

**District V Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
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**Monday**  
**July 21, 2014**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Fire Station #21**  
**2110 N. 135th St. W.**  
**Wichita, KS 67235**

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The **District V Advisory Board Meeting** was held at 6:30 p.m. at Fire Station #21, 2110 N. 135th West, Wichita, KS 67235. In attendance were seven District Advisory Board members and six staff.

**Members Present**

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

**Staff Present**

Rebecca Grief, Public Works and Utilities  
Joni Chamberlain, Public Works and Utilities  
Shawn Mellies, Public Works and Utilities  
Paul Gunzelman, Public Works and Utilities  
Captain Mike Malter, WFD  
Martha Sanchez, Community Liaison

**Members Absent**

JV Johnson  
Troy Palmer  
Paul Truitt

**Order of Business**

**Welcome from Council Member Longwell**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for June 16, 2014, were approved. **Motion pass 7-0**

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with the exception that Agenda Item # 6 goes before agenda item # 5. **Motion pass 7-0**

**Public Agenda**

- 1. Scheduled items:** None
- 2. Off Agenda items:** None

### Staff Presentations

#### **3. Wichita Fire Department Report**

**Captain Mike Malter, WFD**, reported there was one fire at 777 N. Silver Springs on July 14<sup>th</sup> with a total of \$600,000 in damage. It was accidental due to smoking. There was nothing to report for the July 4<sup>th</sup> activities.

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

#### **4. WPD/Community Police Report None**

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

### New Business

#### **5. Water Line Improvements Shawn Mellies**

**Shawn Mellies, Public Works and Utilities**, presented an analysis on the proposed improvements consisting of installing water lines along Westfield, Westlink and Arcadia Streets. Current residents are not being supplied with City water and are adjacent to an area identified by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) as having contamination to groundwater supply. The members were provided with a staff report for review prior to the meeting. Staff provided a power point presentation along with two spreadsheets and a map with detailed colored lines on the proposed improvement. Information was also provided on the estimated assessment for the water main construction and the breakdown of project costs. Once the City staff evaluated the proposed project, they recommended the square foot method to assess cost to each homeowner. Fifty-eight percent of the owners are in favor of the project. They later heard after receiving the petition that several residences disagreed with the proposed water line improvements.

**DAB:** What do the blue and black lines indicate on the map? **A:** The blue lines indicate measurement in linear foot and the black lines indicate a measurement in square footage.

**DAB:** Why did the City choose square feet over linear feet to determine cost? **A:** We have three different methods of assessing cost, which are fractional, front footage (linear foot) and square footage. We take into account shape and location to determine what is the best option to be used.

**DAB:** On the 58% approval petition the Department received, was that based on the three different methods? **A:** No, it was only on assessment based on square footage.

**DAB:** Do all lots have contaminated ground water? **A:** No, none of the proposed sites are in the area indicated by KDHE to be contaminated.

**DAB:** What assessment method is used in new neighborhood construction? **A:** Typically, the fractional method.

**DAB:** Is the City going to void the current petition? **A:** It is up to the DAB to determine what is an adequate time frame for the homeowners to present a valid petition.

Several members of the public spoke in opposition to the water line improvements.

The concerns are:

- The cost should be paid by City of Wichita
- Reimbursement for personal property damage when water lines are installed.
- The assessment method used is not fair for all homeowners
- Homeowners felt misinformed on total cost

- They would like to formulate a new petition

**\*\*\*\*Action: (Frye/Bell) made a motion to recommend deferment of current petition and allow 60 days for new petition. Motion passed: (5-2)**

#### **6. Woodchuck Bicycle Boulevard                      Paul Gunzelman**

**Paul Gunzelman, Public Works & Utilities**, gave an informational and construction update on the approved addition to the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan. The new route will run from Sedgwick County Park to University Avenue south of Maple. He described the change with a power point presentation on the proposed project.

**DAB:** Are the improvements of the bus routes connecting points to the bus stops? **A:** This has not been looked at yet, we need to look at Central & Maple.

**Public:** Is this to serve people as routes to work or recreation? **A:** It can be used for both commutes and recreation.

**Public:** This is a cost of \$700,000 to the taxpayer with \$500,000 coming from the Feds. And, the Federal Government has a \$17 trillion debt. This is a lot of money to spend. We don't need this lane.

**Public:** Exercise and movement is needed for healthy living. Self-care is healthy.

**\*\*\*\*Action: (Greene/Frye) made a motion to recommend the approval of The Woodchuck Bicycle Boulevard project. Motion passed: 7-0.**

### **Board Agenda**

#### **7. Updates, Issues, and Reports**

Council Member Longwell gave an update on the following:

DAB members are to let CM Longwell know if they are interested in serving for another year. Swearing in of board members will be at the next meeting.

Boy Scout Troop #726 from St. Elizabeth attended the meeting. They are working on the Citizenship In The Community Eagle Merit Badge. They are required to attend a City meeting and write on a controversial issue. DAB members asked if one of them would be interested in becoming a Board member.

#### **General Comments/ Announcements:**

**Next Meeting:** August 18, 2014. The location remains the same: Fire Station, #21, 135th St W. and 21st St. N.,

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Sanchez, Community Liaison District V & VI

**Guest List**

Mary Dewey  
Reacail Morgan  
Bill Mohr  
Sherrie Mohr  
Leo Merremian  
Virginia Merremian  
Julie Bailey  
Chester Bailey  
Beverley Harris  
Carl Gordon  
Sara Feeney  
Karen Armstrong  
Red Armstrong  
Susan Malzoha  
Dennis Malzoha  
Doug Faulkner  
Bruce Frost  
Peggy Frost  
James Janson  
Wanda Ecker  
Lee Engler  
Anthony Weitzel  
Homer Morgan  
Randy Wyatt  
Diana Wyatt  
Jack Wikers  
Nic Hillman  
Petra Shafer  
Lawrence Smith  
Dr. Carla Lee