

Advance Plans Committee

Meeting Summary

9:00 a.m., January 7, 2016

Attendance

AP Committee Members: David Dennis, Bob Dool, Matt Goolsby, John McKay, Joe Johnson, John Todd

MAPD staff: Stephen Banks, Dave Barber, Scott Knebel, Scott Wadle

Discussion Summary

1. The Advance Plans Committee approved the summary of the December 3, 2015 Committee meeting.
2. Staff briefed the Committee on Wichita's recent selection to participate in EPA's Building Blocks technical assistance program related to the application of the "Infill Development in Distressed Communities" toolkit. Staff indicated that this technical assistance tool could be useful in helping the City to successfully implement the Wichita Urban Infill Strategy contained in the new Community Investments Plan. An area generally bounded by 14th Street on the north, Murdock on the south, Hillside on the east, and I-135 on the west has been selected as the pilot area for this Building Blocks tool. This area was selected because it meets the definitional requirements of an "Opportunity area" for infill development as defined in the Community Investments Plan and also has several active private and not-for-profit entities/partners currently working on infill development projects in this area. If successful, this tool/approach could be utilized by the City in other infill opportunity areas identified in the Established Central Area of Wichita.

A conference call has been scheduled with the EPA on January 15th to finalize plans to hold a community meeting and stakeholder workshop on February 23rd and 24th respectively. Neighborhood and key stakeholder involvement is a critical component of this Building Blocks process. All members of the Advance Plans Committee are considered key stakeholders in this initiative, and are invited to these events. Feedback from the Advance Plans Committee members on the EPA Building Blocks tool and its further application and/or modification to our situation here in Wichita is important. Staff will send an email to all Committee members confirming the date and time of the next conference call with the consultants retained by the EPA for this project.

3. The Committee was provided with examples of recent tools developed by staff to help evaluate the consistency of proposed capital projects contained in future City or County capital improvement programs with direction and priorities contained in the Community Investments Plan. Staff will be meeting with the City's capital improvement program committee on January 8th to discuss the application of these evaluation tools to the current draft 2016-2025 Wichita Capital Improvement Program.
4. Staff provided the Committee with a progress report on staff efforts to begin the process of collecting data on key performance indicators that will be used to monitor the effectiveness of the Community Investments Plan.
5. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.