

**District V Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes**  
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**Wichita Fire Station #21  
2110 N. 135th St. W.  
Wichita, KS 67235**

**May 18, 2015  
6:30 p.m.**

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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 Council Member Brian Frye, three District Advisory Board members, six City staff and five members of the public.

**Members Present**

Council Member Brian Frye  
Mike Green  
Jose Gutierrez  
Kelly Watkins

**Staff Present**

Case Bell, Community Liaison  
Shawn Henning, Finance  
Mark Manning, Finance  
Troy Houtman, Park and Recreation  
Brian Hill, Park and Recreation  
Officer Lori Kimrey, Wichita Police

**Members Absent**

Joey Ellzey  
Jeffery Preisner  
Claire Hersh  
JV Johnston  
Jill Kerschen  
Troy Palmer  
Mike Hill

**Guests**

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**Order of Business**

The meeting was called to order by Pro Tem, Mike Greene at 6:30 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved **Motion passed: (3/0)**

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for April 21, 2015 were approved. **Motion passed: (3/0)**

**Public Agenda**

**1. Scheduled items:**

None

**2. Off Agenda items:**

None

**Staff Presentations**

**3. Community Police Report**

**Officer Lori Kimrey, Patrol West,** reported on Beat 19 of West Bureau. She reported that the situation regarding parking in front of Honey Tree Academy is unresolved because the area that causes the problem is in the county so the City cannot enforce. The 1900 block of Parkdale received a traffic study which found that the average speed was 22mph. She suggested that the curve makes it seem like people are going faster than they really are. Dog barking complaints are up due to the warmer

weather, the Police are trying to let the HOA's handle the situations first and then an Animal Control Officer can write a citation. Car break-ins are a problem but they are hard to prevent because they are a crime of opportunity.

**Council Member Bryan Frye?** Are speed limits in residential areas 30mph? **A:** Yes.

**Council Member Bryan Frye?** Can residential speed limits be lowered? **A:** Yes, but it has to go before traffic enforcement.

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

### New Business

#### 4. Aquatics Master Plan

**Troy Houtman and Brian Hill, Park and Recreation,** presented options and sought feedback from neighborhood stakeholders regarding the Aquatics Master Plan for the City of Wichita. The feedback from the previous discussion was good. The DAB and public was asked to fill out a ballot asking how they would like the CIP money spent whether they would like to have a central indoor pool for \$12 million, repair/upgrade of the local pool at \$2 million, replace local pool at \$5 million, fund a splash pad at \$300,000, or close a local pool for \$50,000 (Country Acres is an example of this). The DAB was asked to select up to \$13 million worth of projects.

**DAB?** Are you looking at demographics and numbers from each pool to decide who gets a splash pad? **A:** Yes, the numbers are used.

**DAB?** What is the projected time frame for a self-sustaining pool? **A:** It's just an idea and would require a lot of programming to keep the pool full all day. Cost recovery for pools now is around 30%. If you add too many amenities, there would be competition with YMCA.

**DAB?** Have you talked with other organizations to bring teams in from out of town to compete? **A:** Yes, there is a lot of interest because a lot of areas that have swim teams don't have the facilities.

**DAB?** What kind of a pool is Maize putting in with the bond issue? **A:** A 150 meter capacity competition pool. The question is will it be open to the public or will it just be for Maize schools usage.

**DAB?** Is it common for a city to own a swimming facility like the centralized one? **A:** Very common.

**Citizen?** If you were going to improve pools, which would you improve? **A:** It would depend on mechanical aspects, ADA issues, what pools need the repairs the most and can you open pools that are already closed.

**Citizen?** What kind of time frame would building a central indoor pool take? **A:** It depends on the CIP and funding. Around 2021-23. Construction would be about 14 months.

**Citizen?** If you built a new pool would other pools close? **A:** Yes as they started to fail unless there was another bond to repair them or upgrade.

**Troy Houtman:** Update on Buffalo Park – Final construction documents by the end of the month, turning ground in September. They still haven't heard from the grant.

**\*\*\*\*\*Action: Due to the lack of a quorum, no action was taken**

5. **2015 – 2024 Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget**

**Mark Manning, Department of Finance, 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?** Cost for maintaining what we have? **A:** Estimated \$4 billion.

**DAB?** When you get far out in the CIP how many projects materialize? **A:** Each CIP is created by looking at the previous CIP and reexamining priorities.

**DAB?** Any idea timeline for Brooks landfill? **A:** Maybe as early as 2017, probably 2020-23.

**DAB?** Would reallocating sales tax require public vote? **A:** No, it would be a policy choice for the City Council.

**DAB?** Anyone ever talk about NW bypass? **A:** Not really, it's a KDOT project on the back burner due to funding issues.

**DAB?** Portland built a huge bicycled infrastructure, can we extend bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure here to help with roads? **A:** It's a priority choice, so it can be reallocated if the community asks for it.

**DAB?** How can the public affect the CIP? **A:** Through their Council Member.

**Council Member Bryan Frye:** The proposed CIP has \$6 million for bicycle improvements.

**Citizen:** Suggested that bikes are safety and air quality issues as well, especially for kids.

**Council Member Bryan Frye:** The water supply issue hasn't gone away. They are working currently on regionalization, only 50% of Wichita water comes from the Equis Beds, but 100% of improvement funds for the Equis Beds are on the City, so the City is looking at bringing in partners. Transit is not going away, but it's lower in the CIP. Starting Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, it will be \$2 million in the hole which is mostly operational not capital. Westlink Library is also not in the CIP and the Downtown library will come to the Council in November. There is also no money for the Century II Convention Center which has major issues. That will be a continuing dialog. A priority is a new substation for District V which has been a longtime issues.

**DAB:** Building maintenance in the CIP is discouraging, would like to see more money for it.

**DAB?** New market bus seems empty? **A:** It's a fast growing route, up 10-11%. The challenge for funding that route is that a grant is running out at the end of this year. Organization is an issue including hours of operation and moving from hub and spoke to grid.

**Citizen?** Do we need to move from big busses to small busses? **A:** Figuring out the right size of bus for the right route is part of the equation.

**\*\*\*\*\*Action: Due to the lack of a quorum, no action was taken**

**Board Agenda**

**6. Updates, Issues, and Reports**

A **DAB Member** reported that there is a commercial vacant lot on 29<sup>th</sup> and Tyler's south east corner that has weeds over one foot tall.

**General Comments/ Announcements:**

A **DAB Member** reported that the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Westlink Neighborhood Association Ice Cream Social is on Memorial Day.

**Council Member Bryan Frye** reported that at Council the zoning request for a conditional usage for storage was deferred at Council so that the applicant and agents could spend more time working on concerns from the DAB. It will be coming back in June.

**Council Member Bryan Frye** reported that he would like the DAB to consider moving the meeting nights to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup> starting in July because of holidays and always being the last to hear a particular topic.

**Council Member Bryan Frye** reported that the DAB needs new members. He requests that people please refer people to apply and to sign up for the District Newsletter.

**Council Member Bryan Frye** reported that work on Tyler from 29<sup>th</sup> to 37<sup>th</sup> begins this month. They are going from two lanes to three lanes with the goal to be finished to the school intersection by October.

**Next Meeting:** June 15, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,  
Case Bell, Community Engagement

**Guests**

Sarah Kittrell  
Ben Kittrell  
Jane Byrnes  
Dick Nott  
Lonny Wright