million of improvements to roads, bridges, and freeways. If the level of investments continues at the same level for the 10 year life of the Plan 2012-2022, then an investment of \$12.5 million (\$2.5 million local and \$10 million Federal) in bicycle infrastructure would constitute a little more than 1 percent of the \$910 million investments in roads, bridges, and freeways.

Werth asked where the money to maintain these paths will come from. Staff replied that these will come from a City match program with federal dollars, but maintenance expenditures will be limited to the restrictions of the grant.

It was asked if there was any chance that the federal money for this project will not come through? Staff said that this is not likely because all parties have to sign a contract upholding their part in the project.

Sauceda asked if they were extending the path to Maize Road. Staff stated that yes the extended path would stretch to the Sedgwick County line. He also asked if there are other cities that apply for this funding. Staff responded yes there are other cities that apply for these funds.

Blick asked about the status of the path that is going to 31st and Glenn? Staff asked him to call them and they would check on it.

It was also asked if there was money for education included in these funds? Staff affirmed that there was and they have brought USD 259 on board to help reach, children, teachers and parents.

When asked about the construction schedule for the K-15 and McArthur area. Staff stated that they would have to check on this, but it will probably completed in a few months (less than 6 months.) Staff also reminded those in attendance that they can check the status of construction projects at www.wichita.gov, including reporting street lights that are out.

Action Taken: (Wilhite/Bailey) moved to recommend endorsement of the bicycle master plan to City Council. Motion passed 8-0.

6. ZON2012- 00023

Dale Miller, Planning, presented this request for a zone change from SF-5 Single-Family Residential ("SF-5") zoning to TF-3 Two-Family Residential ("TF-3") zoning to develop a duplex on property generally located between West Street and Hoover Road on the southeast corner of 2nd and Baehr Streets.

The applicant requesting the zone change was present. He states that he has 25 other properties in the district and is going to provide 4 off street parking spaces and a garage off of 2nd Street and that the housing units will be 2 bedroom and 2 bath properties.

The Board and citizens present had the following comments and questions regarding the request:

- Would like to see the property parking move off of Baehr street onto Second Street to prevent traffic flow and parking overflow issue.
- Concerned remodel and extra parking will disturb the neighbor's massage therapy business.
- Would like additional neighborhood input at the neighborhood association meeting on this issue since the sign notifying the neighborhood of the zone change was not put up on the property for the adequate designated time of 13 days per City policy.

Action Taken: DAB members voted three times on this issue and each time resulted in a deadlock vote of 4-4. Therefore, the City Council Member requested to record this as the official DAB decision and continue with the zone change process.

7.) Neighborhood Cleanup Revision Proposal

Kelli Geier, Neighborhood Services, staff's recommendation for revisions to the City's neighborhood cleanup plan.

The neighborhood clean-up program has been operating as an organized citywide clean-up program since 1999. The City provides funding for equipment and disposal fees for about 80 clean-ups per year. Clean-ups range from large-scale, neighborhood wide clean-ups to small one to two block area clean-ups. Neighborhood clean-ups are designed to help improve neighborhoods and bring people together to make a positive difference in their neighborhood.

In order to accomplish the goal of the program, the program has been redesigned. The program is designed to be a need based program that will assist residents to make a positive visual impact in their neighborhood. To make clean-up efforts a success, keep in mind that organization and proper utilization of volunteers will be required. In addition to volunteers, in some cases a payment from the neighborhood (Dollars for Doers) will be required. The "Dollars for Doers" incentive program is an added feature to the current neighborhood clean-up program. The "Dollars for Doers" program is designed to assist neighborhoods who don't qualify under the eligibility guidelines for a FREE clean-up under the re-designed program. The "Dollars for Doers" program will allow a neighborhood to make a visual impact in their neighborhood by applying for assistance through the neighborhood clean-up process. A neighborhood would complete the same neighborhood clean-up application and would be responsible for submitting payment for the "Dollars for Doers" program to the City of Wichita, 30 days prior to their clean up. In addition, a final invoice will be sent to the responsible party requesting payment for any additional cost associated with the clean up. If payment is not received the neighborhood area will not be eligible for future clean-ups through the City of Wichita. Any overpayment will be mailed to the contact person on application after the final invoice has been received and processed.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES/ELIGIBILITY/APPLICATION PROCESS

- Neighborhood groups must submit a completed application between January 1st and February 11th.
- Neighborhoods are responsible for getting volunteers, disseminating information to neighbors, and organizing the event. Volunteer sign up sheet completed and submitted.
- Neighborhood must complete 1-hour mandatory neighborhood clean-up training. Scheduled dates for the training are: March 16th at 10:00 a.m. or March 28th at 6:00 p.m. (OCI staff will no longer be available to monitor neighborhood clean-ups)
- Volunteer sign up sheet completed and submitted with application.

Action Taken: Citizens and Board members present felt that although the proposal was good, the City should find the additional \$50,000 to continue operating the neighborhood cleanup program free of charge as has been done in the past.

OLD BUSINESS

7. **No items were submitted.**

BOARD AGENDA

8. **Board Updates and Issues**

No items were submitted.

9. **Adjournment** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.