

District II Advisory Board Minutes
Sept. 9, 2013
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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. Council Member Meitzner, eight board members, no citizens and four staff attended.

Members Present

David Babich
Dale Carter
Stephanie Galicia
Nick Howell
Blaine Knott
Sheila Tigert
Max Weddle
Bev White
Pete Meitzner

Brian Carduff

Staff Present

Officer Stephanie Neal, WPD
Alan Taber, Parks
John D'Angelo, Arts and Cultural Services
Janet Johnson, Neighborhood Services

Guests

None present

Members Absent

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

- August minutes approved (8-0)
- September agenda approved (8-0)

PUBLIC AGENDA

Off-Agenda Items

None

STAFF REPORTS

Community Police Report

Officer Stephanie Neal, Beat 36, reminded everyone Celebrate Safe Communities will take place on Oct. 1. She said you can call 268-4165 to register your party. She also announced the Shocks, Cops and Kids event and reported that Patrol East is running some special assignments at schools to address traffic issues. **Max Weddle** said they should do one at Seltzer because parking is a problem there.

Dave Babich asked if a lot of air conditioner thefts are still occurring; **Neal** said no, they have dropped significantly.

Community Fire Report

No fire report

Parks and Rec

Alan Taber, Edgemoor Rec Director, said the new activity guides are now available. He also announced the Ryan Woodard Memorial Skate will be Sept 21.

Recommended Action: Receive and file

NEW BUSINESS

Special event street closure process

John D'Angelo, Division of Arts and Cultural Services, provided information on some of the solutions being proposed regarding street closures connected to walks, runs and marathons. These include:

- ❖ **Adjusting the time frame in which run promoters send out notifications to affected businesses and neighborhoods**
 - Currently promoters are required to send out notifications to those affected by the street closures via mail, email or in person. Some may do this many weeks in advance and others may only do a couple of weeks. Determining a better timeline to notify communities could prove to be beneficial
- ❖ **Placing trained volunteers, security guards or officers at key intersections**
 - Informed personnel at certain intersections could improve the flow of traffic, allowing vehicles to pass through when an opportunity arises.
- ❖ **Comprehensive online calendar detailing run routes**
 - An online calendar detailing routes and dates of runs across the city would conveniently allow anyone with internet access to check for any upcoming street closures caused by runs.
- ❖ **Contacting media outlets**
 - Media outlets such as local TV news stations, City 7 and the Wichita Eagle could help notify the public in areas affected.
- ❖ **Signage in the areas that will be affected**
 - Standard or electronic signs could be placed in certain areas that will be affected by street closures 10 to 14 days in advance of the event.
- ❖ **Placing reminders in church bulletins**
 - If churches are interested run promoters could provide flyers or small articles in church bulletins to remind affected congregations of upcoming street closures.

Bev White suggested placing volunteers at intersections in order to provide motorists with information on alternative routes.

Blain Knott asked if most of the races are in the early morning; **D'Angelo** said yes, the majority of them are.

Dave Babich asked who determines the route; **D'Angelo** said typically the promoter and police.

Action: Provide feedback

Updates, Issues, and Reports

No reports

Meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting for District Advisory Board II will be held at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 7, 2013, at Fire Station 20, 2255 S. Greenwich.