

District II Advisory Board Minutes

March 4, 2014

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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. The Council Member, 10 board members, and six staff attended.

Members Present

Brian Carduff
David Babich
Kelly Callen
Dale Carter
Max Weddle
Stephanie Galicia
Nick Howell
Sheila Tigert
Jennifer Baysinger
Nazir Jesri
Pete Meitzner
Parth Khare – Youth DAB member
Jenny Nguyen – Youth DAB member

Members Absent

Blaine Knott

Staff Present

Capt. Warren King, WFD
Officer Richard West, WPD
Officer Mike Lloyd, WPD
Dale Miller, MAPD
Alan Taber, Park and Rec
Janet Johnson, Neighborhood Services

Guests

No guests were present

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

- January minutes approved (10-0)
- March agenda approved (10-0)

PUBLIC AGENDA

Off-Agenda Items

None

STAFF REPORTS

Community Police Report

Officer Richard West, 38 Beat Coordinator, introduced the new Patrol East Community Policing Sergeant, Clark Bolan who previously served as the Patrol West CP Sergeant; **West** also reported that Hassan Ramzah, who served as the Patrol East Captain, has been promoted to Deputy Chief. Gavin Seiler will be the new Patrol East Captain.

Officer West said the 38 beat has been fairly quiet. A number of Quik Trips in the Patrol East area had been robbed, but a suspect has been apprehended and charged with those robberies. He also reported that there had been eight victims of identity theft who all reside in the area of 14600 E. Sundance. He said police have done knock and talks in that area alerting residents.

Officer Mike Lloyd, 37 Beat Coordinator, reported a number of burglaries had been occurring during 3rd and 4th shift, not only in the city of Wichita, but also in Andover and other parts of Butler County. Police were able to make an arrest that cleared between 20 and 25 cases in Wichita, as well as a number in Butler County.

DAB ?: Was any of the property recovered? **A:** Yes, a large Ryder truck was recovered with stolen property inside.

Fire Report

Capt. Warren King reported last month there were 20 fires in the city and only one in District II, which was determined accidental. Citywide, there were four fires deemed incendiary. One of interest was an individual who set the house on fire while chasing demons out with lit newspaper.

Park and Recreation Report

Alan Taber, Recreation Director, said the new Park and Recreation Spring Activity Guide will be out on Monday. He reminded everyone that they will conduct Spring Break Camp for \$18 per day. Children bring their own lunch and the camp provides snacks.

Action: Receive and file

NEW BUSINESS

CUP2014-0-0001

Dale Miller, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, presented a request to re-configure the approved but not in effect K-96 and Greenwich South Community Unit Plan, located at the southeast corner of K-96 and N. Greenwich Road.

Miller explained the request is simply to reconfigure the lots. He said the MAPC had approved the request unanimously and the Planning Department has not yet received any protests.

One DAB member had a question regarding the K-96 on-ramps; **Miller** said they aren't a part of this parcel.

Max Weddle (Howell) made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment.

Motion passed 10-0.

OJ Watson Park Master Plan

Elizabeth Goltry, Senior Budget Analyst Finance Dept., presented the Master Plan and brought everyone up to speed on the work that has been done by the Steering Committee. The primary objective of the O.J. Watson Park Master Plan is to achieve direct cost recovery of 100% by 2015, in order to be in compliance with the 2014-2015 Adopted Budget. The goal of this process is a Master Plan that is adopted by the Wichita City Council that will guide operations and capital investments in the Park for the next 20 to 30 years.

Goltry explained the Steering Committee has collected public input and presented a list of priorities for the DAB members to review and rank.

DAB ?: How many visitors does Watson Park have? **A:** Around 300,000 per year.

DAB ?: Where did the name come from? **A:** OJ Watson was president of the Parks Commission in Wichita for many years.

DAB ?: Have you considered changing the name and offering naming rights, like the Arena, in order to generate revenue? **A:** That is prohibited by City Ordinance. **DAB ?:** Couldn't the ordinance be changed?

DAB ?: What about adding go carts? **A:** That isn't an option due to the residential zoning.

DAB members filled out the ranking form and turned them in.

Action: Provided feedback.

Kellogg and Webb interchange

Council Member Meitzner provided an update on this project due to **Gary Janzen, City Engineer**, being in Topeka. **CM Meitzner** said the KTA and KDOT are now thinking about making changes to the design concept because there was only one bid on the project and it was several million dollars over.

A number of concerns were discussed by the DAB, with no one being particularly pleased with the design. **Officer Lloyd** responded to questions regarding the challenges of traffic safety enforcement with the proposed design.

CM Meitzner said making changes to the design would cause the project to be delayed by six months or a year. One DAB member said she would much rather see the project delayed if it would result in a better design.

While no action was required on the item, the DAB members wanted to make a formal resolution for the record.

Dave Babich (Callen) moved that the KTA look at all possible options for re-locating the turnpike exit currently slated for Kellogg and Webb. Motion passed 10-0.

Updates, Issues, and Reports

Council Member Meitzner reported on the following infrastructure items:

- Construction at K-96 and Greenwich is scheduled. K-96 will be widened to three lanes there; completion should be in the spring of 2015
- 143rd and Kellogg: design will be started this year, with construction next year
- 127th will be widened between 13th and 21st Streets.
- A sidewalk will go in on 13th
- Stoplights will be going in at 96 and Oliver and 96 and Hillside

Dale Carter said he recently heard a presentation that caused him great concern regarding future economic development for Wichita. He said Wichita is lagging behind other communities in regard to economic development. **Council Member Meitzner** agreed and said he would like to have Tim Chase from GWEDC present to the DAB. He said he would also like to take a look at the ordinance that governs the naming of City public facilities.

Meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting for District Advisory Board II will be held at 6:30 p.m., April 1, 2014, at Fire Station 20, 2255 S. Greenwich.

Guests

None