

DISTRICT III ADVISORY BOARD

AGENDA

Nov. 7, 2012
6:30 p.m.

Wichita WATER Center
101 E. Pawnee

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- Call to Order
- Approval of minutes Oct. 3, 2012

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Scheduled Items
No scheduled items

2. Non-Scheduled Items
Call for items

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

STAFF REPORTS

3. Community Police Report
Community Police Officers for District III will report on specific concerns for the area.

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

Wichita Fire Dept. Report
WFD staff for District III will report on specific concerns for the area.

Recommended Action: Receive and file

NEW BUSINESS

4. Water and Sewer Rate Proposal
Cheryl Busada, Public Works and Utilities, will be the presenter. A series of water and sewer rate scenarios were presented to the City Council during a workshop on February 28, 2012. These scenarios laid out different options for funding the utilities through the next decade. The Water Utilities Advisory Committee – comprising representatives from commercial, wholesale, and residential customer bases – convened twice this summer to consider the scenarios. The committee recommended a rate structure that was presented to the City Council on August 28, 2012. The City is gathering public input before the City Council considers the issue again later in November. The scenario recommended by the Water Utilities Advisory Committee requires City staff to reduce operating and maintenance expenses by 3.0% before 2014. In addition, growth-related projects (which serve future customers, not existing customers) would be frozen for the next two years to sync up with current development trends.

Recommended Action: Provide feedback

5. CDBG Priorities
Mary K. Vaughn, Director of Housing and Community Services, will seek feedback on next year's Community Development Block Grant priorities. The City submitted a Consolidated Plan for 2009-2013 and staff is soliciting community input to develop a spending plan for the fiscal year which starts July 1, 2013 and ends on June 30, 2014. HUD has not announced the City's allocations however in order to meet regulatory dates and deadlines, City staff is soliciting public input so that when the allocations are announced staff will know how to budget the funds to reflect the community's priorities.

All District Advisory Board members and the general public are being asked to identify spending priorities for CDBG, HOME and ESG for budget that anticipates an eight percent reduction. Comments may be submitted in writing at 332 N. Riverview, by email at llank@wichita.gov or in person at DAB meetings during the month of November. Citizens will also be able to comment at City Hall when the Council considers and approves the priorities, and later the allocations. Each DAB will be guided in discussion by City staff who will later summarize all input received. The spending plan preferences will be presented to the City Council for approval and later applied to the actual funding allocation which HUD will announce in early spring, 2013.

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the District Advisory Board provide recommendations for a spending plan for fiscal year 2013-2014.

BOARD AGENDA

6. Updates, Issues and Reports

Opportunity for the Council Member and the District Advisory Board members to report activities or concerns in the neighborhoods.

- a. Council Member Clendenin
- b. DAB members

Recommended Action: Receive and file

7. Adjournment

The next meeting for the District III Advisory Board will be at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 5, 2012, at the Wichita WATER Center, 101 E. Pawnee.