

DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

**Monday
August 1, 2005
7:00 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland
Lounge Clubroom**

The District VI Advisory Board Meeting was held at 7:00 PM at Evergreen Recreation club lounge room. In attendance were the District VI City Council Member, ten (10) District Advisory Board Members, four (4) city staff, and (3) Citizens. Approximately 17 signed in.

Members Present

Marsha Carr
Rosalie Bradley
Bickley Foster
John Van Walleghen
Bob Wine
Bob Schreck
Veronica Triana
Darcy Weaver
Maurine Willis
Jaya Escobar

Member Absent

Linda Matney

Guests

Listed at the end

Staff

Terri Dozal, NA
Felicia Norris, Patrol North
Officer Kyle, Patrol West
Officer Jansen, Patrol North

Council Member Fearey called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and welcomed guests. DAB Members were asked to introduce themselves and state their representation on the board.

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes submitted for approval

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted (**Foster/Schreck 10-0**)

Public Agenda

1. **Scheduled items – No items were submitted**
2. **Off-agenda items- No items were submitted**

Staff Presentations

3. **Community Police Report**

Officer Jansen, Patrol North, 48 Beat reported a rash of business burglaries and thefts with large losses along Broadway and 19th and St. Francis streets. Aug. 9th there will be a Gang Awareness Seminar in Spanish here in the recreation building at 7 p.m. National Night Out will host lots of block parties starting around 6:00 pm. **Member Triana** asked if there were flyers for the gang meeting? **Member Carr** asked if the gang newsletter from Lt. Easter is this the same information. It was explained to **Carr** the Police had been doing the gang awareness presentations all over the city and was not the same as Lt. Easter's newsletter.

Officer Kyle, Patrol West, Beat 11- National Night Out starts at 6 pm and Police will try to stop at all the parties. We had a robbery at Sim Park; We identified a homeless person as the robber. Parks department and the Patrols West and South are trying to move the homeless out from

under the bridges and also clean up trash. Near the Indian Center some homeless people have made apartments in the rocks. **Member Escobar** asked if Police had given the homeless any references about where they could go? *Kyle* responded there would be a meeting on Aug 10th at Patrol South to get additional help for homeless people. Due to the homicide that just took place of a homeless man we are moving them out of Veterans Memorial Park. *Kyle* continued commenting the lights went out at the memorial and the flags had to be removed. **Escobar** said there was a coalition for homeless outreach. **Council Member Fearey** said *Mary Kay Vaughn* from the City Housing department goes to the homeless meetings. **Member Foster** asked what would you be doing at National Night Out? *Kyle* responded we go for introductory purposes and inquire if there are any problems in their areas.

***** **Action Taken:** Receive and file

4. Discussion on City Ordinance 11.38.380 that prohibits loud music

Police Captain Norris, Patrol North began her presentation by stating due to increased complaints from residents about loud noise throughout the city; Police staff are coming to the DAB's to discuss the enforcement process we follow:

- Loud stereo ordinance states it's unlawful to play a car stereo in such fashion that police can hear it. Ordinance 11.38-380. If caught it is a \$75 ticket.
- City Ordinance on Loud noise 7.41-010. The problem with this ordinance is the Wichita Police Department cannot be the complainant. The citizen complaining must be willing to be contacted by WPD and be the complainant on the charge.
- City Ordinance 741.030 defines loudness by decibel level. Captain Norris stated the WPD decibel meters were not working.

If you can hear noise from a vehicle 50 ft. away they are in violation of the ordinance. Also in violation includes in residential areas a dog barking or lawn mowing, especially early morning and parties with loud music and noise. Car stereos falls under traffic ordinance along with loud amplification from boom boxes. *Norris* continued reporting these disturbances contact 911 or the substations and request an officer to come out and listen. Also, you will need to be notified if you want a violation to be written. If there is no complaint that will be recorded for further action, your call will just go out to a general broadcast and if an officer has the time he may check on your call. In 2004 there were 14 arrests and in 2005, 16 arrests for loud music. *Norris* continued saying Police would continue to educate residents on this issue.

