

District VI Advisory Board  
Minutes  
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Monday  
July 7, 2014  
6:30 PM

Evergreen Recreation Center  
2700 N Woodland  
Lounge Clubroom

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The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Recreation Center Lounge Clubroom 2700 N. Woodland. There were five district advisory board members in attendance, eight city staff and four members of the public who signed in.

**Members Present**

Denise O’Leary-Siemer  
Joel Weihe  
Scott Dunakey  
Charlie Claycomb  
Deborah Sanders

**Members Absent**

Cathy Landwehr  
McKenzie Ortiz

**Staff Present**

Martha Sanchez, Community Liaison  
Bill Longnecker, MAPD  
Damon Holmes, WFD Station 7  
Michael Burke, WFD Station 7  
Officer Erik Guzman , Patrol North  
Officer Nate Schwiethale, Patrol South  
Officer Delana Long, Patrol West  
Oscar Raymundo, Administrative Aide

**Guests**

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**Council Member Miller** called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted. (**Sanders/ Claycomb 5-0**)

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for May 21, 2014, were approved. (**Claycomb/ Dunakey 5-0**)

**Public Agenda**

**Scheduled items:**

**Dan Warren, 601 N Doris**, shared his and his neighborhood’s concern about the unpaved roads he lives on. **Warren** brought a sample of the crushed lime stone poured it into a container illustrating the dust plume that is caused when vehicles drive on the road. **Warren** also provided handouts illustrating the health risk associated with crushed lime stone that contains silica, a cancer causing agent. **Warren** said that the city did provide a solution for one year in 1998 but has ignored the problem ever since. **Warren** is asking the DAB and the City Council to address this health issue that is affecting families and residents of the neighborhood.

**DAB:** If I understand right, you would like all dirt roads to be paved in the City of Wichita? **A:** I would like the City to address and start a correction process for our neighborhood.

**DAB:** Has the neighborhood banded together to run its own environmental test? **A:** No

**DAB:** Do you think a hot oil application would solve the problem? **A:** No, it would only be a short term fix.

**Council Member Miller:** Since our last conversation I have contacted and shared your concern with Alan King the Director of Public Works. Alan and his staff, along with other agencies, are working diligently to provide a viable option.

**Off-agenda items:**

**Jerry Warren, 607 N. Doris**, shared his concern about the health risk that the dust from the unpaved roads is causing. **Warren** mentioned that the majority of the community is comprised of elderly and ethnic minorities that are middle to low income. **Warren** understands there is a high cost when it comes to paving a road and running new storm water drainage pipes. **Warren** would like to propose that there be a sliding scale for the individuals or families that meet certain guidelines. **Warren** also suggested that setting lower speed limits on the dirt roads would help the dust.

**DAB:** Are there no side road ditches? **A:** Yes, but they have been filled in over time.

**Council Member Miller:** Said this concern is being looked at by Public Works and other agencies to provide a viable solution.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and file.

**Walt Chappell, Racial Profiling Advisory Board** shared his concern regarding the 2015-2016 proposed budget and the proposed sales tax for the City of Wichita. **Chappell** feels the public will not have ample time to interpret and properly voice questions or concerns before City Council votes to adopt the 2015-2016 budget or elect to add the sales tax to the upcoming November ballot.

**Council Member Miller:** I know you have shared this concern with me; I have been speaking with the City Manger and the Greater Area Wichita Economic Development Corporation, asking them to provide more detailed information on how the totals were derived and how the money will be spent.

**Chappell:** On July 15 the City Manager will present the new budget, and at present moment you have no information on what the City Manger will propose? **Council Member Miller:** When the City Manger releases the proposed budget, year one will be adopted in August and year two is more of a road map for the City. It will not have any sales tax funds included.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and file.

