

January 7, 2013

**District V Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes**  
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**January 7, 2013  
6:30 p.m.**

**Wichita Fire Station #21  
2110 N. 135th St. W.**

The **District V Advisory Board Meeting** was held at 6:30 p.m. at Fire Station #21, 2110 N. 135th West. In attendance were seven District Advisory Board members, five staff and one citizen.

**Members Present**

Joey Ellzey  
Bryan Frye  
Mike Greene  
Mike Hill  
Troy Palmer  
Kelly Watkins  
Jill Kerschen  
Council Member Jeff Longwell

**Staff Present**

Dave Barber, Metropolitan Area Planning Dept.  
Officer Brad Haught, WPD  
Firefighter Curt Mohr, WFD  
Firefighter Tom Latimer, WFD  
Janet Johnson, Neighborhood Services

**Members Absent**

Mike Bell  
Claire Cervantes  
Matt Hamm  
Paul Truitt

**Guests**

Tobi Castelli

**Order of Business**

Welcome from **Council Member Longwell**. He introduced new DAB member **Jill Kershen**. **Council Member Longwell** also reminded everyone that the boundaries of District V changed slightly as of Jan. 1; the boundary moved from Kellogg up to Maple Street, therefore Emerald Bay is no longer in District V. He said the City Law Department determined that any DAB member who is displaced as a result of redistricting can continue to serve on the Board until the end of the Council Member's term. **Paul Truitt** is the only DAB member affected and **Council Member Longwell** said the choice on whether to continue to serve will be left to Paul.

**Council Member Longwell** also encouraged the members to attend the DAB forum regarding the new Central Library on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Mike Hill** called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes** for Dec. 3, 2012 **Motion was made to approve the minutes**  
**Motion passed 7-0.**

**Approval of Agenda** for Jan. 7, 2013 **Motion was made to approve the agenda.**  
**Motion passed 7-0.**

**Public Agenda**

**1. Scheduled items: No scheduled items**

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**2. Off Agenda items:** *No off agenda items presented***Action:** Receive and file.**Staff Presentations****3. WPD/Community Police Report****Officer Brad Haught, WPD**, reported that in 2012 District V had no homicides, and auto thefts and robberies were down.**Joey Ellzey** asked about a crime trend of car breakins at the YMCA; **Haught** said WPD had an open complaint on auto larcenies at the YMCAs and has worked closely with staff there to address the problems. He said he wasn't aware of any recent activity, but would check with the CP Officer for that beat.**Action:** Receive and file.**4. Wichita Fire Department Report****Firefighter Curt Mohr, WFD**, reported the following statistics for Nov. 2012:

	2012 Incidents	2011 Incidents
All Fire	10	4
* Structure Fire	5	2
EMS	218	204
Service Alarms	68	68
Totals	296	276

**Fire Investigations by Count of Cause Dec. 2012****Accidental** 8**Incendiary** 2**Undetermined** 2**Under Investigation** 0**Year end citywide data from Fire Investigation Unit:**

4 fire deaths in 2012 compared to 8 in 2011. One of which was a double fatality

Careless smoking was the cause in each of the fatal fires this year.

232 fire scenes investigated this year down from 281 in 2011

69 fires investigated were determined to be arson compared to 75 in 2011

23 arson related arrests compared to 28 in 2011 (Arson arrest rate is 33.3% compared to 2011 arson arrest rate of 37.3%)

The 232 fires investigated by FIU resulted in \$11 million in loss compared to \$17.5 million in 2011

**Action:** Receive and file.**New Business****5. Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan and WSU Community Survey****Dave Barber, Metropolitan Area Planning Department**, reported over the next three years, Wichita-

Sedgwick County will be developing a new joint comprehensive plan that will guide public investment in our

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community's public infrastructure and facilities (libraries, police stations, streets, parks, water supply, sanitary and storm sewer, etc.) out to the year 2035. This new comprehensive plan initiative is called the **CommunityInvestmentsPlan** ... a Framework for the Future. 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 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.

**Barber** said Wichita State will conduct a random survey of 25,000 registered voters in Wichita and Sedgwick County. The survey addresses various City programs and city/county public assets with a focus on water, sewer, transportation, community and economic development. He said the survey will provide valuable feedback on identifying future public spending priorities; citizens' willingness to pay; defining future expectations for public infrastructure/facilities; and developing a new comprehensive plan.

**Barber** encouraged all citizens to visit the website at [www.communityinvestmentsplan.org](http://www.communityinvestmentsplan.org) and to provide feedback either through that website or the City of Wichita Facebook page.

**Mike Hill** asked if you don't receive a survey if you can go online and take the survey; Barber said no because parameters are in place to keep the survey statistically relevant.

**Bryan Frye** has seen the survey and said it is pretty labor intensive and could take 15 or 20 minutes to complete.

**Tobi Castelli** asked if the survey explains how issues impact citizens; **Barber** said no, and that's why they are encouraging everyone to visit the website and become more educated on the subject.

**Barber** said the MAPD is breaking new ground with this approach. No other community in the nation is doing their plan this way.

**Action: Receive and file.**

**Board Agenda**

**6. Updates, Issues, and Reports**

**Councilmember Longwell:** none

**DAB Members:** none

***General Comments/ Announcements:***

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting for District Advisory Board V will be held at **6:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 4, 2013** at Fire Station, #21, located at 135th St W. and 21st St. N.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Johnson, Neighborhood Assistant