DAB Member inquiries/concerns: *Responses in Italics*

- If the loud noise comes from a moving vehicle - what do we do? *Officer patrolling will take care of them. Get tag number and description of vehicle when reporting the complaint.*
- The decimal reader for noise is that being used? *The 50ft rule is being used due to the decimal meters are not working at this time.*
- The 16 arrests what is the difference from citations? *A person given a citation is a Notice to appear in court.*
- What about lawn mowing, people like to mow their lawn before the heat gets rising. *Not to do before 8 am.*

- Is there a time limit on how early trash pickup can come into the neighborhoods? *I need to check on this.* I think Topeka has an ordinance time for picking up trash.
- When a trash truck passes five times a week at different times of day we have continual dogs barking. This is very annoying.
- If a car is going by my house with loud music what am I to do? *You can contact 911 and give details of the vehicle.*
- Parties outside, how late can they be? *Till midnight.*
- What about motorcycles, they make a lot of noise. *There is an ordinance that covers this but the Officer has to witness the complaint.*

***** **Action Taken:** Ordinance reviewed and recorded comments

Board Agenda

5. First and Second Pro-tem selection

*******Action Taken:** Maurine Willis was nominated as First Pro Tem and Bob Wine as Second Pro-Tem (**Schreck/Carr 9-1 Willis**)

6. Problem Properties

- How many times can a burnt out property be looked at? **Council Member Fearey** said the City has set up an online tracking system for the public to see what is actually happening to a property. This is if you can get into the system.
- **Benjamin Hills** is having a committee for clean ups.
- How can we know if a property needs assistance, such as if they are low income or seniors?
- House at 1217 N. Biting. Not mowed and there are landscaping materials on the porch but no one is doing anything.

***** **Action Taken:** Receive and propose appropriate action.

7. Neighborhood Reports

- **Sherwood Glen:** we had another Pit-bull attack. What ever happened with the ordinance? **Council Member Fearey** stated the dog should be put to sleep. Contact Animal Control and Police and let them know what happened.
- Was the OCI branch created just a year ago? *Yes, OCI and Environmental services were brought together.*
- **North Riverside** River path: awarded in 2000 will be having a Sept 17th grand opening. Everyone is invited.
- **Old Town:** the Railroad Corridor trains run every day even on weekends at 7 am Who do we speak to see how we can solve this problem?
- **Indian Hills:** Deb Legg from OCI will be our speaker at our meeting next week.
- **Orchard Park:** The sanitary sewer case we heard awhile back. The builder of some development property coming in offered to buy the failing septic property from the owner and he would not sell.
- Smoke shop: 37th and Meridian has finally gone to court. He could lose his zoning regulations.

***** **Action Taken:** Receive and file

Updates from the Council Member

- ❑ **Citizens Academy starts Tuesday, September 13, 2005.** New members are encouraged to attend. This is a very good program to learn all about the City Services.
- ❑ **Sanitary Sewer petition cases-** after the last DAB meeting we had some neighbors sit here for a very long time in order for their case to be heard. I think it's safe to say if a septic system is failing we (DAB) are going to vote for the project to be approved. Do we really need for these cases to be heard? **Member Foster** asked if this helps you as a Councilperson to have DAB intervene with these cases? **Foster** said that at beginning of DAB meetings- staff could speak to the residents first and possibly come to a solution before the meeting. **Fearey** included if a petition request where the septic system isn't failing we will review to see if the project needs to come to DAB.
- ❑ **August 18th DAB at the Wranglers** - game starts at 7 p.m.- *Everyone bring treats*
- ❑ **North Ohio street salvage yard-**The owners have changed their mind as to what they want to do at this site. They wanted me to leave the case open so they could proceed at a later time to put in some type of business. I have given them three months for the owner to decide what he will do at this location.

Wayne Wells, Delano district said his neighborhood area was included in a small part of District VI. Wells proceeded to discuss a problem with loud noise and asked DAB to not put up with the loud noise.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Guests

Jerry Prichard	1607 N Clarence Indian Hills- Riverbend NA
Wayne M. Wells	432 S Osage 67213 Delano
Berle Willis	3834 Woodrow –Sherwood Glen

Respectfully Submitted,

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