**Staff Presentations**

1. **Damon Holmes, WFD Station 7**, reported that Station 7 is one of four fire stations in the city that serve as an auxiliary paramedic service. In the event of a medical emergency, if Sedgwick Co. EMS is delayed, Station 7 can fill in that gap. During the hot summer months, WFD reminds the public to stay hydrated if playing or working outside. Firefighter Holmes also gave an update on the Fourth of July holiday; he mentioned that Station 7 was busy answering dispatched calls mainly in regards to unapproved fireworks being set off. There was also a commercial fire that occurred at 25<sup>th</sup> street and Arkansas with an unknown cause and is still under investigation. Station 7 was also dispatched to several grass fires over the holiday weekend.

**Council Member Miller:** There is a survey on Activate Wichita which is asking for input on fireworks. If you would like to share your thoughts please go online to [www.activate-wichita.com](http://www.activate-wichita.com) to take the survey.

2. **Officer Nate Schwiethale, Patrol South**, gave an update on the activity in the Old Town area. Since the implementation of the new downtown ordinance, there have been 19 larcenies, 7 assaults, 5 vandalisms and 1 weapons case. Patrol South has also received complaints about panhandling in the downtown area. In collaboration with HOT (Homeless Outreach Team), Patrol South is developing a business card with information that citizens and or businesses can give out, instead of money, to inform the panhandler where to get help. Another issue that is more prevalent in the warmer months is drinking in public and at parks. Patrol South, along with HOT, is addressing the problem.

3. **Officer Erik Guzman, Patrol North**, gave an update on the activities in Patrol North. The summer camps are in the seventh week of the nine week program. The Evergreen summer camp had 150 children with many on a waiting list. On Wednesday the WPD Mounted Unit will be at Evergreen to give a demonstration and allow the children to pet and see the horses. WPD will be hosting both the OJ Watson cookout on July 24<sup>th</sup> and the Evergreen cookout on July 25<sup>th</sup>, providing grilled hamburgers and hotdogs to the summer campers.

4. **Officer Delana Long, Patrol West**, gave an update on the activities in Patrol West which includes the Delano and Riverside areas. There have been several cases of residential mail being stolen in the Emerald Bay neighborhood. Officer Long explained mail theft is very difficult to track because many times the homeowner is unaware of the missing pieces of mail. Officers attended a neighborhood watch meeting to raise awareness of mail theft in the area. Officer Long also reported the salvage yard located at 4700 W. 21<sup>th</sup> Street has problems with thieves' entering the property and taking copper, radiators, and other valuables. The County and WPD are working together to combat the issue at the multiple acre junk yard. Orchard Breeze had a successful neighborhood cleanup this year and Riverside had a great pancake feed. Patrol West is continuing to work closely with the HOT unit to help the homeless in the Riverside park area, providing them with information on the different helpful resources in the Wichita area.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and file.

#### New Business

5. **ZON2014-00011 Bill Longnecker**

**Jeff Pritchard (applicant/owner) Ruggles & Bohm, c/o Will Clevenger** requested a zone change from SF-5 Single-Family Residential to TF-3 Two-Family Residential, generally located south of Central Avenue, east of West Street, on the southeast corner of St. Louis and McComas Streets. The applicant proposed to keep the existing single-family residence on Lot 1 and build two duplexes on Lot 2 with a future lot split. The subject site is within the character of the single-family neighborhood and will not create a negative visual impact.

**DAB:** Has there been any complaint? **A:** We received some calls about the zoning; we informed them about the DAB hearing and the public hearing as well.

\*\*\*\*\***Action: (Dunakey/ Sanders) made a motion to recommend approval for zone change.**

**Motion passed: 5-0**

#### Board Agenda

##### Problem Properties

There were no problem properties submitted.

##### Neighborhood Reports

There were no neighborhood reports given

#### Updates from Council Member

Council Member Miller made the announcement that there are a few open slots for the District VI DAB; if anyone is interested please feel free to contact the Council Office or Evergreen NRC for more information. Council Member Miller also thanked **Charlie Claycomb** for his service and commitment to the DAB. He has served his full eight year term.

#### Announcements

The next DAB VI meeting will be held on Monday, August 4, 2014

##### Guests

Dan Warren

Will Clevenger

Jerry Warren

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Respectfully Submitted  
Martha Sanchez, Community Liaison District VI