

**District IV Advisory Board Minutes**  
**May 4, 2015**  
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The District IV Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Alford Library at 3447 S. Meridian, Wichita, KS 67217; Vice Mayor Blubaugh, eight District Advisory Board members; seven City staff, and 14 members of the public were present.

**Members Present**

Hestel Sewell  
Nick Hoheisel  
David Kapaun  
Matt Lashley  
Nancy Wilhite  
Michael Gomm  
Don McManamey  
Benny Boman  
Vice Mayor Jeff Blubaugh

**Staff Present**

Case Bell, Community Liaison  
Troy Houtman, Park and Recreation  
Gary Janzen, City Engineer  
Rebecca Greif, Engineering  
Mark Manning, Finance  
Lt. Bowen, Wichita Fire  
Officer Robinson, Wichita Police

**Members Absent**

Rebecca Robertson  
John Whitmer  
Josh Shorter  
Alex Garcia\*  
\*Youth Member

**Guests**

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

At 6:30 p.m. **Vice Mayor Blubaugh** called the meeting to order. Minutes from the April 6, 2015 meeting were approved. Agenda for the current meeting was approved.

**STAFF AGENDA**

**Lt. Bowen, Wichita Fire**, reported on the fires in District IV. There were no fires in April for District IV. The new recruit class came out last month with 16 new recruits, one of which is at Station 12 and 1-2 more in District IV. Last week was the Boot Block for Muscular Dystrophy event.

**DAB?** Are there guidelines for painting a fire plug? **A:** No, it is illegal to paint one.

**Public?** Is fire fully staffed? **A:** Yes.

**Officer Robinson, Wichita Police**, reported on 299 and 29 Beat. Crime has been down with a lot less burglaries. Through January 1<sup>st</sup> to May around Osage Park in a 4-5 block radius there were only two incidences and a 20% decrease in crime in general for that area. Crime might increase once school lets out. The combination of SCAT and Community Policing, criminals being caught and going away for longer are also factors. The 700-900 block of West MacArthur has been cleaned up.

**DAB?** What about the shooting at Aley Park? **A:** Nothing yet.

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

### **Scheduled Items**

None

### **Off Agenda items**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Scheduled Items**

**Gary Janzen, City Engineer Public Works**, presented on a petition for sanitary sewer that would serve two properties on 55<sup>th</sup> St South. On February 3, 2015, Public Works presented a previous petition to the District Advisory Board. The recommended method of assessment was on a fractional basis, meaning both properties would pay the same. The DAB recommendation was to delay the project until staff could look into any other financially feasible options for the area. Following the motion of the DAB, City staff researched the idea of extending the sewer further and discovered there was no financial benefit to the original petition property owners and no new property owners to circulate a larger petition. A final evaluation, which staff is now recommending, maintains the original improvement district but includes a contribution by the City Sewer Utility due to size and depth of the existing main, and assesses the remaining cost on a square foot basis. The homeowners of 735 W 55<sup>th</sup> St South would now pay roughly \$25,000 and the homeowners of 721 W 55<sup>th</sup> St S who did not originally want the sewer would pay roughly \$10,000 with the City paying roughly \$10,000.

**DAB?** What is the likelihood that the total cost stays at \$45,000? **A:** Public Works is comfortable that they'll be under that cost. They look to the highest bidder to get their numbers.

**Owners of 735 W. 55<sup>th</sup> St S and 721 W. 55<sup>th</sup> St S.:** They are both ok with the new proposal.

**Public?** Will new owners be required to hook up to sewer? **A:** Technically yes, but 721 W. 55<sup>th</sup> St. S. does not actually have a home on it so it would have to be both lots.

**Motion:** To recommend approval of the petition.

**Result:** Motion passed 8-0.

**Mark Manning, Finance**, presented on the proposed CIP Budget. The City of Wichita CIP outlines infrastructure improvements forecasted for the community over the next decade. The CIP aligns with the core priorities of protecting life and property, protecting infrastructure investment, and promoting a growing and sustainable community. The CIP also aligns with priorities in the Comprehensive Plan, which are: 1) maintain and replace what we have; 2) enhance what we have; and 3) expand our current infrastructure. A draft CIP document has been prepared by staff. Adoption of the CIP by the City Council is anticipated later in 2015. The plan will increase debt for the City, but it will be below pre-set benchmarks. The plan does not include any changes to revenue sources and includes roughly \$2 billion in spending.

**DAB?** Where does federal funding go in this model? **A:** It flows through the CIP and is counted as revenue. A lot of the money that pays for 135, 235, and I35 is KDOT. The County is also a factor.

**DAB?** How much money is the City in debt? **A:** Total \$1 billion, but its several different kinds of debt. The General Obligation at large debt is \$80 million dollars which is the money that is paid back with property taxes.

**Public?** Is there any money to complete raising railroad tracks south of Kellogg? **A:** Not at this time, but the input will be taken into account.

**Public?** If the Council approves the CIP will they still have to approve individual projects? **A:** Yes, they still have to approve every project.

**Public:** The same projects that were in the old CIP are in the new CIP as far as biking/walking. Suggested that because it is such a small amount that it be increased. Noted that support for biking/walking has increased and it should be a greater priority.

**DAB?** What is the plan for Aley Park? **A:** Met with contractors a month ago about the shelter that was damaged in a fire. Several estimates to either repair or do something else with the building. Couple of options: 1 is turn the indoor shelter to an outdoor shelter, 2 revamp entire building including all necessary upgrades. Would have to be funded by sacrifices in the CIP.

**DAB?** How do we prevent wasted money on projects that are more for aesthetic purposes? **A:** Years ago, the Council approved a measure to spend 1% of the funding to aesthetics. Some projects are more than 1% some are less.

### **BOARD AGENDA**

**None**

**Meeting was adjourned.**

The next meeting for District Advisory Board IV will be held at 6:30 p.m., June 1, 2015, at Lionel Alford Library, 3447 S. Meridian.

Respectfully submitted,  
Case Bell, Community Liaison – Districts III and IV

#### **Guests**

Earnest Roberts  
Sarah Roberts  
Harold Hijohn  
Ruby Hijohn  
Kit Corby  
Darlene Nuse  
Chris Bowen  
Clayton Kissick  
Carol Kissick  
Lonnie Wright  
Toyia Bulla  
Joshua Blick  
Dwain Wignall  
Virginia Wignall