

District VI Advisory Board  
Minutes  
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Monday  
March 2, 2015  
6:30 PM

Evergreen Park & Recreation Center  
2700 N Woodland, Wichita, KS 67204  
Lounge Clubroom

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The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Park & Recreation Center Lounge Clubroom 2700 N. Woodland, Wichita, KS 67204. There were five District Advisory Board members in attendance, nice City staff and one members of the public who signed in

**Members Present**

Josef Hamilton  
Steve Mason  
Scott Dunakey  
Joel Weihe  
Gregory Boyajian

**Members Absent**

Denise O'Leary-Siemer  
Carmen Gard  
Deborah Sanders

**Staff Present**

Firefighter John Bilson, WFD  
Firefighter Daren Nail, WFD  
Firefighter Timothy Wealand, WFD  
Firefighter Christopher Orloske, WFD  
Officer Nathen Schwiethale, WPD Patrol South  
Officer Charley Davidson, WPD Patrol West  
Officer Steve Jerrell, WPD Patrol North  
Martha Sanchez, Community Liaison  
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. **Motion passed (5-0)**

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for February 18, 2015 were approved. **Motion passed (5-0)**

**Public Agenda**

**1. Scheduled items: None**

**\*\*\*\*\*Action: Received and file**

**2. Off-agenda items:**

Liz Hicks representing Orchard Breeze Neighborhood Association, came to the District Advisory Board to gain guidance and insight in producing and distributing a monthly newsletter for her neighborhood association.

**DAB:** Electronic formats that are distributed via email can be a cost effective approach.

**DAB:** Selling advertisement spots in the newsletter, is a way to bring in revenue to cover cost.

**DAB:** Having a strong volunteer base to help produce and distribute the finish product is key.

**DAB:** You may approach nearby neighborhood associations in efforts to collaborate in a newsletter.

**\*\*\*\*\*Action: Received and file**

**Staff Presentations**

**3. Community Police Report**

**Officer Charley Davidson, WPD Patrol West,** gave a brief update on the activities in Patrol West.

There have been several auto accidents reported from the 21<sup>st</sup> North and Amidon Ave due to the ongoing

construction. Patrol West officers have begun a special assignment to oversee traffic and monitor infractions to reduce accidents. Patrol West officers were also at West High School and North West High, in a seat belt assignment to bring awareness and to ticket the violators.

**DAB?** Citizens that cut across the parking lots at 21<sup>st</sup> and Amidon to avoid the traffic lights, are they in violation of a traffic law? A: Only if the entrance is within 75ft or driving recklessly.

**Officer Nathen Schwiethale, WPD Patrol South,** gave a brief update on the activities in Patrol South. Cold weather has kept criminal active hot spots in Old Town relatively low and has also helped reduce citizens loitering after clubs close down. A new pickup truck will be added to the Patrol South vehicle inventory. The pickup will be a great asset to the HOT team, to help move belongings when homeless citizens are being relocated into homes.

**Officer Steve Jerrell, WPD Patrol North,** gave a brief update on the activities in Patrol North. Central and Broadway intersection has become one of the highest rate of accidents reported for Patrol North. Office Roets and Officer Rusco have started a special assignment to increase safety and issue citations to citizens running red lights. We encourage citizens to use social media cautiously, not to post things that would indicate you're away from your home on vacation. Criminals have been known to use social media to research empty homes for break-ins.

**CM Miller:** Reporting or posting criminal activity on Facebook is not the same as reporting to the police. It's very important citizens report crimes to WPD to have accurate data about our neighborhoods.

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

#### **4. Wichita Fire Department Report**

Firefighter John Bilson, **WFD Station 7,** gave a brief report on the activities at Station 7. Reported in district was one fire service call. The fire service call was to a food truck that is still under investigation. As of 2015, Station 7 had a total of 11,000 service calls, which includes medical, system alarm and fire emergency. Daylight saving time is coming later this month which is a great reminder for citizens to check and replace old batteries in smoke alarms.

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

### **New Business**

#### **5. Issues of Concern**

There were no issues of concern submitted

#### **6. Neighborhood Repots**

There were no neighborhood reports given

### **Updates from Council Member**

#### **Announcements**

The next DAB VI meeting will be held on **March 18, 2015**

#### **Guests**

Liz Hicks

Respectfully Submitted

Martha Sanchez, Community Liaison District VI