

District IV Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
January 07, 2013
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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. Five (5) DAB members, eight (8) staff and three (3) citizens were present.

Members Present

Councilmember O'Donnell II
Bruce Werth
Don McManamey
Don Richter
Nancy Wilhite
Matt Goolsby

Staff Present

Kelli Geier, City Manager's Office
Jess McNeeley, Planning
3 police staff
3 fire staff

Order of Business

Call To Order

Councilmember O'Donnell II called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

The January 7, 2013 agenda was not approved due to lack of quorum.

The December 10, 2012 meeting minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.

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:

- Auto thefts are still up due to citizens warming up their cars unattended and holiday visitors from out of town at hotels and motels. Officers are patrolling the West Kellogg business district.
- 25 and 26 beats have seen an increase in residential burglaries near Pawnee and Hydraulic. Two suspects were caught last month. Officers have been distributing informational flyers in the area to alert residents of this issue.

4. Fire Report

Fire staff reported the following:

- Going to focus on school education programs a lot this year
- Overall calls have increased. 70% are medical calls, so doing medicals drills for EMT calls
- Doing a lot of building inspections

Action Taken: Received and filed.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Briefing on the new Community Investments Plan Initiative and the WSU Community-wide Survey

Jess McNeely, Planning, presented information on a new Sedgwick County-City of Wichita joint comprehensive plan called the Community Investments Plan ... a Framework for the Future.that will guide public investment in our community's public infrastructure and facilities (libraries, police stations, streets, parks, water supply, sanitary and storm sewer, etc.) out to the year 2035.

The state requires the city and county to have a comprehensive plan to guide spending on public infrastructure and facilities, and to authorize land development approvals. There is a long legacy of comprehensive planning in this community dating back to the 1920's. Wichita and Sedgwick County have had a joint comprehensive plan since the 1960's. The current Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan was last developed in the early 1990's. In the new reality of fiscal constraint, economic uncertainty and diminishing fiscal resources, a new comprehensive plan is needed for our community. The new plan will be focused on 'how much' and 'where best' to invest our public funds; getting the best bang for our public dollars spent; and defining future expectations for our public infrastructure assets.

A 23 member Plan Steering Committee was recently appointed to guide the development of the new comprehensive plan for consideration by the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. The Committee is comprised of seven members of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, two members of the Wichita City Council, two members of the Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners, two members from the Sedgwick County Association of Cities, and 10 community-at-large members. Community engagement and DAB involvement will be critical throughout the plan development process. MAPD staff wishes to brief the District Advisory Board members on the plan development process; the forthcoming WSU community-wide survey; important trends and forecasts impacting the future of our community; and, an assessment of our current public infrastructure assets and liabilities.

Goolsby stated that he believes the aging population need easier access to buses since you usually have to walk to where a bus stop is located which can be difficult for the elderly.

McManamey agreed that there should be a system which would allow for a bus to stop at your front door. **McNeely** stated that they may change the transportation development pattern and place it closer to amenities or look at other modes of transportation.

Goolsby added that the PROS plan had lofty goals and it is not bad if we cannot meet these since parks are a luxury after basic infrastructure.

McNeely also clarified that the survey is being sent to registered Sedgwick County voters throughout the community. **McManamey** asked if a person receives a survey and does not wish to fill it out can they give it to someone else to complete it. **McNeely** stated that the instructions state that a registered voter is recommended to complete the survey since it is an indicator of those most interested in community issues.

Action Taken: Received and filed.

6. Master Aquatic Plan

Jess McNeely, Planning, presented this request for creation of DP-332 Eureka Gardens Commercial Community Unit Plan (CUP) generally located east of West Street and north of Kellogg Drive for commercial redevelopment.

The Kellogg expressway is elevated approximately 25 feet above grade adjacent to this site, which contributed to approval of a BZA variance in 1988 (BZA55-88) increasing sign height from 40 to 45 feet, provided the sign was limited to 250 square feet in size. More recent changes to the Sign Code would allow the 45-foot sign height as an administrative adjustment. As part of the CUP, the applicant now asks for one pole sign on the site to be 65 feet tall with a total of 400 square feet, limiting any one sign to 300 square feet. The Sign Code would permit up to a 45-foot tall sign with an administrative adjustment, and would permit a total of 300 square feet on a pole sign. The Wichita-Sedgwick County Unified Zoning Code (“UZC”) does not require a CUP for this site, as the site is less than 6 acres in size and is not zoned GC General Commercial (“GC”) or LC Limited Commercial (“LC”). The UZC states that a CUP is intended to provide well planned and organized commercial development to certain standards and provisions prescribed by the UZC to include ingress and egress, parking, drainage, facilities and sign controls. The

Wichita Sign Code allows alternative or additional requirements concerning sign type, size, height and location on sites subject to CUP regulations. Common practice with CUPs is to consolidate signage, allowing individual signs increased height and size, but limiting the total number of signs on the site.

McNeely stated that the owner is in negotiation with the tenant and may demolish the old building and build a new one. They are seeking these variances for national franchise sign requirements for visibility.

Action Taken: No action was taken due to lack of quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

No items were submitted

BOARD AGENDA

7. Board Updates and Issues

No items were submitted.

8. Adjournment With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.